

# The Living Word

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

2 October 2022

## First Reading Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

*The just will live by faithfulness.*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help  
while you will not listen;  
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear  
and you will not save?  
Why do you set injustice before me,  
why do you look on where there is tyranny?  
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,  
all is contention, and discord flourishes.  
Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,  
inscribe it on tablets  
to be easily read,  
since this vision is for its own time only:  
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not  
deceive;  
if it comes slowly, wait,  
for come it will, without fail.  
See how he flags, he whose soul is not  
at rights,  
but the upright man will live by his  
faithfulness.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8**

*(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden  
not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. *(R.)*
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made  
us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. *(R.)*

3. O that today you would listen to his  
voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my  
work.' *(R.)*

## Second Reading 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

*Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.*

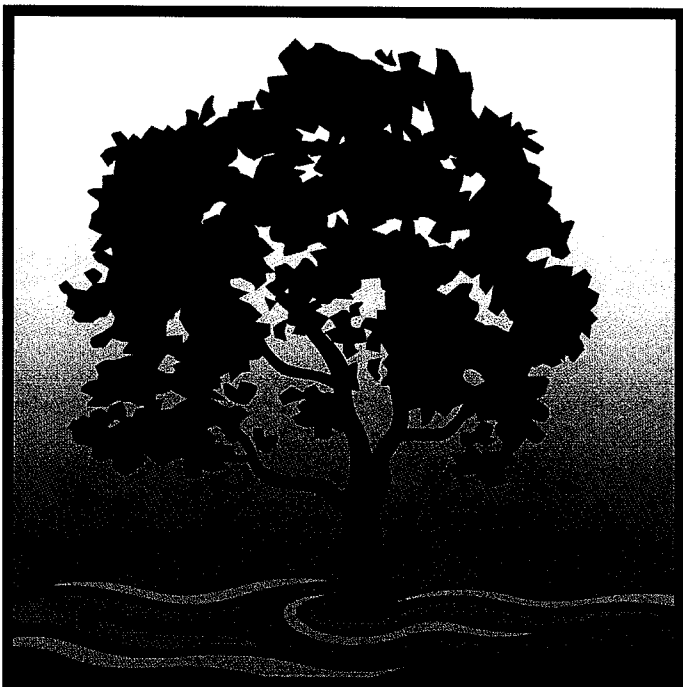
I am reminding you to fan into a flame  
the gift that God gave you when I laid my  
hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit  
of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and  
love, and self-control. So you are never to  
be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or  
ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but  
with me, bear the hardships for the sake  
of the Good News, relying on the power  
of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching  
you have heard from me, in the faith and  
love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been  
trusted to look after something precious;  
guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who  
lives in us.

## Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 1:25

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The word of the Lord stands for ever;  
it is the word given to you, the Good News.  
Alleluia!*



## Gospel Lk 17:5-10

*If you had faith!*

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'"

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## Reflection by Nick Brodie

The dynamic between the apostles and Jesus revealed in this week's Gospel is fascinating. Tellingly, rather than asking for Jesus to increase their faith, they tell him to. There are similarities here in wanting to have the best seats at feasts, to be seen as the most devout person in the temple, and so on. This Gospel passage is part of Luke's wider narrative arc which shows Jesus upending social conventions and questioning mindsets of self-aggrandisement.

Also important is what is at stake. The apostles rather naively see faith as some measurable thing which they can possess in greater or lesser amounts. Jesus turns this view of faith on its head by telling them that even with a smidgen of faith they could do great things. Faith is not meant to be accumulated; it is meant to spark action. That Jesus then goes on to speak of servants doing their duty further underlines his point that the apostles' desire for faith needs to be redirected to action.

With this in mind, we might well ask ourselves whether our faith is just about making us feel holier; or do we 'hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and do something about it?



**This weekend – special leaving collection for St Elisabeth Convent (Minsk, Belarus):** Sister Maria visited our parish this week to sell items, including handmade items, by the St Elisabeth community. The parish office purchased a few items and icons for the piety shop. The parish is holding a leaving collection at each Mass centre with all contributions going to the St Elisabeth Convent. Please give generously, as you always do. For information on the Convent and the work the Sisters do in their community: <https://obitel-minsk.org/>.

**Daylight Savings begins this Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Oct) at 3:00am.**  
Remember, clocks “spring” forward 1 hour.

**Ladies Social Group:** lunch on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon at Curlewis Golf Club (Spike Bar). For bookings, phone or text, Julie on 0411 578 289.

**Trinity Aid for Refugees:** The grocery collections box will be located at Holy Trinity Queenscliff for all of October. Thank you to all who continue to give much appreciated support to our Refugee friends in Geelong. For an update on the Refugee situation and a list of suggested items check the Parish Website, click Ministries & Groups/TAR and scroll to the end or email [shirleyhurley@iinet.net.au](mailto:shirleyhurley@iinet.net.au).

**TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update):** Pope Francis: ‘Our Common Home’ (Laudato Si): “Responsible care of creation is an essential of the Christian faith” (p64). “The Eucharist is a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation” (p236).

### Notes from the Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Meetings Dates have now been set for the “Take the Way of the Gospel” Parish discernment meetings.

- Queenscliff at 10.00am on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> in the Sr Patrice Room at St Aloysius Catholic Primary School.
- Ocean Grove at 7.00pm on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> in the Hall at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School.
- Ocean Grove at 10.00am on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> in the Hall at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School.
- Barwon Heads at 10.00am on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Holy Family Church.

The meetings are intended to determine a Parish response to Archbishop Comensoli’s proposals for “mission” and inter-Parish cooperation and to allow for parishioner feedback to the Parish Pastoral Council on the “health of our Parish”. If unable to attend a time proposed for your Mass centre, you are most welcome to attend at one of the other Mass centres.

**We wish the principals, staff and students a wonderful, joyous Term 4 as students return to school next week.**

A vote of thanks is extended to Eva, Ellen, Anne Maree, Denise, Rosemary, Maria & Von for their service of hospitality & home made goodies at last Sunday’s ‘Spring Fling’ event at Queenscliff.

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### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 27**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – St Francis of Assisi (Memorial)**  
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 27**  
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October – St Bruno (Memorial)**  
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial)**  
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 27**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October – 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

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**Catholic Theological College 2022 Knox Public Lecture:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at Celtic Hall, Catholic Leadership Centre. “50 Years of Theological Education in Context: Then, Now, What Next?”. Bookings and Info: <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/knox-public-lecture/>. Enquiries: [sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au](mailto:sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au) or 9412 3333.

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