

# The Living Word

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

**5 February 2023**

## **First Reading Is 58:7-10**

*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4**

*(R.) A light rises in the darkness for  
the upright.*

*or*

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour (R.)

2. The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

## **Second Reading 1 Cor 2:1-5**

*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

## **Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the light of the world,  
says the Lord;*

*the man who follows me  
will have the light of life.*

*Alleluia!*



## **Gospel Mt 5:13-16**

*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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

We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

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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.

### PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Fr Darien J Sticklen  
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### OFFICE HOURS

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Principal: Ms. Kerry Sells, Tel: 5255 4308

### 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

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

**Recently Deceased:** Susi Sunarsih Binti Radjimin and Fred Cauchi.

**Anniversaries 5<sup>th</sup> February to 11<sup>th</sup> February:** Eileen Marie Moroney, Douglas Sells, Fred Myers, Lorna Peart, Peter Goss, James Considine and Vin Torpy.

**Please pray for those who are Sick:** Elly Anwyll, 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 Faigneux, 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: 12<sup>th</sup> February at 9:00am:**

(C) Peter Dickinson (L) Monica Meagher (SM) Jo Ballard, Marg Lucas  
(W) Frank & Kaye Nelson.

**COUNTERS: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 10:00am:**

Des Harris and Sam Caruana.

### **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.

**Trinity Aid for Refugees grocery collections:** for February, TAR shifts its collection focus to Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove. Donations of dried or canned foods, such as Basmati Rice, Chickpeas, Red Kidney Beans or toiletries or shopping vouchers would be most gratefully received. Thank you for all past and future generosity. Contact: [shirleyhurley@inet.net.au](mailto:shirleyhurley@inet.net.au).

**The Barwon Heads Combined Churches** are meeting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 4:30pm at Holy Family. All welcome.

**THANKS from Trinity Aid for Refugees:** A thank you from TAR for the generous donations for our grocery collection at Holy Family, Barwon Heads.

**Children's Liturgy and hospitality at Ocean Grove:** this Sunday from 9am Mass, all welcome.

**St Vincent de Paul Society meeting** will be held on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February** after 9:15am lay-led liturgy at Ocean Grove.

**Sacramental Program 2023 for school-aged children:** enrolments are now open. Please visit our website for the enrolment form and class 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. 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).

**Assumption College Annual Get-together:** annual event will be held at the Sorrento Hotel on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 12:00pm**. Those travelling from Queenscliff, board the 11:00am ferry. For information & 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.

**TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update):** 'Our Common Home': Pope Francis: "In the unstable neighbourhoods of mega cities, the daily experience of overcrowding and social anonymity can create a sense of uprootedness which spawns antisocial behaviour and violence. Nonetheless, I wish to insist that love always proves more powerful" (p149).

### + 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 6<sup>th</sup> February – St Paul Miki and companions (Memorial)**

11:00am Commencement Mass (whole school) at St Ignatius College, Drysdale

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 5**

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

4:00pm: Sacramental Program Enrolment & Information Session  
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February – St Jerome Emiliani and St Josephine Bakhita (Memorial)**

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

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 5**

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

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – St Scholastica (Memorial)**

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

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Our Lady of Lourdes (Memorial)**  
World Day of Prayer for the Sick

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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