

The Living Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

14 May 2023

First Reading

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result, there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

Psalm Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!
(R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Pt 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and
we will come to them.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:15-21

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:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth



whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer
see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my
Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anyone who receives my
commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anyone who loves me will be loved
by my Father,
and I shall love them and show myself to
them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection *by Greg Sunter*

Although this week's gospel passage comes from the Last Supper discourse, it is the perfect reading for this time in the liturgical cycle. In next week's liturgy we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and the following week we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This week's reading is the perfect precursor to these coming weeks. Prior to this section of the Last Supper discourse, Jesus has told the disciples that he will be leaving them. He alludes to that fact again in this section but also spells out that he will ask the Father to send to the disciples another advocate (sometimes translated as paraclete or counsellor). By referring to the Spirit as 'another' advocate or paraclete, Jesus names himself as having been an advocate. The Spirit is to continue the work that Jesus has begun in and with the disciples, standing as witness and strength for them to help them when the world turns against them.

Jesus says to the disciples that 'In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.' Christian people believe that Christ continues to be present in the world even though he is no longer physically present. Jesus' reference to 'the world' is a reference to those who do not believe. It is only those who believe who continue to recognise and affirm his ongoing presence in the world. Whilst the Spirit, the advocate or paraclete, will act in the world to bring about the reign of God, it is in the hearts and minds of those who believe where the Spirit will act most strongly.

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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/

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Recently Deceased: Martin Brown and Pauline Shannon.

Anniversaries 14th May to 20th May: Matthew Ryan, Rosalba Mastroianni, Valerie Masters, Frank Hayden, Bill Holland, Joan O'Dowd, Arthur Richards, Alberta Sargeant, Johanna Jansen, Helen Dunn, Anne Larkins, Fr Kevin Casey, Kevin Shannon, Barry Macfarlane, Dorothy Freeman-Smith and Kevin Miller.

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 Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Martin & 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, Frank Nelson, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Picc, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Geraldine Richards, Sean Richards, Betty Rushton, 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: 21st May at 9:00am:

(C) Anthony Dowling (L) Majella O'Connor (SM) Sandra Duggan, David O'Connor (W) Kerryn Sells, Diane Gent.

QUEENSCLIFF: 21st May at 11:00am:

(C) Bob Merriman (L) John Hanan (SM) Angela Hatch (W) Sam Caruana.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 16th May at 10:00am:

Des Harris & David Millie.

SAFEGUARDING – IMPORTANT UPDATE – 5TH MAY 2023

The "Safeguarding Essentials" group training has now been scheduled – details below. We strongly encourage volunteers that have not completed the online course to attend. The training session is mandatory for all volunteers who give their time in any capacity. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

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.

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.

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

Together we pray for the Year 6 Candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend with Bishop Martin Ashe and the Sacramental Program children receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation next week. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

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..." "You must keep your striving for God and hold on to it in your lives. The rock paintings and the discovered evidence of your ancient tools and implements indicate the presence of your age-old culture and prove your ancient occupancy of this land...Your culture, which shows the lasting genius and dignity of your race, must not be allowed to disappear."

Upcoming Day Programs at Santa Casa, Queenscliff:

- **Tuesday 30th May** – *Self Care: enhancing health and wellbeing.* Presenter: Sr Nicole Rotaru rsm.
- **Wednesday 31st May** – *This Love Called Fire: delving deeper into de Chardin's cosmic consciousness.* Presenter: Sr Madeline Duckett rsm.
- **Thursday 1st June** – *Creation in Crisis: responding in the spirit of Laudato Si.* Presenter: Sr Margie Abbott rsm
- **Friday 2nd June** – *God and the Ordinary: exploring through poetry and art.* Presenter: Sr Mary Wicklam 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 15th May – Monday of the 6th week of Easter

Tuesday 16th May – Tuesday of the 6th week of Easter

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

6:00pm First Reconciliation Service for Sacramental Program children at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 17th May – Wednesday of the 6th week of Easter

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 18th May – St John I (Memorial)

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

Friday 19th May – Friday of the 6th week of Easter

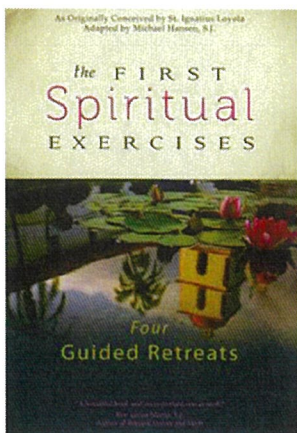
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 20th May – St Bernardine of Siena (Memorial)

Sunday 21st May – The ASCENSION of the LORD (Solemnity)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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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'.

Introductory group session: Sunday 21st May at 5pm at the Parish Hall in Queenscliff. After that, there will be flexibility around weekly meeting times for smaller groups over the 4 weeks of the retreat. For full details, please visit our website:

<https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/je-suit-clc-retreat-in-daily-life-21-05-2023-18-06-2023-inner-peace-in-divine-love-the-first-spiritual-exercises/>.



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This Sunday is Mother's Day. We pray for all women who play a mothering role, that they will be sustained in their care of their children and young ones. We pray for all those families who are separated physically or emotionally.



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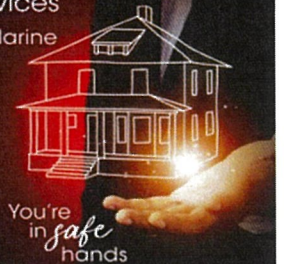
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