

The Living Word

Second Sunday of Advent, Year A

4 December 2022

First Reading Is 11:1-10

He judges the poor with justice.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the
land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.
The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair
the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.
That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7

***(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.***

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. *(R.)*

2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to the earth's bounds. *(R.)*
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. *(R.)*
4. May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 15:4-9

Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

***Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths:***

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!



Gospel Mt 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

When John the Baptist performed baptism it was for the forgiveness of sin. The baptism he gave was a mark of the desire to enter into a new life of right action. It was not a baptism of initiation into community that is the case today. John had two key words that he is recorded as preaching: repent and prepare. His call for repentance was a call to turn away from sin; a call to have a change of heart; a call to turn one's life around and make a fresh start. His call for preparation is in the long line of prophets that includes the great prophet Isaiah from whom we take today's first reading. All of the prophets urged the people towards hope in the future. Isaiah and others spoke specifically of a person – a Messiah – who would bring that hope to reality. But the tradition demanded a readiness for the Messiah and that was the call to preparation that John the Baptist echoed at the beginning of the public life of Jesus.

John's taunting of the Pharisees and Sadducees is an indication of this need for preparation and readiness. He accuses them of being too confident of their own rightness. He demands proof from them of their honest repentance: 'but if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit'. Rather, he suspects that they think that salvation is assured for them by virtue of being a Jew; a son of Abraham. He warns them that an axe hangs poised to cut down any part of the Jewish tradition that is failing to produce good fruit. This is a theme that is picked up later by Jesus himself; you can't be complacent about your own position, you have to welcome the new truth revealed by Jesus and give yourself wholeheartedly to God.

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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

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Anniversaries 4th December to 10th December: Bonnie Ryan, Maureen Richards, Matthew McCormack, Eileen Buckeridge, Michael Beavis oam, Olive Hutchins and Frank Duffy.

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, Gloria & Ron Forbes, 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, David Selva, Pauline Shannon, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Pam Sullivan, Kevin Teasdale, Aldo Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Michelle Williams, 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: 11th December at 9:00am:

(C) Brenda Bissinella (L) Frank Rice (SM) Sandra Duggan, Carmel Rice
(W) Frank & Kaye Nelson.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 6th December at 10:00am:

Remo & Naomi Bianco.

Safeguarding Essentials is a 30-minute online compulsory training module for all volunteers, and will provide you with foundational knowledge in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons from all forms of abuse and harm. You should receive a certificate of completion, and the parish will also receive notification that the module has been completed successfully. To register, you will need your unique Working with Children Check (WWCC) ID and an email address.

If you do not have an email address or access to the internet: group training sessions will be available. Please contact the Parish Office before to register your interest.

To access the training: please visit or click on the below link:

<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>. Detailed instructions can be found on the parish website: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-volunteers/. **Once you have completed the online training, please notify and/or email your certificate to the parish office.**

Reminder: All volunteers must hold a current WWCC and have signed the Code of Conduct. Please contact the Parish Office if you need assistance.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

**** 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.

COUNTERS WANTED! If you are interested in joining the counters team, please contact Daniella at the parish office. A National Police Check (arranged via parish office) and WWCC are required.

Ladies Social Group: lunch on **Wednesday 7th December** at 12-noon at the Barwon Heads Hotel. Please phone or text Julie 0411 578 285 for bookings.

This weekend (3-4 December), we welcome Rev Fr George Hogarty ssc, to the Parish. Fr George will be celebrating Mass at each of our Mass centres whilst Fr Darien is away.

Columban Calendars 2023 now on sale at all churches. \$10.00 each.

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

Children's Liturgy and hospitality at Ocean Grove: both events happening this Sunday, 4th December. All welcome.

A big congratulations to Our Lady Star of the Sea school on their school concert Wednesday evening in the park. It was a fantastic production. It was wonderful to see the learning community back together.

Meditation and Prayer group: weekly group sessions each Tuesday from 10-10:30am at Ocean Grove. All welcome.

Trinity Aid for Refugees will be recommending grocery collections in January 2023, starting with Barwon Heads then rotating monthly across our Parish. Thank you to our generous supporters this year. If you would like to support the Refuge Families in Geelong through December you could donate online to Wesley Church Welcome Place BSB 633 000 Account: 160 305 066. Or contact Shirley 0409 424 243 or email shirleyhurley@inet.net.au.

TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update): From 'Message of Pope John Paul II': Alice Springs 29/11/1986. Your culture, which shows the lasting genius and dignity of your race, must not be allowed to disappear. Do not think that your gifts are worth so little that you should no longer bother to maintain them. Share them with each other and teach them to your children. Your songs, your stories, your paintings, your dances, your languages, must never be lost."

Geelong Catholic Diners Club: you are warmly invited to join us for a social get together for food and friends for our Christmas dinner for 2022. On **Tuesday 13th December 2022 at 6:00pm**. Venue: The Bistro, Belmont Hotel (cnr High St and Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont). Cost: purchase of meals and drink at your own cost. If you wish to come to attend, please phone or text Michael 0431 959 584 or Joan 0429 215 111 by Friday 9th December. Thank you.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 5th December – Monday of 2nd week of Advent

Tuesday 6th December – St Nicholas (Memorial)

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

10:00am Meditation & Prayer group

at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

11:00am Mass with Anointing at Sea Views Manor, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 7th December – St Ambrose (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 8th December – The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Solemnity)

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 9th December – St Juan Diego (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 10th December – Our Lady of Loreto (Memorial)

Sunday 11th December – THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

This weekend, we light the Second Advent candle – the candle of Peace.

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Thought for the Week:

Your vision will become clear only when
you look into your heart.
Who looks outside, dreams.
Who looks inside, awakens.

- Carl Jung.

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