

The Living Word

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

24 July 2022

First Reading Gn 18:20-32

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

*(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. *(R.)*
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. *(R.)*
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. *(R.)*

Second Reading Col 2:12-14

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

*You have received the Spirit which makes
us God's children,*

and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!



Gospel Lk 11:1-13

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in
debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

People often imagine huge distance between Earth and a Heaven beyond the horizon of the universe. But Jesus Christ taught us to pray 'Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.'

How can this come about? Jesus identified two areas on which we need to focus to help make Heaven and Earth share the same space.

'Give us this day our daily bread.' This petition is very real for most inhabitants of the world – a plea for the necessities of life to stave off real hunger. If we respond to this plea, we can change a Hellish situation to a place where Heaven and Earth coincide.

'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' But, first to Shakespeare: 'The quality of Mercy is not strained. It falleth as the gentle rain of Heaven on to the place beneath.'

If we develop a hardness of heart which refuses to show forgiveness, then we are like earth concreted over and are unable to absorb God's forgiveness into our own lives. When we forgive someone, we become more able to absorb the gentle rain of heavenly mercy and forgiveness.

So, Heaven and Earth need not be as distant as supposed. Our Lord has shown us how we can help make these dimensions of existence coincide.

We could take a moment to resolve to pray the 'Our Father' by our lives, helping to provide evidence for our acclamation:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts,

Heaven and *Earth* are full of your Glory'

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HOLY TRINITY

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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Incorporating the Mass centres and communities of

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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

Recently Deceased: John Kirkman.

Anniversaries 24 July to 30 July:

Eileen Wells, Richard Eather, Jack Warren, Nancy McGlade, Gwen Burford, Aliva Zurawel, Tracey Higgins, Mary Ray, Adriana Kladders, Frederick Dowell and Wally Higgins.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Elly Anwyl, Peg Benham, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam and Yvonne Caruana, Connie D'Amico, Benedict Darby, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Ros Quinlan, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Sean Richards, Betty Rushton, Orlando Selva, 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!*

**COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM),
WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)**

OCEAN GROVE: 31 July at 9:00am:

(C) Majella O'Connor (L) Liz Frazer (SM) Florentina Romeo, Nick Ansell (W) Judy Considine, Margaret Donovan.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 26 July at 10:00am:

Judy Compton and Fay Neville.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SAFEGUARDING – VOLUNTEERS, WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS AND CODE OF CONDUCT:

National regulations have been in place for some time regarding volunteers in any community organisation. How this applies in our Parish is that all volunteers must hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) and have signed a Melb Archdiocese Code of Conduct. This includes **all** members of ministry, flower arrangers, singers/musicians, etc. A volunteer WWCC is free with applications completed online or at select Post Offices. Your WWCC must be registered at the Parish Office. If you have any enquiries or need assistance with your WWCC, please contact the Parish Office 5258 1673 or via email. The Parish must also keep a record of all volunteers within the parish. If your details are not up to date, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements.

**** 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.

Parish Office Update: Fr Darien will be on annual leave from Monday 10 July for 2 weeks. Rev Fr Geoff Baron will be residing in our parish and celebrating Masses, baptisms and other sacraments while Fr Darien is away. Our grateful thanks to Fr Geoff for his kind help.

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

Face coverings – update: Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship. However, parishioners and friends are encouraged to be sensitive to the well being of others when in close proximity. We strongly encourage all attendees to wear masks indoors, and ask everyone to be considerate of each other.

TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update): *On the importance of reconciling with creation:* “To achieve such reconciliation, we must examine our lives and acknowledge the ways in which we have harmed God’s creation through our actions and our failure to act. We need to experience a conversion or change of heart.” Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (2002): “A new Earth... The environmental Challenge”.

Trinity Aid for Refugees is recommencing grocery collections on a rotating system across our Parish. Our Refugee friends in Geelong continue to need much support. In July, the Collection Tub will be located at Holy Trinity Queenscliff (it will move to Ocean Grove in August, Barwon Heads in September). For a list of suggested items check the Parish Website, click Ministries & Groups/TAR and scroll to the end or email shirleyhurley@inet.net.au.

Catholic Theological College – Semester 2 Study Options: Explore your questions in theology and ministry at CTC in Semester 2 with our introductory and advanced units, for audit or credit study. **Online and in-person options available.** To enrol or for further information, email Registrar via registrar@ctc.edu.au.

When Irish Eyes Are Smiling! Inviting parishioners to join me on the 2023 Maria Forde Winter Wonderland Tour of Ireland (January 1 to January 14 2023). Enjoy two weeks traversing the spectacular Irish countryside of Northern and Southern Ireland in the comfort of a luxury coach and experience the hospitality of the Irish people whilst learning about their history and story. Enjoy live Celtic music, cuisine and its unique spirituality, beautiful accommodation, and the relaxed atmosphere of a small tour group (20 people max). If you are concerned about travelling alone, rest assured that you will be supported and made welcome by an Irish driver, fellow guests, and myself. For an itinerary, please click on this link. <http://www.mariaforde.com/2023-tour-of-ireland>. To book your seat, or for more information, please call Debbie at Emerald Travel on 03 96902123 or email Debbie at debbie@emeraldtravel.com.au. For information about Maria Forde, please visit www.mariaforde.com.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 25th July – St James (Feast)

Tuesday 26th July – Sts Joachim and Anne (Memorial)

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

Wednesday 27th July – Weekday, Ordinary Time 17

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 28th July – Weekday, Ordinary Time 17

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

Friday 29th July – Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 30th July – St Peter Chrysologus (Memorial)

Sunday 31st July – 18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:

**It is not the mountains
we conquer but ourselves.**

- Sir Edmund Hillary.

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