

# The Living Word

**Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A**

**19 March 2023**

## **First Reading 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13**

*In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 22 R. v.1**

***(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your  
staff;  
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
In the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
My cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall  
follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. (R.)

## **Second Reading Eph 5:8-14**

*Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.

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

***Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!***



## Gospel Jn 9:1-41

*The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord, by the power of his word alone, could have healed the dis-ease of this man, blind since birth. Yet, he made a paste with spittle and put it over the eyes of the blind man. Just as God would have moistened the dust of the earth to shape the first human being, for the blind man, it was as though he had been created anew.

God rarely works by telepathy but has a preferred way of working through the elements of creation, especially in the Sacraments. So, with the Anointing of the Sick, pressing olive oil onto the forehead and hands of the sick or dying symbolises the Holy Spirit entering the very pores of the sick person, relieving that person of undue anxiety and giving strength for the next stage of life.

This sacrament is a formal ritual of healing by the Church. But there are a million informal ways, such as putting one's arm around someone who is lonely or unwell, which are sacramental to the world.

We could pause for a moment that we might go into the world like the man healed by Jesus, eyes wide open to see where we might exercise the healing power of the Lord of the Gospel.

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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

## Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A

**Recently Deceased:** Patrick Barry, Vicki Aquilina and Vincent Ross.

**Anniversaries 19<sup>th</sup> March to 25<sup>th</sup> March:** Lucy McDonald, Noeleen Nielson-Moyle and Nell Kean.

**Please pray for those who are Sick:** Elly Anwyl, Peg Benham, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Brian Cotter, Connie D'Amico, Benedict Darby, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Margaret Dyer, Gloria 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 Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, George Marshall, Belinda Monterosso, Nan Nagle, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Sean Richards, Betty Rushton, Pauline Shannon, Jean Smurthwaite, 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> March at 9:00am:**

(C) Liz Frazer (L) Maureen Earls (SM) Jenny Cole, Carmel Rice  
(W) Kerryn Sells, Diane Gent.

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

(C) John Hanan (L) Shirley Hurley (SM) Eva Millie (W) Terry Philp.

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

Mike and Barbara Hardy.

### **SAFEGUARDING – NEW INFORMATION, 17 MARCH 2023**

To comply with our "Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy", we need to have complete, accurate and up to date information for all our volunteers. Over the coming weeks, if you volunteer in our parish, you will receive a document outlining the information we are currently holding and ask that you confirm the details or provide up to date information in the event of either incorrect or missing details. Volunteers must have:

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)

\*\*A group training session is currently 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) or call the parish office on Thursdays.

[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.*

**Christian Meditation & Prayer** continues at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove, on a fortnightly basis. Next session: **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 10-10:30am.**

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

**PROJECT COMPASSION** continues and will run all through Lent. Resources are available at each Church.

**TAR (Trinity Aid for Refugees) grocery collection:** during March, Queenscliff & Point Lonsdale Parishioners are asked to contribute to the Grocery Collection box. 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).

**Caritas Australia - Türkiye-Syria Earthquake Disaster appeal:** visit [www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey](http://www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

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

**TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update):** 'Uluru Statement from the Heart' (Cont.): "With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe our ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia's nationhood. Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future."

**FIAT – Celebrating Mary's 'YES' – Feast of the Annunciation:** Archbishop Peter Comensoli is asking every parish to participate in a special project of prayer commencing 6:00pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March and concluding at 6:00pm Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March (the Feast of the Annunciation is observed on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March). At our Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, the Council decided in consensus to hold a **Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00am to 9:00am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March prior to the beginning of Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove.** This time and place is noted on the Melbourne Archdiocese website.

#### NOTE FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nominations are called for the next term of the PPC, commencing on July 1, 2023. Parishioners may nominate themselves or another parishioner. If someone is nominated by another, that person will be contacted prior to proceeding with the process. Nominations are to be made by contacting Fr. Darien before mid-April. As PPC members must stand down after serving two terms, we will especially need new representatives from Barwon Heads.

**Sr Nola Morrissy RSM:** We're sure you will remember Sr. Nola working in our Parish with us until she was given a three-year appointment as leader of the Sisters of Mercy in South Australia. That appointment has now concluded, and Sister is back amongst us as a parishioner, as she is now living in Ocean Grove. As a parishioner, Sister will be keen to join in the life of the Parish in areas in which there is a need.

#### Sacred Heart College Geelong – upcoming events:

- Discovery Day, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Visit [www.shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au)
- Circle of Mercy, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 7:00-8:30pm. Webinar by Sr Elizabeth Young RSM. To book: [www.trybooking.com/CGNG](http://www.trybooking.com/CGNG). For more information, please see flyer posted in each Church narthex.

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#### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March – ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Solemnity)**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Tuesday of the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent**  
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Wednesday of the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent**  
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Thursday of the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent**  
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
with OLSOS Year 6 students attending

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Friday of the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent**  
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March – The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD (Solemnity)**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
8:00am Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove (prior to 9am Mass)

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*Thought for the Week:*

Praise is like sunlight to the human spirit:  
we cannot flower and grow without it.

- Jess Lair.

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