

The Living Word

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

7 May 2023

First Reading *Acts 6:1-7*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The Word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22*

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
On those who hope in his love,
To rescue their souls from death,
To keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Second Reading *1 Pt 2:4-9*

A Reading from the First Letter of St Peter.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious comestone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The Word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *Jn 14:6*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;

no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Jn 14:1-12*

The Lord be with you. R. And with your spirit.

✠ *A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.*

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;

If there were not, I would have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,

and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am

you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'



Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, they will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection *by Greg Sunter*

The gospel readings for this week and next week shift the focus away from the resurrection and begin to set us up for the departure of Jesus from the earth – the Ascension – and the sending of the Holy Spirit – the Pentecost event.

Today's gospel passage comes from the very long Last Supper discourse in the gospel of John. When Jesus speaks about 'going away' for a time it could be interpreted as the period of his death and rising that are about to occur in the chronology of the story. However, the gospel of John is written a very long time after the death of Jesus; perhaps as much as 70 years after Jesus. Given this period of time between the events and the writing, we know that the writer was also referring to this longer time of Jesus 'going away'. By the time of the writing of this gospel the early Christians were starting to come to terms with the fact that Jesus probably wasn't going to return in their lifetime. They had seen the devastating destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans in 70CE which they thought had signalled the end of all time. However, here they were, still alive and still no sign of Jesus' return.

The theme of being present and being absent is very strong in this gospel. The discussion about Jesus and the Father being one is part of this theme. Jesus is God present in the world. God has come to dwell among the people. When Jesus speaks of preparing rooms in the Father's house, it is a reference to preparing the disciples to 'live' in God; to dwell in God just as God has dwelt in the people.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
Sunday 9:30am, Mass for St Sebastian
Mission, 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 before or after weekday Masses if needed.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Visit our website for all information or contact Parish office
www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/

COLUMBARIUM

Please visit www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/about-us/parish-columbarium/

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Anniversaries 7th May to 13th May: Anthony Buhagiar, Emidia Buhagiar, Michaelangelo Gatt, Rita Gatt, Margaret Nott, Josephine Carpenter, Lois Peace, Emily Stoneman, Harold Elliott, Gregory Duffy, Simon Millie, Frank O'Connor, Helen Jackiewicz, Giacomo Scruideri, Elaine Boyce, June Myers, Brigitte Lyons and Alma Corby.

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, Pat Dickeson, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Margaret Dyer, Gloria Forbes, Nell Fraiseux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Mary Grundy, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, George Marshall, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), 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: 14th May at 9:00am:

(C) Peter Dickinson (L) Catherine Hayes (SM) Jo Ballard, Marg Lucas
(W) Frank & Kaye Nelson.

QUEENSCLIFF: 14th May at 11:00am:

(C) Sam Sammut (L) Maria Sammut (SM) Eva Millie (W) Roger Furphy.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 9th May at 10:00am:

Mike & Barbara Hardy.

SAFEGUARDING – IMPORTANT UPDATE – 5TH MAY 2023

"Safeguarding Essentials" group training has now been scheduled for volunteers that HAVE NOT completed the on-line course. Completion of this unit is mandatory requirement for all volunteers including Lectors, Commentators, Welcomers and members of Committees or Groups.

Date: Saturday 8th July **Time:** 1pm to 2:30pm

Location: Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove

Presenter: Rosemary Teed, Safeguarding Office for Western Region of Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

RSVP BY FRIDAY 30TH JUNE to Jennie Ryan at

Queenscliff.Safeguarding@cam.org.au or call the parish office.

Thank you to everyone that has reviewed and confirmed their "Volunteer Contact Information" document. To date, emails have been sent to members of the Pastoral Council Faith Development & Finance Committees and Counters. I would appreciate it if you could check your inbox for an email from Queenscliff Safeguarding, review the document and confirm the details or provide up to date information where necessary. We are still in the process of contacting all volunteers so don't worry if you haven't been contacted as yet.

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.

