

The Living Word

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

25 June 2023

First Reading Jer 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace
will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe
with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you
will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

**(R.) Lord, in your great love,
answer me.**

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my
brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)

3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants
in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth
give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

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.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Spirit of Truth will bear witness
to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!**



Gospel Mt 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:
'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

'Do not be afraid' is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to 'be not afraid' or 'fear not' appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today's gospel passage is part of the sending out of the Twelve that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It follows a little later in the chapter from last week's reading in which Jesus called the Twelve and sent them out as Apostles. The remainder of the chapter provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. But then the teaching comes to the section of today's passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, 'Do not be afraid'.

The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being 'squeezed out' and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus.

It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself.

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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.

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For all other parish ministries, including RCIA, Sacramental Program, Men Alive, Faith Development & Spirituality Group, St Vincent de Paul local Conference, Trinity Aid for Refugees, etc., please visit:

www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au

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OFFICE HOURS

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PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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Principal: Ms. Miriam Leahy, Tel: 5258 1736
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
Principal: Ms. Kerry Sells, Tel: 5255 4308

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/

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Recently Deceased: Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini.

Anniversaries 25th June to 1st July: Sharon Kingsbury, Frank Walsh, John Coon, Jack Egan, Peter Fitzpatrick, Maureen Clarke and Pat Heddrick.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Elly Anwyl, Peg Benham, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Brian Cotter, Connie D'Amico, Jack Davin, Pat Dickeson, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Gloria Forbes, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Margaret Gladstone, Martin & Mary Grundy, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, George Marshall, Belinda Monterosso, Annette Mullany, 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, 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: 25th June at 9:00am:

(C) Geraldine Rainey (L) Peter Dickinson (SM) Janine Fitzpatrick, Judy Considine (W) Nan Calnin, Diane Gent.

QUEENSCLIFF: 25th June at 11:00am:

(C) Bob Merriman (L) John Hanan (SM) Angela Hatch (W) Sandra Gould.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 27th June at 10:00am:

Mike & Barbara Hardy.

SAFEGUARDING – IMPORTANT UPDATE – 6TH JUNE 2023

The "Safeguarding Essentials" group training is scheduled. We strongly encourage volunteers who 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

NEW Location: Our Lady Star of the Sea School, Ocean Grove

RSVP BY FRIDAY 30TH JUNE to Jennie Ryan at

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

Thank you to everyone who 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 on **Sunday 2nd July** following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. ALL WELCOME!

Morning Tea at Holy Family, Barwon Heads – Thursday 6th July: all welcome to morning tea at 10:00am, just bring yourselves.

We wish the principals, staff, students and families a happy and restful school holiday Winter break.

Santa Casa, Queenscliff, is looking for another part time casual cook: school friendly hours (9am-3pm) and great working conditions! If you are interested, please contact Sr Lizzie Finnerty RSM on 0418 194 261 or email santacasa@ismapng.com.au.

Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR): 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. You are welcome to visit Queenscliff Rural Aid for Refugees www.queenscliffar.org.

Upcoming annual appeal and special collection:

- Peter's Pence, will be held this weekend (24th-25th June).
Please give generously, as you always do

WINTER REFLECTION SESSIONS

The Faith Development and Spirituality Group (FDG) have prepared three winter reflection sessions focussing on The Uluru Statement from the Heart

When: Sundays 25th June, 2nd July and 9th July from 2:30-4pm.

Location: Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School, Ocean Grove.

If you are interested in attending one or more sessions, please advise Rhonda Boyd, Sandra Gould or Kerin Fox by either phone or email:

Rhonda: 0428 933 673 | rboyd1@vtown.com.au

Sandra: 0418 537 941 | Sandra@salmandra.com

Kerin: 0407 519 585 | foxeskb@gmail.com

You are still very welcome to all or any of the sessions, even if you forget to respond. **Come join us as we reflect and walk together.**

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 did not spoil the land, use it up, exhaust it, and then walk away from it. You realized that your land was related to the source of life. The silence of the bush taught you a quietness of soul that put you in touch with another world, the world of God's Spirit".

NOTES FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

1. In the next step of the "Take the Way of the Gospel" lay people and clergy have been invited to a 3-stage Diocesan-wide consultation. The first stage of consultation, "Leading for Mission" considered the questions: How might we express the missionary vision of our Archdiocese? What support do Parishes need to bring about this desired future? The report from this first round of consultation mirrors very closely our own discussions at Holy Trinity Parish. The challenge of taking up "missionary discipleship"; need for hospitality; connecting with the "disengaged"; linking with schools; engaging young people; communities having a "clear vision"; formation and training for lay leadership; clergy support; adopting new technologies. A few copies of this consultation report are available at each Church and it is also available on the Parish website.
2. The membership of the PPC as from July 1, 2023 will be:
Fr. Darien, President
Primary School Principals: Kerry Sells, Miriam Leahy
Barwon Heads: Kerry Sidaway, Susan Weston (Vacancy exists for one more member)
Ocean Grove: Josephine Barnes, Liz Frazer, Bernard Attard, Maureen Earls
Queenscliff/Point Lonsdale: Adrian Redfern, Michael Scott, John Hanan
3. Parishioners are reminded of the information and resources that are available on the Holy Trinity Parish website: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au. It is worthy of frequent checking as new information is being constantly added.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 26th June – Weekday, Ordinary Time 12

Tuesday 27th June – St Cyril of Alexandria (Memorial)

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

Wednesday 28th June – Weekday, Ordinary Time 12

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

Thursday 29th June – Sts Peter and Paul (Solemnity)

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

Friday 30th June – First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 1st July – Weekday, Ordinary Time 12

Sunday 2nd July – 13th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

A message from Fr Kevin Dillon: Temporary Use of Car – URGENT NEED: an heroic lady who is a recent widow with significant health issues requiring ongoing medical treatment, and who is caring for 2 adult children with disabilities, is in urgent need of a reliable vehicle in good order – if possible as a loan for 2-3 months. Her own car has "died" and is not worth repairing. Her story, if it was told, is an extraordinary mix of courage and heartbreak. Do you know someone who might help? Any additional insurance required will be covered. For further information, contact Fr Kevin Dillon on 0421 777 360 or frkdillon@outlook.com.au.



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