

# The Living Word

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**29 January 2023**

## **First Reading Zep 2:3; 3:12-13**

*In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.*

Seek the Lord  
all you, the humble of the earth,  
who obey his commands.  
Seek integrity,  
seek humility:  
you may perhaps find shelter  
on the day of the anger of the Lord.  
In your midst I will leave  
a humble and lowly people,  
and those who are left in Israel will seek  
refuge in the name of the Lord.  
They will do no wrong,  
will tell no lies;  
and the perjured tongue will no longer  
be found in their mouths.  
But they will be able to graze and rest  
with no one to disturb them.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3**

*(R.) Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*  
or

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the  
blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed  
down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)

3. It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

## **Second Reading 1 Cor 1:26-31**

*God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.*

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

## **Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:12**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Rejoice and be glad;*

*Your reward will be great in heaven.*

*Alleluia!*



## **Gospel Mt 5:1-12**

*Happy are the poor in spirit.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their  
heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for  
what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the  
cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you  
and persecute you and speak all kinds  
of calumny against you on my account.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be  
great in heaven.'

## **Reflection** by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus' teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation.

The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.

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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

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

**Anniversaries 29<sup>th</sup> January to 4<sup>th</sup> February:** Christine James, Faye Scott, Betty O'Connor, Betty Cook, Jim Clark, Heidi Kohler, Jim Peart, Jasper Coghlan and Marie Tucker.

**Please pray for those who are Sick:** Elly Anwyl, Peg Benham, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam 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 Hoyer, 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, Pauline Shannon, Jeannett Stevens, 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: 5<sup>th</sup> February at 9:00am:**

(C) Nan Calnin (L) Brenda Bissinella (SM) Luci Quinn, Florentina Romeo (W) Michael & Barbara Hardy.

**COUNTERS: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 10:00am:**

Mike and Barbara Hardy.

### **SAFEGUARDING UPDATE**

**If you are a volunteer in our parish, have you:**

1. A current Working With Children Check?
2. Signed a Parish Code of Conduct?
3. Done the *Safeguarding Essentials* 30-minute online training?
4. A National Police Check (for counters and collectors only)?

**To make it easier, instead of online training, a group training session is being planned for early February next year.** To register your interest, please contact Jennie Ryan via email: [Queenscliff.Safeguarding@cam.org.au](mailto:Queenscliff.Safeguarding@cam.org.au)

**WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE UPDATES!**

[www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/)

*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 need 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.**

**Silent prayer and reflection** continues at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove, on a fortnightly basis (Tuesdays) from 10-10:30am. Next session will be on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Holy Family Church, Barwon Heads,** is open on Thursdays from 10-11am for private prayer and a cuppa. All welcome.

**Hospitality Sunday in Queenscliff:** resuming next Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> January, in the parish hall immediately following 11am Mass. All welcome!

**Trinity Aid for Refugees** will be recommencing 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, 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](mailto:shirleyhurley@inet.net.au).

**BEST WISHES to all the staff and students as they begin their school year for 2023.** May this year be full of learning, adventures, joy and happiness. Please keep the students, staff and their families in your prayers.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023 for school-aged children:

Enrolments are now open.

**Enrolment & information session:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove.

**Classes to commence:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove.

Please visit our website for the enrolment form and all details.

[www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program-2/](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program-2/)

**Become a member of the Trinity Singers. Help wanted!** Holy Trinity, Queenscliff, needs some more voices to help lead and encourage the congregation at Mass. The initial aim is to sing some of the parts of the Mass and a few familiar hymns, especially for Easter. Practices will be fortnightly at 4:00pm on Sundays beginning on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. If you would like to join us, please speak to or contact Jenny Rafter (0419 592 302) or Von Philp (0438 191 196).

**Ladies Social Group:** lunch at Van Loons Café (405 Grubb Road, Wallington) on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 12 noon**. RSVP Sandra Duggan 0423 047 862. All ladies in the parish most welcome.

**Assumption College Annual Get-together:** The annual event will be held at the Sorrento Hotel on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 12:00pm**. Those travelling from Queenscliff should board the 11:00am ferry. For information and RSVP, contact Fred LeDeux on 0437 096 715 or [banzool@bigpond.com](mailto:banzool@bigpond.com).

**Adult Inquiry about the Catholic Church (RCIA):** our Parish is preparing to have a time for people to make inquiry about the Catholic Church-its beliefs and practices. Sometimes processes such as this allow for people to seek more, and perhaps engage in programs such as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Anyone interested may contact Frank and Carmel Rice, at first through the Parish Office. There is already interest in sharing some of the experience, and it is hoped to include parishioners from time to time in any of the journeying over time.

### + LENT 2023: Lenten Reflection Groups and Booklets +

This Lent, the Faith Development Group has sourced the booklet: 'From Ashes to Hope,' a Lent and Easter resource for individuals and groups from the Diocese of Brisbane. **Estimated cost of the booklets is \$5.00.** The Faith Development and Spirituality Group (FTG) will be facilitating three weekly reflection groups meetings over the 6 weeks of Lent, commencing on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

#### Times & Locations:

- Tuesday mornings, 10:30-12noon, Barwon Heads (K & B Fox)
- Tuesday evenings, 7:30-9pm, Ocean Grove (S & M Gould)
- Wednesday mornings, 10:00-11:30am, Ocean Grove (C & F Rice)

If you are interested in obtaining a book for personal reflection and/or would like to join a reflection group, please contact one of the following:

- Sandra Gould ([sandra@salmandra.com](mailto:sandra@salmandra.com)) on 0418 537 941, or
- Carmel & Frank Rice ([francisrice@inet.net.au](mailto:francisrice@inet.net.au)) on 0417 550 918, or
- Kerin & Bill Fox ([foxeskb@gmail.com](mailto:foxeskb@gmail.com)) on 0407 519 585, or
- Rhonda Boyd ([rboyd1@vtown.com.au](mailto:rboyd1@vtown.com.au)) on 0428 933 673.

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### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Weekday, Ordinary Time 4

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – St John Bosco (Memorial)

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
10:00am Silent Prayer & Reflection at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 4

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)

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

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – St Blaise & St Ansgar (Memorial)

9:00am St Ignatius College Student Leadership Investiture Assembly at Drysdale

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

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 4

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Word of God Sunday



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