

The Living Word

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

27 February 2022

First Reading Sir 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

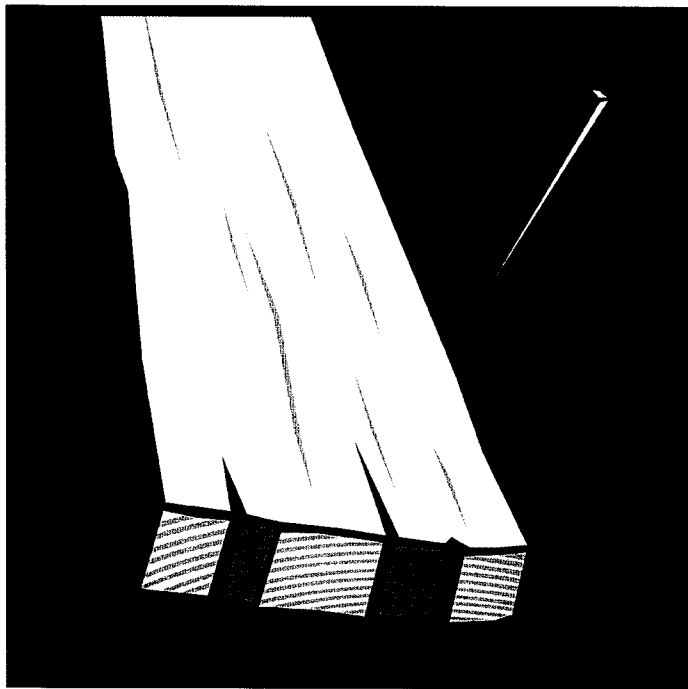
Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the



Reflection by Greg Sunter

In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbour's eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally. We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticised because one person's opinion is just as good as the next person's. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an overarching view of the world or a meta-narrative – an underlying 'big picture' story for life.

On the surface, the idea that one person's opinion is as valid as any other's seems very democratic and sociable. However, it is fundamentally not true. Someone who has spent a lifetime studying and practising in a particular field of endeavour cannot be lightly dismissed as 'that's just your opinion'. Yet, all too often, such learned knowledge and experience is given the same weight as ill-informed and sometimes mischievous opinion – frequently in the name of 'balanced' discussion.

For some people immersed in the post-modern culture this wash of opinion dressed up as fact is not only confusing but sometimes dangerous. Social norms and even laws can be seen as just another opinion that differs from my own. The opinions of friends and complete strangers on the internet or social networks are held with the same level of legitimacy as established sources of social, moral, legal and religious authority. Whilst it is proper to question established authority and require accountability and justification, the absence of universal truths and meta-narratives lead us back to the proverb that begins today's gospel: the blind leading the blind.

splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

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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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Recently Deceased: Patricia Scott.

Anniversaries 27th February to 5th March:

Alma Gist, Francis McMahon, Peter Gardiner, Terrance Gray, Jessie Naylor, Herbert Allen, Allan Fossey, George Simpson, Kyle Neal and Eileen Scanlon.

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 Koerntjes, 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, Kevin Teasdale, 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 March at 10:00am:

Remo & Naomi Bianco.

+ 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: an ecumenical service will be held at The Wave Church at 10:00am. Followed by morning tea. All welcome.

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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PROJECT COMPASSION 2022

Project Compassion is commencing this week. Resources for Project Compassion are now available. Boxes will be available at each Church in coming weeks.

Ladies Social Group lunch 12noon on Wednesday 2nd March at Nelly's at the Pier (in the park at Queenscliff, opposite the brew house and next to the toilets). Call or text Julie to book 0411 578 285.

Liturgy meeting: those involved in ministry (reader, special minister, etc), at Queenscliff/Point Lonsdale are invited to a meeting on **Saturday 26th February from 10am to 11am at Holy Trinity Parish hall.** Enquiries: Von Philp on 0438 191 196.

Those involved in ministry at Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove will meet soon as well.

TAR Corner for Catholic Social Justice: Helda Camara was a bishop, late last century, when the Military Junta ruled Brazil, his famous quote: "When I give to the poor, they call me a saint; when I ask why are they poor (*or refugees, or homeless, or lonely old people*), they call me a communist (*or leftie, enemy of the state, or dreamer!*)."
Pope Francis: "The Catholic Church must be a home for all."
– Parishioner, Bill Fox (*italic notes by Bill*).

Implementing Laudato Si': are you interesting in how to care for 'our common home' and an online forum: *Implementing Laudato Si'?* If yes, there is an opportunity on **Tuesday 8 March, 7.30-9.30pm.** Free event. Register via Trybooking at www.trybooking.com/BVHTM.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 28th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 8

Tuesday 1st March – Weekday, Ordinary Time 8

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 2nd March – ASH WEDNESDAY

+ LENT +

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
12:00pm Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea,
Ocean Grove

Thursday 3rd March – Thursday after Ash Wednesday

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

Friday 4th March – Friday after Ash Wednesday
AUTUMN EMBER DAY

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 5th March – Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Sunday 6th March – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Lent

Lent begins Wednesday 2nd March.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.

Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

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