

The Living Word

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A

26 March 2023

First Reading Ez 37:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129. R. v.7

*(R.) With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption*

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. (R.)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your

interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 11:25. 26

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.*

Gospel Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies



he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me
will never die.
Do you believe this?

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.
I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak
for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent
me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come forth!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Reflection *by Fr Michael Tate*

This Gospel tells us that Our Lord was moved with compassion in an almost violent way, raging against the seeming finality of death. The raising of Lazarus was a demonstration of his power to rob death of its supposed supremacy.

But, Our Lord did not set Lazarus completely free! You may think that to be raised from the dead was not a bad start, but Lazarus was still shuffling: bound, constrained, constricted by the past. To those gathered around the tomb Jesus issued the command: 'Set him free, unbind him.' It was the collective effort of others which enabled Lazarus to walk as a liberated son of God.

You may find yourself commanded by the Lord to help unbind a person who has had a deadening experience which has drained them of life. We get the courage to respond because it is the command of the One who definitively conquered death.

We could pause for a moment to resolve to help liberate others already helped by the grace of Him whom we believe to be *the Resurrection and the Life*.

mtate@bigpond.com

The psalm responses are from the English Translation of the Lectionary for the Mass ©1981 International Committee on English in the Liturgy Inc.(ICEL). All rights reserved. The psalm texts, from *The Psalms, A New Translation*, ©1963 by The Grail, England and used by permission of the publishers. The scriptural quotations are taken from the *Jerusalem Bible*, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers.
© 2017 Creative Ministry Resources Pty Ltd
All use must be in accordance with your user licensing agreement.

HOLY TRINITY

CATHOLIC PARISH

Incorporating the Mass centres and communities of

Holy Family Our Lady Star of the Sea Holy Trinity
101 Hitchcock Av 68 John Dory Drive 34 Stevens St
Barwon Heads Ocean Grove Queenscliff

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

Parish Secretary: Mrs Daniella Sutera

Baptism Preparation:

Mrs Bel Campbell, Mrs Margaret-Mary Flynn,
Mrs Maria Sammut

Parish Mission Ambassador:

Ms Josephine Barnes

Holy Communion to the sick:

Jo Ballard, Sue Condon, Judy Considine, Louise Frances,
Genevieve Malone, Eva Millie, David O'Connor,
Majella O'Connor, Von Philp

Safeguarding & Admin Support:

Ms Jennie Ryan

PARISH OFFICE & PRESBYTERY

34 Stevens Street, Queenscliff 3225

Telephone: (03) 5258 1673

Email: queenscliff@cam.org.au

Website: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
10:00am to 1:00pm (excluding public holidays)

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St. Aloysius, Queenscliff

Principal: Ms. Miriam Leahy, Tel: 5258 1736

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Principal: Ms. Kerryn 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

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A

Recently Deceased: Jean Smurthwaite.

Anniversaries 26th March to 1st April: Lina Tacconelli, Margaret Nicholson, Val Connor, Betty Deal, Suzie Dodd, Joan Kirwan, David Wood, Bill Whybrow and Bernard 'Bernie' Mithen.

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 Fraiseux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Kerin Hoye, 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, 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: 2nd April at 9:00am:

(C) Geraldine Rainey (L) Peter Dickinson (SM) Janine Fitzpatrick, Judy Considine (W) Margaret Donovan, Marg Lucas.

QUEENSCLIFF: 2nd April at 11:00am:

(C) Adrian Redfern (L) Michael Scott (SM) Maria Sammut (W) Roger Furphy.

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

Des Harris and Sam Sammut.

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 or call the parish office on Thursdays.

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.

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

PROJECT COMPASSION continues to the end of Lent. Resources are available at each Church. A good time to bring your offerings is the Mass on Holy Thursday.

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.

Spare palms fronds: about 3-4 metres in length, if anyone can spare for Ocean Grove Church, please contact Cathy Hayes on 0409 021 149.

Hospitality Sunday: will take place on **Sunday 2nd April** following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. ALL WELCOME!

TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update): 'Uluru Statement from the Heart' (Cont.): "... this is the torment of our powerlessness. We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people to take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country."

THIS SUNDAY, 26th March: FIAT – Celebrating Mary's 'YES' – Feast of the Annunciation: Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from **8:00am to 9:00am on Sunday 26th March** prior to the beginning of Mass at **Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove.**

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 event:

- Circle of Mercy, Thursday 30th March 7:00-8:30pm. Webinar by Sr Elizabeth Young RSM. To book: www.trybooking.com/CGNG. For more information, please see flyer posted in each Church narthex.

+ + +

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 27th March – Monday of the 5th week of Lent

Tuesday 28th March – Tuesday of the 5th week of Lent
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 29th March – Wednesday of the 5th week of Lent
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 30th March – Thursday of the 5th week of Lent
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
with OLSOS Year 1 students attending

Friday 31st March – Friday of the 5th week of Lent
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 1st April – Saturday of the 5th week of Lent

Sunday 2nd April – PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD
Holy Week

** Remember to bring your own palms, olive branches or other sprigs of greenery to be blessed at each Mass **

+ + +

The Resurrection Cross

Again this year, with the agreement of the Parish Pastoral Council, our intention is have a special cross in place for the Easter Season at Our Lady Star of the Sea, where our whole parish, the wider community and many visitors come together for Holy Week, school holidays and, in May, the Sacrament of Confirmation. Marking the change of liturgical season in this kind of way is seen in many Catholic churches - examples below: St Francis church, Melbourne and Notre Dame de Paris, France.



Anthony & Letitia Dowling
with the friendly team you know and trust.

2 Park Lane, Ocean Grove VIC 3226

Phone: 5255 5655

Email: info@oceaneyes.com.au

Visit: www.oceaneyes.com.au



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Vinnies No Interest Loan Scheme ("NILS")

Geelong Vinnies NILS provides people on pensions & low incomes with loans up to \$1500 for essentials such as whitegoods, TVs, computers, medical & dental services, car repairs, etc... with absolutely no interest or fees! For further information, contact Vinnies NILS Tel 5229 8829 or email enquiries.nils@vinniesnils.org.au.

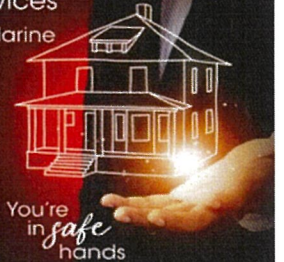


Nelson Property
Transfer Services
Geelong & Bellarine

Looking to buy, sell
or transfer property?

Contact Frank Nelson

0413 017 053
bellarine@npts.com.au



LOCAL EXPERTS

74 HESSE STREET, QUEENSCLIFF | 5258 2833

3/80 THE TERRACE, OCEAN GROVE | 5255 1721

bellarine@fletchers.net.au

fletchers.net.au

IT'S A FLETCHERS THING

CHARLIE'S MAINTENANCE CO

General maintenance, gardening, cleaning and tiling. Servicing the Bellarine and Geelong areas. Contact Charlie on 0413 609 170 or email charlie.sutera76@gmail.com.

Do you need Residential Aged Care?

50% off respite fees for March.

Estia Health Leopold has current vacancies for both respite and permanent care. To look at our lovely home or any further questions, please call Gabrielle on 0416 336 841.

52 Ash Road, Leopold. Ph: 5250 2156.

