

The Living Word

Second Sunday of Lent, Year C

13 March 2022

First Reading Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)

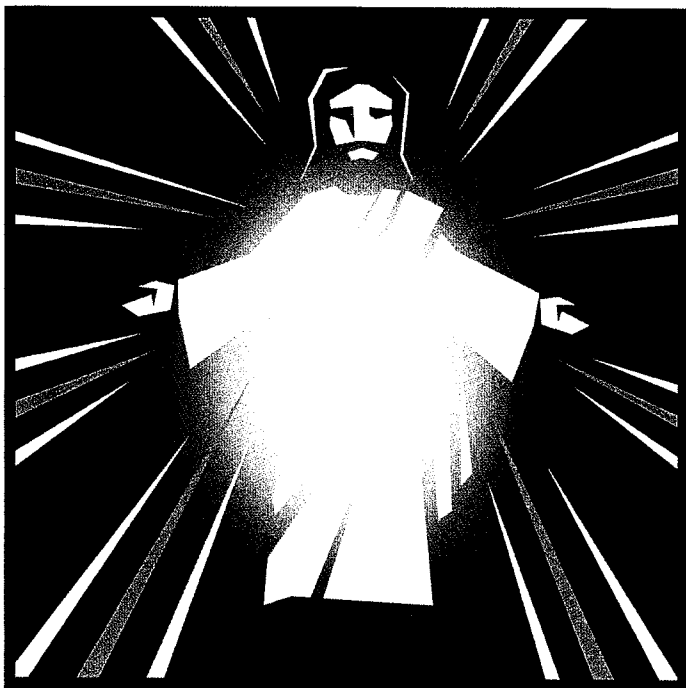
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' (R.)
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's
goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading Phil 3:17 – 4:1 or Phil 3:20 – 4:1 (shorter form)

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.



Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice
is heard:*

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Lk 9:28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

Reflection by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. The first divine epiphany is the manifestation of God as one who initiates a covenant, an intimate relationship with human beings. Not only does God initiate this agreement, but God also seals it with blood, making it official. Although we ritualise our relationship with God in a religious setting, the call to enter into the covenant can come in the ordinary events of life. The important thing to remember about this covenant is that God enters into our lives and initiates the relationship. No life is too simple; no life is too busy. Human history in all of its contours is the setting for the encounter with God.

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us.

God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see.

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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

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Recently Deceased: Bill O'Kane and Jennifer Jones.

Anniversaries 13- March to 19- March:

John Hannebery, Theo Verhenylen, Joan Butcher, Geraldine Patricia Williams and Laura Pettig.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Wally Beckwith, Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Anne Carpenter, 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 Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Gary Kingsbury, John Kirkman, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Picc, Ros Quinlan, Peter Rafter, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Sean Richards, Betty Rushton, Emerson Russel (baby), Estelle Simpson, 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 15- March at 10:00am:
Greg Carey and Judy Compton.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2022

A message from our Caritas Ambassador, Josephine Barnes:
If we give up one item per week worth \$5, e.g. a bought coffee, we will save \$30 over 6 weeks. Caritas is the major arm of the Church for humanitarian aid and projects to educate people in health, farming etc, and help them achieve their self help projects. They have huge calls on their services at this time for humanitarian help in Poland and Europe with 2 million refugees to date.

**** 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.

TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update by Bill Fox): From 'Laudato Si' (Care for our Common Home), encyclical by Pope Francis: "Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day... Many of those who possess more resources or political power seem mostly to be concerned with masking the problems, concealing symptoms." P25, 26.

Taizé Pray Peace at Santa Casa: the community is invited to come together for prayer and worship as we enter into Holy Week. **Saturday 9- April at 2:30pm, followed by a cuppa at 3:30pm at Santa Casa** (33 Flinders Street, Queenscliff). If you wish to attend, contact Sr Lizzie rsm on 0418 194 261 or email santacasa@ismapng.org.au.

Mission Spirituality Forum – the fruits of "Mission: One Heart, Many Voices": you are warmly invited to join Luke Tobin, Catholic Mission's Foundation Educator, for an informal online gathering of people interested in Mission Spirituality. **Thursday 28- April from 3:30 to 5:00pm.** Register at <https://forms.gle/NSMhcW5qRzDcf7Xy7>. Please see the church noticeboard for further details.

The Time is Now – Getting Back on Mission: Sr Joan Chittister osb, an American Benedictine and a Practical Theologian is hosting an event on **Thursday 12- May at 7:00pm at Melbourne Town Hall**. Tickets \$25 each. Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BFSNU. Poster in narthex.

NOTES FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

1. **Take the Way of the Gospel:** Parish Councillors have recently workshopped “a meeting of parishioners” to consider the ramifications of this initiative which seeks to have neighbouring parishes share ideas, resources and personnel. A prerequisite of course is that parishes “know themselves” – their strengths, aspirations and needs. COVID permitting, the PPC intends to conduct meetings of parishioners sometime after Easter.
2. **175- Anniversary:** Archbishop Comensoli has reminded us of this year’s 175- anniversary of the Archdiocese of Melbourne and the 125- anniversary of the consecration of St Patrick’s Cathedral. Feedback is sought on suitable ways of marking these special dates. Plans are being put in place to renew and refurbish the Cathedral precinct.
3. **Holy Trinity Parish Columbarium:** Now that the four panels of the memorial wall have been completed, attention turns to the surrounding landscaping and planting, planning for completion during the autumn months. The PPC is grateful for the dedication and work of Mr Frank Nelson, who, at the request of the PPC, has steered this project from its inception. At its February meeting, the PPC ratified the Terms & Conditions for use of the Columbarium. These terms & conditions have been checked and approved by Maddock’s Law firm – legal advisors to the Archdiocese of Melbourne, prior to ratification. The Terms & Conditions of Use and Request Forms for niches in the walls will shortly appear on the Parish Website. At this stage, 43 niches have been taken up.
4. **Principal of St. Aloysius Primary School:** Ms Miriam Leahy, Acting Principal, has reported that advertisements for the position of Principal at our Queenscliff parish school will be placed later in the school term, with the process of selection and appointment to take place during Term 2.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 14-March – Monday of the 2- week of Lent

Tuesday 15- March – Tuesday of the 2- week of Lent

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

Wednesday 16- March – Wednesday of the 2- week of Lent

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 17- March – St Patrick (Solemnity)

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

Friday 18- March – Friday of the 2- week of Lent

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

Saturday 19- March – St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

Sunday 20- March – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Thought for the Week:

Nature never repeats herself, and the possibilities of one human soul will never be found in another.

- Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

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