Hospitality Sunday: will take place this Sunday, 7th May, following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. ALL WELCOME!

Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR) thanks everyone who has donated Groceries, Vouchers and Money so far this year. We will resume rotating the collection boxes in a few months. In the meantime anyone wanting to give support could email shirleyhurley@iinet.net.au or donate directly to Wesley Church Welcome Place: BSB 633 000, Account 160 305 066.

Mass Count for May 2023: the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne has requested each Parish to record Mass attendance numbers during Mass.

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

Ocean Grove Ministry Roster: it would be helpful if Ministry Volunteers would inform Monica on email (meaghermonica@gmail.com) as to any Sundays you will not be available during the roster cycle June - August inclusive. Thank you.

The Faith Development and Spirituality Group is planning three mid-winter reflection group meetings on the following Sunday afternoons at 2.30pm: 25th June, 2nd July and 9th of July to be held in Ocean Grove. More details to follow. Topic: *Reflecting on the Uluru Statement from the Heart.*

TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update): 'From the Address of Pope St John Paul II to the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in Alice Springs, Nov. 1986...' 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 forever people of your culture, is your only way of touching the mystery of God's Spirit in you and in creation."

Upcoming Day Programs at Santa Casa, Queenscliff:

- **Tuesday 9th May** – *Mysticism: a beginner's guide.* Presenter: Drew Lawson.
- **Wednesday 10th May** – *The Quaker approach to prayer.* Presenter: Drew Lawson.
- **Friday 12th May** – *Reading Matthew's Gospel with Ecological Eyes.* Presenter: Sr Elizabeth Dowling rsm.

To register: contact Sr Lizzie at Santa Casa via phone 0418 194 261 or email santacasa@ismapng.com.au.

Full 2023 schedule: <https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/day-programs-2023-at-santa-casa-retreat-centre/>.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 8th May – Monday of the 5th week of Easter

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

Wednesday 10th May – St John de Avila (Memorial)
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff with St Aloysius Prep-Year 3 students attending

Thursday 11th May – Thursday of the 5th week of Easter
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

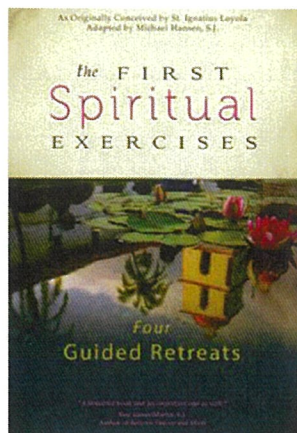
(staff attending Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Parish Admin Forum)
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 12th May – Sts Nereus and Achilleus, St Pancras (Memorial)
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 13th May – Our Lady of Fatima (Memorial)
Confirmation Day for Year 6 Candidates with Bishop Martin Ashe

Sunday 14th May – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Mother's Day
World Communications Day


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Inner Peace in Divine Love – the First Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola:

Fr. Javier Diaz SJ together with Anne Thomas from Geelong CLC will guide this retreat 'in daily life' – also called a *retreat for busy people*. There will be an introductory group session for all who wish to participate at 5:00pm on Sunday 21st May. After that, there will be flexibility around weekly meeting times for smaller groups over the 4 weeks of the retreat. For more details, please see the brochure and application form. There will be printed copies of the brochure & application forms available at our churches, as well as on our website. There is no cost involved in making this retreat, unless people wish to purchase the book by Michael Hansen SJ. We have copies of this beautiful book in stock. Otherwise, we have permission to photocopy and print handouts, so there need be no cost except your time.


Holy Trinity Sunday Afternoon Musical Concert: it is proposed that a Sunday afternoon concert be held this year, possibly November. A Planning Team of 10 people approximately, is needed. Seeking interested and enthusiastic people to join a team in bringing our 3 church communities including our 2 schools together – to bring this opportunity to fruition. Barwon Heads seeking 3 people; Queenscliff, 1, needing 2 others. Ocean Grove has 3 people on board. Please contact Maureen Earls (OG) on 0407 513 856.



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