

The Living Word

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

4 September 2022

First Reading Wis 9:13-18

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the
soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the
teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is
on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our
reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the
heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt
it, had you not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth
been straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

*(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been
our refuge.*

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the
morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)

3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.*

Alleluia!



Gospel Lk 14:25-33

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.

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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 1pm on Thursdays

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Recently Deceased: Margaret Byrne and Michelle Richards.

Anniversaries 4- September to 10- September:

Anthony Buhagiar, Emidia Buhagiar, Michaelangelo Gatt, Rita Gatt, Laura Castellaro, Sheleah Walker, Barbara Wyatt, Billy (Honora) Coghlan, John Walker and Michael O'Connor.

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 Leahy, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Sean Richards, Betty Rushton, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Pam Sullivan, Kevin Teasdale, 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: 11- September at 9:00am:

(C) Anthony Dowling (L) Majella O'Connor (SM) Marg Lucas,
Florentina Romeo (W) Frank & Kaye Nelson.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 6- September at 10:00am:

John Calnin and Greg Carey.

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.

Upcoming annual appeal and special collection: Priests' Retirement Foundation, Father's Day Appeal, will be held this weekend (3- 4- September). Please give generously, as you always do.

Children's Liturgy at Ocean Grove this weekend. All children are welcome to attend and participate during Sunday Mass.

St Vincent de Paul Society meeting: Thursday 8- September after the morning lay-led liturgy at Ocean Grove.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School 40-year anniversary celebration on Friday 9th September. Parishioners are welcome to a guided tour through the school between 9:30-11:00am, followed by a whole school Mass at 11:45am.

Ladies Social Group: lunch at the Driftwood Cafe (64 The Terrace, Ocean Grove) on Wednesday 7th September at 12:00pm. To RSVP, phone or text Sandra Duggan on 0423 047 862.

TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update): Pacem in Terris: Pope John's foresight! "Justice, right reason, and human life urgently demand that the arms race should cease; that the stockpiles should be reduced equally and simultaneously by the parties concerned, that nuclear weapons should be banned, and that all come to an agreement on a program of disarmament, employing mutual and effective controls."

Trinity Aid for Refugees: The grocery collections box will be located at Holy Family Church, Barwon Heads, for all of September. Our Refugee friends in Geelong continue to need much support. Thank you to all who contributed to the Collections at Ocean Grove and Queenscliff. 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.

St Vincent de Paul Society Queenscliff Op Shop would love to have you to consider volunteering with us! If you are between 15 and 100 years or older and you are interested in joining our friendly and enthusiastic team, please contact Anne, Store Manager, on 0433 583 660 or drop in to our store anytime to have a chat!"

Taizé Pray Peace at Santa Casa: the community is invited to gather for prayer and worship as we enter into the season of Springtime. **Saturday 17th September 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 Finnerty rsm on 0418 194 261 or email santacasa@ismapng.org.au to register.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 5th September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 23

Tuesday 6th September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 23

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

1:00pm Funeral Requiem Mass of Mrs Margaret Byrne
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 7th September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 23

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 8th September – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 9th September – St Peter Claver (Memorial)

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

11:45am Our Lady Star of the Sea Whole School Mass
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Saturday 10th September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 23

**Sunday 11th September – 24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Child Protection Sunday**

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Happy Father's Day to all fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers and all who have a fatherly role.



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