

# The Living Word

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

**19 February 2023**

## **First Reading Lv 19:1-2. 17-18**

*You must love your neighbour, as yourself.*

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8**

*(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and  
compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)

4. As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

## **Second Reading 1 Cor 3:16-23**

*All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.*

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation 1 Jn 2:5**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God.***

***Alleluia!***



## **Gospel Mt 5:38-48**

*Love your enemies.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

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

At times it seems we have rewritten the 'Golden Rule' to say: Do unto others before they can do unto you! In saying this we are not encouraging each other to do good, but to be defensive. Jesus tells us to go the extra mile, turn the other cheek, outdo ourselves in generosity and rise above the fray. He is not suggesting that we allow ourselves to be abused, but that we not perpetuate the antagonism out of which the mistreatment arose. He is not advocating passivity, but he is saying that we should not retaliate. Jesus is describing what we today would call active non-resistance, the attitude taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

We are familiar with the answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? We usually interpret it to mean those we do not particularly like. It is important to love them, to be kind to them, to help them when they are in need. But these are not the people whom Jesus is talking about in today's reading. He tells us that the neighbours whom we are to love are those people who do not like us. We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs. We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm. This is indeed a radical teaching.

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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**

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

**Recently Deceased:** Isabel Fitzgerald and Mac Sullivan.

**Anniversaries 19<sup>th</sup> February to 25<sup>th</sup> February:** Pat Farrugia, John Blain, Ann Hoyer, Margaret Elliott, Mernie Foley, Mary Earls and Patricia Scott.

**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, 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 Koertjes, 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, 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: 26<sup>th</sup> February at 9:00am:**

(C) Majella O'Connor (L) Luci Quinn (SM) David O'Connor, Carmel Rice (W)  
Catherine Hayes, Bev O'Meara.

**QUEENSCLIFF: 26<sup>th</sup> February at 11:00am:**

(C) John Hanan (L) Shirley Hurley (SM) Angela Hatch (W) TBA.

**COUNTERS: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 10:00am:**

Emanuel Baglieri and John Calnin.

### 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 28<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).

*Together we pray for the children receiving  
the Sacrament of Baptism this and next weekend.  
Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.*

**TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update) together with the Faith Development Group:** An excerpt from the 'Uluru Statement from the Heart': "We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart."

**World Day of Prayer – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 – Host country: Taiwan**

- Queenscliff will be commemorated at the Uniting Church at 10:00am, followed by morning tea. All welcome.
- Ocean Grove will be commemorated at St Peter's Church of England at 10:00am, followed by morning tea. All welcome.
- Barwon Heads will be commemorated at Holy Family Church at 10:00am, followed by morning tea. All welcome.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** begins Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and continues all through Lent. Resources will be available at each Church very soon.

**Bishop Robert Rabbat's Syrian Earthquake Appeal:** The Melkite Catholic Eparchy have asked us to share with you and your parish communities, Bishop Robert Rabbat's Syrian Earthquake Appeal. For those who would like to donate, contributions can be made by donating to: MCF DGR Account, Ref: Syrian Appeal, BSB: 062784, Account: 100011493. Donations are tax deductible and for a receipt please email: [mcf@melkite.org.au](mailto:mcf@melkite.org.au) or contact 02 9750 5514 for more information.

**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).

**St Vincent de Paul Society 2023 Festival Mass:** The 2023 Festival Mass will be held on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March** at Nazareth Church, Grovedale. Mass will commence at **7:00pm**, followed by commissioning of presidents & volunteers & presentation of service awards. A key feature of the night will be the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Grovedale Conference. Former members of Grovedale Conference are particularly invited to attend. The night will conclude with supper and an informal gathering.

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**LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 7**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – St Peter Damian (Memorial)**

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day!)

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – ASH WEDNESDAY  
LENT**

**9:15am** Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff  
with St Aloysius school students attending

**12:00pm** Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
with OLSOS school Years 3-6 students attending

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

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

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Friday after Ash Wednesday**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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*Thought for the Week:*

Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead. The consciousness of loving and being loved brings a warmth and a richness to life that nothing else can bring.  
Who, being loved, is poor?

- Oscar Wilde.



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