

# The Living Word

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C

27 March 2022

## First Reading Jos 5:9-12

*The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.*

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9**

*(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

## Second Reading 2 Cor 5:17-21

*God reconciled us to himself through Christ.*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his

reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

## Gospel Acclamation Lk 15:18

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and  
against you.*

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

## Gospel Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

*Your brother here was dead and has come to life.*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to



be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.””

## **Reflection** by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

In the midst of Lent we are given a moment for rejoicing, Laetare Sunday. All of the readings provide us with reasons for rejoicing. The overarching theme is the prodigal goodness of God. The responsorial psalm sets the context for the reflections. The other readings show how needy people were showered with divine favour. Even in the midst of this rejoicing, we find a challenge. We must undergo a change of heart if we are to rejoice in God.

The goodness of God is strikingly portrayed in the radically new image of father. This is a God who allows us to follow our own dreams, who is partial to no one, who faithfully and patiently waits for us to return, who gently corrects our misperceptions. God longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God.

The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God's righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we not allow it to influence our lives.

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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**

## Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C

### Anniversaries 27- March to 2- April:

Val Connor, Betty Deal, David Wood, Bill Whybrow and Laurie Monsour.

### Please pray for those who are Sick:

Wally Beckwith, Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Anne Carpenter, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam and Yvonne 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), John 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 29- March at 10:00am:

Mike and Barbara Hardy.

### 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.**

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**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.

**Attention Commentators, Readers and Special Ministers!** Please contact the parish office via phone or email re your availability for Holy Week this year: from Palm Sunday (10- April) through Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, and our Masses on Easter Sunday morning. Now that we have clear guidelines from the Archbishop, we are finalising rosters. We need to know who is able to help ensure that we offer a warm welcome, hospitality and the best possible celebration of these most holy days.

**The Way of the Cross, Good Friday, 15- April:** 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):** Pope Saint John Paul II: "Every human being has the right to freedom of movement and of residence within the confines of his own state. When there are just reasons for it, he must be permitted to emigrate to other countries and to take up residence there. The fact that he is a citizen of a particular state does not deprive him of membership to the human family, nor of citizenship in that universal society, the common, world-wide fellowship of men." (Pacem in Terris #25).

**Trinity Aid for Refugees Forum:** "Seeking Justice & Compassion for Refugees". **Sunday 24 April, 2:30pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea.** 2 wonderful speakers: Sr Brigid Arthur and Peter Coghlan. Please come, be informed, together we can shine light on the injustices and the suffering. Contact: [shirleyhurley@inet.net.au](mailto:shirleyhurley@inet.net.au).

**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 28 March – Monday of the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent**

**Tuesday 29 March – Tuesday of the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent**  
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Wednesday 30 March – Wednesday of the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent**  
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Thursday 31 March – Thursday of the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent**  
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Friday 1 April – Friday of the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent**  
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 2 April – Saturday of the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent**

**Sunday 3 April – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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*Thought for the Week:*

Remember this – very little is needed to  
make a happy life.

- Marcus Aurelius.

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