

The Living Word

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C

8 May 2022

First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends
of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

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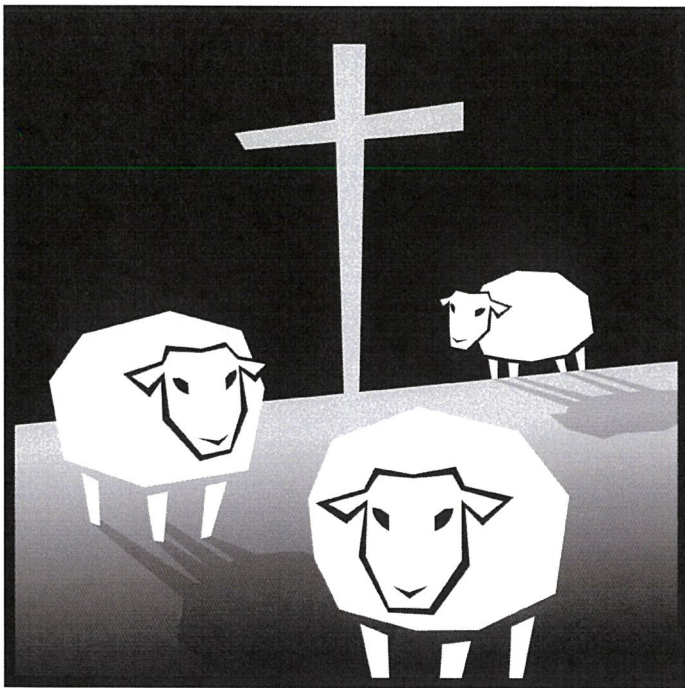
(R.) Alleluia.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. *(R.)*
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. *(R.)*
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rv 7:9, 14-17

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'



Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

‘The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.’

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

You and I are Gentiles – part of the non-Jewish world. We are the sort of Christians we are, because of St Paul. He became the strongest advocate of the grace that the early Christian community should be inclusive of all nations and tribes and ethnic groups on the face of the earth. We have not yet realised this potential.

What riches of intellectual traditions, cultural expressions, and organisational structure are we still to receive from the Chinese, the Korean, the Indonesians, the Africans, the Indian Catholics who are part of our ‘Church without Borders’?

How do we maintain unity and identity amongst such diversity? By listening for the voice of the Good Shepherd, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

But it takes a good teacher to help us to hear The Voice in the clamour of life.

Some of those teachers may be found amongst the Bishops who carry a shepherd’s staff. But at least in my experience the best assistant-shepherds have been my parents, and some others. They have helped me hear The Voice assuring me that I will never perish, that I will receive eternal life.

That is a Voice worth following! We could pause for a moment to get on the same wavelength as the Good Shepherd so as to echo His Voice in our lives.

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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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 Easter Year C

Recently Deceased: Sebastian Ravaneschi.

Anniversaries 8- May to 14- May:

Tony Cassar, Johanna Verheyen, Josephine Carpenter, Lois Peace, Eric McKee, Emily Stoneman, Harold Elliott, Gregory Duffy, Simon Millie, Frank O'Connor, Helen Jackiewicz, Giacomo Scuderi, Elaine Boyce, June Myers, Alma Corby and Rosalba Mastroianni.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam and Yvonne Caruana, Carmel Conte, Connie D'Amico, Wellington D'Cruz, Benedict Darby, 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 Hoyer, Robert Hurley, Gary Kingsbury, John Kirkman, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Ros Quinlan, 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 10- May at 10:00am:

Judy Compton and Dan Donovan.

MOTHER'S DAY, Sunday 8- May

wishing all mothers, grandmothers and motherly figures a Happy Mother's Day. We hope this day is special for you. We also wish to remember our dear mothers who have passed away, may they forever be in our hearts.

**** 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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Good Shepherd Sunday (8- May): day of prayer for Vocations.

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal: please see the flyer on the Church noticeboards on how to donate. Thank you for your generosity.

Project Compassion 2022: Please bring in your envelopes and boxes via the collections or drop into the parish office. Thank you for your support and generosity for Caritas.

The Parish Columbarium at Ocean Grove is nearing completion. To view photos and further information, including the niche request form, visit our website: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/about-us/parish-columbarium/.

Membership of Parish Pastoral Council: Nominations are called for the next term of the PPC, commencing on July 1, 2022. Parishioners may nominate themselves, or another parishioner. If someone is nominated by another, that person will be contacted prior to proceeding with the process. Nominations are to be made by contacting Fr. Darien c/- Parish Office. – *With thanks, Tony Frizza, Chairperson, Holy Trinity Parish Pastoral Council.*

St Vincent de Paul Society: meeting will held on **Thursday 12- May** following 9:15am Mass at Ocean Grove.

We are required to undertake a count of numbers and other statistics of people attending Mass each weekend throughout May. Thanks in advance to our welcomers and volunteers who will assist in this process.

TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update): Pope Francis in *Laudato Si*: "Economic powers continue to justify the current global system where priority tends to be given to speculation and the pursuit of financial gain, which fail to take the context into account, let alone the effects on human dignity and the natural environment. Here we see how environmental deterioration and human and ethical degradation are closely linked." P56.

Quest Donation Point 'Tap & Go': Many parishes in Australia, along with other organisations, have introduced various forms of 'contactless' payment options over the last 2 years.

At the request of the Parish Finance Committee and the suggestion of the Catholic Development Fund (CDF), we have set up a "tap & go" device for credit or debit card contributions. This is being tried out at Ocean Grove. The device is easy to use: simply tap your card and have a blessed day. Minimum donation is set at \$5.00. If you wish, you may 'tap' again to add an extra \$5.00. If you have any feedback during the trial period, please contact Daniella at the Parish office.

Hospitality and rosters at Ocean Grove (from Josephine Barnes):

On the first Sunday of each month, hospitality will resume with morning tea after Mass. Can you assist with serving, welcoming people, or supplying a couple of plates of e.g. scones or slices/cakes. This is a way for new parishioners to get to know people and for our regulars to catch up with each other. After the isolation of the past years we need to build community again.

Rosters for Ocean Grove will commence from 1st June. In the meantime, calls are being made each week to fill in the roster.

Exciting News from St Aloysius: Term 2 is shaping up to be a very exciting term with many events and activities for both students and families in the planning. Our biggest milestone will be the celebration of our 120th Anniversary as a school in June. We have a big day of celebrations planned for 24th June which is the last day of term 2 to mark this very special occasion including a dress up day in period (1902) costume, a display of archive material and a morning tea for past and present students and families. If you know anyone who attended St Aloysius over the past 120 years, or you would like to be involved in the Steering Committee we are forming to plan the celebrations, please contact Ms Miriam Leahy on mleahy@saqueenscliff.catholic.edu.au



Then and now!

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 9th May – Monday of the 4th week of Easter

Tuesday 10th May – Tuesday of the 4th week of Easter

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

Wednesday 11th May – Wednesday of the 4th week of Easter

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 12th May – Sts Nereus and Archilleus and St Pancras (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove with OLSOS Year 1 students attending

Friday 13th May – Our Lady of Fatima (Feast)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 14th May – St Matthias (Feast)

Sunday 15th May – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thought for the Week:

How wonderful that no one need wait a single moment to improve the world.

- Anne Frank.

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