

The Living Word

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C

3 April 2022

First Reading Is 43:16-21

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done
before.

See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see
it?

Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.
The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

***(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.***

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What
marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears

will sing when they reap. (R.)

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back,
full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 3:8-14

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation JI 2:12-13

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!***

***With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.***

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!***



Gospel Jn 8:1-11

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

Reflection by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

Lent ends on a note of wonder. In the face of all the mighty works that God has already performed for the people, God promises something even more magnificent.

Throughout this season we have reflected on the marvels that God accomplished in the lives of the people, cutting a covenant with Abraham, leading the people out of bondage, revealing God's own personal name, bring them into a land that is bursting with life. Now God says: You haven't seen anything yet.

The first reading proclaims that something new is about to appear. In the gospel, this new thing unfolds before our eyes. Here we see Jesus neither rejecting the law nor changing it. Instead, he shows that the law, as good as it might be, serves something higher. He shows that the mercy and compassion of God exceed the authority of the law. Once again we see that the readings of Lent are less concerned with mortification and penance than they are with divine graciousness and our response of joy and thanksgiving.

Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of the past. In fact, he considers them rubbish when compared with knowing and being united with Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught in sin to women and men who have been forgiven. Life in Christ is the new thing that God has fashioned for us. God is the one who creates something new; we are the ones who are re-created.

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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: Joan Kirwan and Suzie Dodd.

Anniversaries 3rd April to 9th April:

Maris Leahy, Eileen Murphy, Emanuele Gozzo, Sam Bonacci, Georgina Rowe and Valda Kershaw.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

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 Hoyer, Robert Hurley, 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), 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 5th April at 10:00am:

David Millie and John Calnin.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday.
Please bring in your own branches for blessing. Thank you.

** 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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The practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed, if the Conference of Bishops so decides. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

On this Sunday is celebrated the third scrutiny in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Please remember: Daylight Savings ends overnight, Saturday 2nd April – its autumn so clocks “fall” back one hour.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2022: if you wish to begin bringing in your envelopes and boxes, please do so via the collections or drop into the parish office.

Ladies Social Group: lunch at Clifton Springs Golf Club, **12 noon on Wednesday 6th April.** Call or text Julie 0411 578 285 to book.

Taizé Pray Peace at Santa Casa: the community is invited to come together for prayer and worship as we enter into Holy Week. **Saturday 9th 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.

The Way of the Cross, Good Friday (15th 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): St Pope John Paul II: *“Today, therefore, I wish to invite you to an ever deeper awareness of your mission: to see Christ in every brother and sister in need, to proclaim and defend the dignity of every migrant, every displaced person and every refugee. In this way, assistance given will not be considered an alms from the goodness of our heart, but an act of justice due to them.”* Address to the Participants in the Assembly of the Council of the International Catholic Migration Commission.

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@iinet.net.au.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 4th April – Monday of the 5th week of Lent

Tuesday 5th April – Tuesday of the 5th week of Lent
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 6th April – Wednesday of the 5th week of Lent
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 7th April – Thursday of the 5th week of Lent
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 8th April – Friday of the 5th week of Lent
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 9th April – Saturday of the 5th week of Lent

Sunday 10th April – PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD (Holy Week)

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Thought for the Week:

There is nothing stronger
in the world than gentleness.

– Han Suyin.

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