

The Living Word

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

30 January 2022

First Reading Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
before you came to birth I consecrated you;
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.
So now brace yourself for action.
Stand up and tell them
all I command you.
Do not be dismayed at their presence,
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.
I, for my part, today will make you
into a fortified city,
a pillar of iron,
and a wall of bronze
to confront all this land:
the kings of Judah, its princes,
its priests and the country people.
They will fight against you
but shall not overcome you,
for I am with you to deliver you –
it is the Lord who speaks.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me. *(R.)*
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. *(R.)*
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been
my help. *(R.)*

4. My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13 (shorter form)

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.



Gospel Acclamation Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor

and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 4:21-30

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the readings for this week we see the reaction of those who hear the word of God. Jeremiah was told that he had been called to be a prophet even before he was born. Yet he had to fight against the people to whom he was sent. Those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words and then later sought to throw him off a cliff. We too are often quite resistant to the word of God.

Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image that is placed before us as an example for us to follow.

The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
 Sunday 9:30am, Mass for
 St Mary's Syro-Malabar
 Community (Malayalam
 language)
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
is available prior to each weekend Mass
and also before or after weekday Masses if needed

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Recently Deceased: Cas Lukauskas.

Anniversaries 30 January to 5 February:

Cettina Sammut, Jim Peart, Jasper Coghlan and Marie Tucker.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Wally Beckwith, Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Carmel Conte, Connie D'Amico, Wellington D'Cruz, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Jo Green, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Jennifer Jones, Gary Kingsbury, John Kirkman, Hilda Koerntjes, Evelyn Leahy, Margaret Leahy, Margaret Lomas, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Ros Quinlan, Peter Rafter, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Emerson Russel (baby), Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

ROSTERS

*If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day,
please arrange a substitute. Thank you!*

COUNTERS: Tuesday 1st February at 10:00am:

Mike & Barbara Hardy.

*We wish all educators, school staff and students a
wonderful year of learning and adventures, when they
begin their school year next week.
Our prayers are with you.*

**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

If you require Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD: *Mass for You at Home*, every Sunday at 6:00am.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): *St Patrick's Cathedral Mass*, every Sunday at 11:00am.
- Foxtel Aurora channel 173: *Mass*, every Sunday at 6:00am.

ONLINE MASSES AND RESOURCES:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Thanks to all of you have sent kind messages of condolence on the recent passing of my mother, Yvonne. Your prayers and support are appreciated more than words can say.

With thanks again,
Darién

Ladies Social Group: lunch on **Wednesday 2 February at 12-noon** at Leopold Sportsmans Club. For bookings, call / text Julie 0411578285.

The annual reunion of Assumption College Old Collegians will be held at The Brew House (Gellibrand Street, Queenscliff) on **Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 12-noon**. RSVP: Fred LeDeux on 0437 096 715 or Ron Forbes on 0407 841 713.

+ Sacramental Program 2022 +

The enrolment and information evening will be held on **Tuesday 8 February at 4:00pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove**. If you have family members or know of community members attending local non-Catholic schools and wish to receive their Sacraments, please direct them to the Parish website for all information: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au.

The Proclaim: Office for Mission Renewal, along with our parish, invite you to an exciting opportunity to explore the beginning steps in leading parish missionary renewal along the lines proposed by 'Take the Way of the Gospel'.

Leading Parish Missionary Renewal: Getting Started on Saturday 19 February from 10am – 3.30pm (lunch & refreshments provided) at **Club Italia Sporting Club** (128-152 Furlong Rd, Sunshine 3021) with guest speaker Ron Huntley, live online. Places are limited. If you are interested and wish to attend, please contact Daniella at the parish office. In order to complete the registration process, we will require the following details for each person we are registering (contact tracing requirement):

- Name, email address, phone number (plus any dietary restrictions)
- As per government regulations, all registered invitees must be double vaccinated and able to present their vaccination certificate upon arrival.
- Please note: minimum 5 and maximum 10 people per parish
- All guests are requested to comply with covid-safe measures. Registrations close Thursday, February 10th

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 31 January – St John Bosco (Memorial)

Tuesday 1 February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 4

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 2 February – The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 3 February – St Blaise and St Ansgar (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 4 February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 4

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 5 February – St Agatha (Memorial)

Sunday 6 February – 5 SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:

Be clearly aware of the stars and infinity on high. Then life seems almost enchanted after all.

- Vincent van Gogh.

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