

# The Living Word

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

**12 February 2023**

## **First Reading Eccl 15:15-20**

*He never commanded anyone to be godless.*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,  
to behave faithfully is within your power.  
He has set fire and water before you;  
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.  
Man has life and death before him;  
whichever a man likes better will be given him.  
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;  
he is almighty and all-seeing.  
His eyes are on those who fear him,  
he notes every action of man.  
He never commanded anyone to be godless,  
he has given no one permission to sin.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1**

***(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!***

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,  
who follow God's law!  
They are happy those who do his will,  
seeking him with all their hearts. *(R.)*
2. You have laid down your precepts  
to be obeyed with care.  
May my footsteps be firm  
to obey your statutes. *(R.)*
3. Bless your servant and I shall live  
and obey your word.  
Open my eyes that I may consider  
the wonders of your law. *(R.)*

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes  
and I will keep them to the end.  
Train me to observe your law,  
to keep it with my heart. *(R.)*

## **Second Reading 1 Cor 2:6-10**

*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

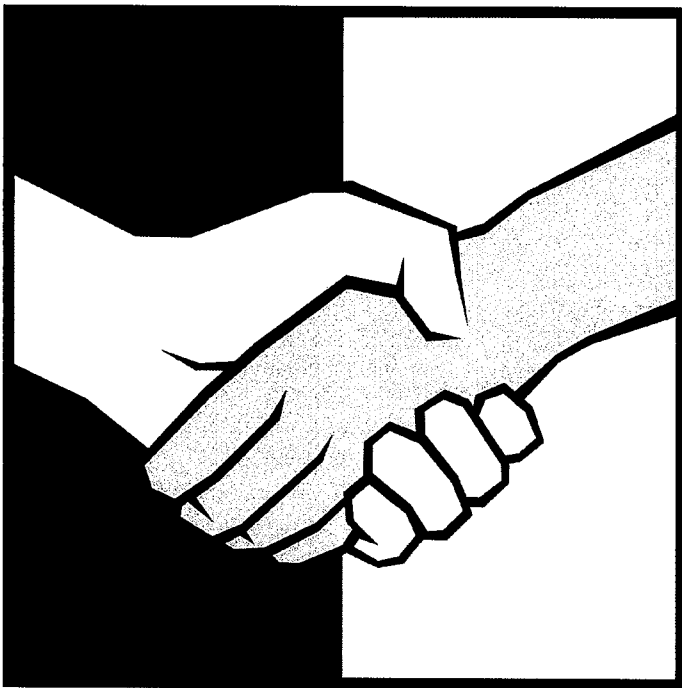
These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

## **Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.***

***Alleluia!***



**Gospel Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37**  
**(or longer form Mt 5:17-37)**

*Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

**Reflection** by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.

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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.

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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**

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

**Anniversaries 12<sup>th</sup> February to 18<sup>th</sup> February:** Lorna Higginbotham, Sylvia Snooks, Laurance Hodgkinson, Rita Coleman, Terry O'Shea, Mary Ross, Paul Shanahan, John Arther, Lawrie Wheelan, Max Dickeson, Peter Robb, and Demetina Revilla.

**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: 19<sup>th</sup> February at 9:00am:**

(C) Janine Fitzpatrick (L) Lachlan Fitzpatrick (SM) Sandra Duggan, Dan O'Meara (W) Kerry Sells, Diane Gent.

**QUEENSCLIFF: 19<sup>th</sup> February at 11:00am:**

(C) Ian D'Cruz (L) Maria D'Cruz (SM) Anne Maree Furphy (W) Roger Furphy.

**COUNTERS: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 10:00am:**

Dan Donovan and David Millie.

### **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. Date to be advised.** 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@iinet.net.au](mailto:shirleyhurley@iinet.net.au).

**A new Ministry Roster for Ocean Grove is scheduled to issue soon.** It would be helpful if Ministry Volunteers would inform Monica on email ([meaghermonica@gmail.com](mailto:meaghermonica@gmail.com)) as to any Sundays you will not be available during roster cycle March-May inclusive. **A separate Roster will be issued for Easter Triduum, ie. Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Vigil.** New parishioners & current parishioners who are not participating in the ministries of Welcome, Lector, Commentator & Special Minister and would like to be involved, kindly contact the Parish office in the first instance. Thank you.



### Upcoming annual appeal and special collection:

- Pastoral Care Appeal, will be held this weekend (11-12 February).

Please give generously, as you always do.

### VOLUNTEER VACANCY: Joint Co-ordinator for Bellarine Parkinsons Support

**Group:** assist in coordinating this friendly, enthusiastic group at monthly meetings in Ocean Grove. Meetings include singing (to improve speech, swallowing and well-being), guest speakers, conversation & afternoon tea. For information contact Jenny Phillips on 0409 387 119 or [bellarineparkys@gmail.com](mailto:bellarineparkys@gmail.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):** Pope St John Paul II's address to Indigenous people in Alice Springs, November 1986. "But for thousands of years you have lived in this land and fashioned a culture that endures to this day. And during all this time, the Spirit of God has been with you. Your "Dreaming", which influences your lives so strongly that, no matter what happens, you remain for ever people of your culture, is your only way of touching the mystery of God's Spirit in you and in creation. You must keep your striving for God and hold on to it in your lives."

### + 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.

## Prayers

### Praying with the Pope in February

#### For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

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### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 6

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Sts Cyril and Methodius (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

4:00pm: Sacramental Program classes begin at Our Lady Star of the Sea,  
Ocean Grove

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 6

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

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 6

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

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 6

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 6

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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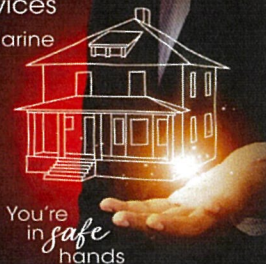


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