

The Living Word

First Sunday of Lent, Year A

26 February 2023

First Reading Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. (R.)
3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:12-19 (or Shorter form Rom 5:12, 17-19)

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!*

*No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.*

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endless glory!*



Gospel Mt 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth
of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus was offered three shortcuts for his ministry. Firstly, exceptional powers to satisfy his own needs (bread out of stones). Secondly, when he needed to take risks, angels to keep him safe. Thirdly, when he wanted to change the world, absolute political power.

These were the Temptations of Christ, but also for us. If you or I are tempted to sin, we will find the marks of this threefold pattern. We want the whole world to change to satisfy us, or we want to take stupid risks and come out unscathed, or we want to exercise total power over others.

How can we try to follow Jesus without the shortcuts of the fantasy world which the Devil may offer? Note that Jesus resisted each temptation with: 'It is written'. The forty days of Lent are a perfect opportunity to read what 'is written' in the Gospels about the episodes and pattern of the life of Jesus Christ.

We could pause for a moment to find what is written and to imitate what we find. That is how the Devil is defeated.

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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

First Sunday of Lent Year A

Recently Deceased: Alistair Cameron, Ned Clements and Gottfried Strasser.

Anniversaries 26th February to 4th March: John Sherlock, Gabrielle Millar, Trish Woolley, Alma Gist, Francis McMahon, Peter Gardiner, Terrance Gray, Jessie Naylor, Herbert Allen, Allan Fossey, George Simpson and Kyle Neal.

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 Koerntjes, Margaret Leahy, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Picc, 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: 5th March at 9:00am:

(C) Frank Rice (L) Brenda Bissinella (SM) Sandra Duggan, Carmel Rice
(W) Michael & Barbara Hardy.

QUEENSCLIFF: 5th March at 11:00am:

(C) Adrian Redfern (L) Sam Sammut (SM) Von Philp, Jenny Rafter (W) TBA.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 28th February at 10:00am:

Remo & Naomi Bianco.

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

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE UPDATES!

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 28th February.**

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

Hospitality at Queenscliff: the monthly morning tea following Sunday 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff will now take place on the first Sunday of each month. Next event will be on **Sunday 5th March.** 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.

Parish Office Update: Daniella will be on annual leave from Tuesday 28th February to Friday 3rd March (inclusive). The office will be open during 10am and 1pm from Tuesday to Friday as usual.

Celebrating Carmel Kenworthy, our Holy Family's organist. 95 years young and still putting music in our hearts. Wishing you a very Happy Birthday & many blessings for your day and years to follow.

TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update) together with the Faith Development Group: An excerpt from the 'Uluru Statement from the Heart': "Our Aboriginal and Torres Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the continent and its adjacent islands, and possessed it under our own laws and customs". This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from time immemorial, and according to science more than 60,000 years ago."



PROJECT COMPASSION began Wednesday 22nd February and will continue all through Lent. Resources are available at each Church.

Ladies Social Group: lunch on **Wednesday 1st March** at **12-noon** at Nelly's at the Pier, Queenscliff. Please text or call Julie 0411 578 285 to book.

World Day of Prayer – Friday 3rd 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.

We were delighted to host the **Year 11 students from MacKillop College, Werribee**, on retreat in Queenscliff this week.

St Vincent de Paul Society 2023 Festival Mass: The 2023 Festival Mass will be held on **Thursday 9th 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 27th February – Monday of the 1st week of Lent

Tuesday 28th February – Tuesday of the 1st week of Lent

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 1st March – Wednesday of the 1st week of Lent

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
11:00 Funeral Prayer Service for Gottfried Strasser
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
1:30pm Memorial Service of Ned Clements
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 2nd March – Thursday of the 1st week of Lent

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
with OLSOS Year 4 students attending

Friday 3rd March – Friday of the 1st week of Lent

AUTUMN EMBER DAY | World Day of Prayer
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 4th March – Saturday of the 1st week of Lent

Sunday 5th March – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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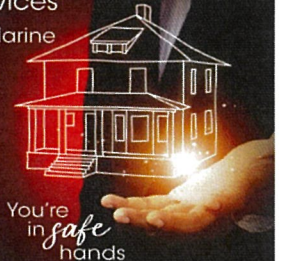
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