

The Living Word

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

20 February 2022

First Reading 1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. *(R.)*

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. *(R.)*
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear
him. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:45-49

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.*

Alleluia!



Gospel Lk 6:27-38

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

Reflection by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.

Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.

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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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Recently Deceased: Laurance Hodgkinson.

Anniversaries 20- February to 26- February:

Margaret Elliot, Mernie Foley, Mary Earls, John Sherlock, Gabrielle Millar and Trish Woolley.

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 Faigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Jo Green, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Jennifer Jones, Gary Kingsbury, John Kirkman, Hilda Koertjes, Margaret Lomas, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Ros Quinlan, Peter Rafter, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Sean Richards, Betty Rushton, Emerson Russel (baby), Mac & Mary Sullivan, Pam 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 22- February at 10:00am:

John Simpson and Emanuel Baglieri.

+ World Day of Prayer – Friday 4th March +

Barwon Heads: a combined church service will be held at All Saints Anglican Church at 2:00pm. All welcome.

Ocean Grove: TBA.

Queenscliff: an ecumenical service will be held at Holy Trinity Parish Hall at 10:00am. Followed by morning tea.
All welcome.

**** 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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Sacramental Program for 2022: classes have now commenced for children attending local non-Catholic schools within the parish. Please accompany the children in prayer as they prepare to receive their Sacraments. Please keep the Program Team in your prayers too!

Chaplaincy Appeal 2022 – Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted the annual Chaplaincy Appeal in our parish. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal. If you still wish to donate or if you would like to have more information about the Chaplaincy Services, please visit www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Thank you for your kind generosity, as always.

CATHOLIC PRISON MINISTRY invites you... as we celebrate the work of chaplains during February and prepare for the opening of a new prison in the Barwon region, later in 2022, the Catholic Prison Ministry team is looking for people to join us in the prisons for a few hours a week or fortnight. If you

- Can relate well to people,
- Can model respectful relating with another person,
- Are able to listen without judging,
- Have a good sense of humour,
- Love and live your faith in God,
- Would be willing to join with the residents and chaplains in prayer, at their Mass or Prayer time in the Chapel,

Then we would love to hear from you about joining our team. Please contact Sister Mary O'Shannassy via email (cpmvic@ccam.org.au) or phone 9287 5577 to express your interest. Training will be provided to all before going into any prison.

Saint Ignatius College, Geelong warmly welcomes parishioners to the community events that their college is hosting this Term:

- **International Women's Day with Moira Kelly** - Wednesday March 9th, 2022. Further information and tickets via Trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BVOUJ>
- **Saint Ignatius College Golf Day at Curlewis Golf Club** - Sunday March 27th, 2022. Further information and tickets via Trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BXCMW>

Please find promotional flyers for further information on our website or in the Church narthex.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 21st February – St Peter Damian (Memorial)

Tuesday 22nd February – The Chair of St Peter (Feast)
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
1:00pm Requiem Mass for Laurance Hodgkinson at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

Wednesday 23rd February – St Polycarp (Memorial)
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 24th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 7
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 25th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 7
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 26th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 7

Sunday 27th February – 8th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:

Great opportunities to help others
seldom come, but small ones
surround us every day.

- Sally Koch.

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