

The Living Word

Third Sunday of Lent, Year C

20 March 2022

First Reading Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. 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 does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)
4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.



Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:17

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Gospel Lk 13:1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

Reflection by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

One major theme emerges from today's readings: incomprehensibility of God. We see it in the mysterious divine name, which distinguishes the God of Israel from all others and yet leaves us in the dark as to its meaning. We see it as God communicates with us through inanimate objects and the people in our lives. Finally, we see that God both pardons iniquities and decides to root out unfruitful branches, and we are confused by such inconsistency.

In the midst of this ambiguity we have one sure source of stability – Christ. It is Christ who reveals the nature and meaning of the divine name; it is Christ who intercedes for us before God. Christ, the one who set his face toward Jerusalem, there to suffer and die, is the great messenger through whom God is revealed. He is the one who reveals majesty through the simplicity of a bush; he is the one who judges with the patience of a gardener. However, the limits of the experience and mercy of God in our lives are defined by our own openness. Despite the blessings that we receive in the wildernesses of our lives, it could happen that God is not pleased with us. We must not take God's goodness for granted.

These readings close on a note of caution. Take care! We might be able to rest secure in the knowledge of the love and mercy of God, but these readings tell us that we should not dare to rest passively or complacently.

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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

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Recently Deceased: Estelle Simpson and Wilma Marguerite Rose 'Midge' Reid.

Anniversaries 20- March to 26- March:

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

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 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 22- March at 10:00am:

Dan Donovan and Des Harris.

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.

There are QR codes available at the front of the Church which accepts donations for Caritas.

**** 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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Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

Compassionate Hearts on the Bellarine is presenting an event 'A Conversation about Caring' at the **Uniting Church Queenscliff** on **Tuesday 29th March at 2pm-4pm**. The presenters are professionals from Warrnambool & District Community Hospice. Enquiries: Von Philp 0438 191 196.

Earthfest 2022: Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School is hosting **Earthfest** on **Friday 1 April from 4:00-7:00pm at Ocean Grove Park** (near main shops). A twilight community event that aims to educate and inspire as many people as possible to connect and care for our Earth. Featuring live music, activities galore, community and environmental groups, market & food stalls plus much more. Gold coin entry. All welcome.

Attention Commentators, Readers and Special Ministers!

Please contact the parish office via phone or email regarding your availability for Easter. We are finalising the Easter schedule and roster, and wish to know who may be able to help us out. If you wish to volunteer for other duties, please contact the parish office also.

The Way of the Cross, Good Friday: an open-air procession of witness commencing outside of St Mary's Church (near Myers St driveway) at 10:45am and proceeding on foot via Myers & Moorabool Sts to Market Square Mall. Arranged by the Christian Churches in the City of Geelong.

TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update): Fratelli Tutti by Pope Francis: par 41 "An Absence of Human Dignity on the Borders". "I ask everyone to move beyond those primal reactions of fear, because there is a problem when doubts and fears condition our way of thinking and acting to the point of making us intolerant, closed and perhaps even – racist. Fear then deprives us of the desire and ability to encounter the other."

Mission Spirituality Forum – the fruits of "Mission: One Heart, Many Voices": you are warmly invited to join Luke Tobin, Catholic Mission 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.

Stewardship Envelopes

Shortly we will be ordering the next twelve months supply of envelopes. Since our last review of participation 61 people are no longer contributing, whilst others have changed to Bank transfer, or Credit card payment.

The Finance Committee will now only order and provide envelopes for those who are currently contributing by this method. THANK YOU.

In the last two years, income from Stewardship envelopes has dropped by nearly 20%.

If more parishioners can now see their way clear to join the Stewardship Program, it would be most appreciated. If you can join, please contact Daniella at the Parish Office on 5258 1673.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 21 March – Monday of the 3rd week of Lent

Tuesday 22 March – Tuesday of the 3rd week of Lent
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 23 March – Wednesday of the 3rd week of Lent
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 24 March – Thursday of the 3rd week of Lent
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 25 March – The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD (Solemnity)
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 26 March – Saturday of the 3rd week of Lent

Sunday 27 March – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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