

The Living Word

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

2 July 2023

First Reading 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim
your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for
ever,
that your truth is firmly established as
the heavens. (R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of
their bliss. (R.)

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of
their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is
exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One
of Israel. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy people.**

**Praise God who called you out of darkness
and into his marvellous light.**

Alleluia!



Gospel Mt 10:37-42

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me.
Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

The gospel for today can be a difficult one to hear. It calls us to place our discipleship before our loyalty to family and even before our own life. It is important to place this passage in the broader context of not only the chapter in which it sits, but also within the gospel as a whole.

Today's passage appears at the conclusion of Chapter 10 in the Gospel of Matthew. The entire chapter deals with the commissioning and sending out of the disciples to 'proclaim the gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy and drive out demons.' (Mt 10:8) The previous chapter concludes with the words, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' (Mt 9:37-38) Chapter 10 is a response to this call. Jesus sends the disciples to 'work the harvest' through proclamation, healing and exorcism.

At the end of the chapter, having spelt out all the difficulties a disciple must face, Jesus assures them that even the smallest act of welcoming the disciple will be rewarded.

It's also important to understand that the Jewish audience of the Gospel of Matthew found themselves under increasing persecution and there was often division within families between those holding to orthodox Jewish beliefs and those following the new Christian way. For some early Christians, there was the very real choice to be made between following their faith and remaining loyal to family. The Gospel of Matthew repeatedly affirms Jesus as the promised Jewish messiah; as the fulfilment of Jewish prophecy. For early followers of the Christian way, this difficult message about being a follower was in the context of an affirmation that the message of Jesus was deeply grounded in their Jewish faith.

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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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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.

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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Anniversaries 2nd July to 8th July: Gavin Carrucan, Ian Cracknell, Mardi Higgins, Mick Drury, Stan Brice, Nancy Tsernjavski, Jack Brasher, Gordon Long, Marie Springett, Lily Kee, Molly Watson and Carmel Creedon.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Elly Anwyl, Peg Benham, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Brian Cotter, 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 Piec, 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: 9th July at 9:00am:

(C) Majella O'Connor (L) Anthony Dowling (SM) Jo Ballard, David O'Connor (W) Remo & Naomi Bianco.

QUEENSCLIFF: 9th July at 11:00am:

(C) David Millie (L) Adrian Redfern (SM) Eva Millie (W) Trish Frizza.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 4th July at 10:00am:

Emanuel Baglieri & Ken Caffyn.

SAFEGUARDING – IMPORTANT UPDATE – 30TH JUNE 2023

The "Safeguarding Essentials" group training is happening! 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

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

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.

Ladies Social Group: lunch on **Wednesday 5th July** at 12noon at Barwon Heads Hotel. All ladies were welcome! To RVSP, text or call Julie on 0411 578 285.

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

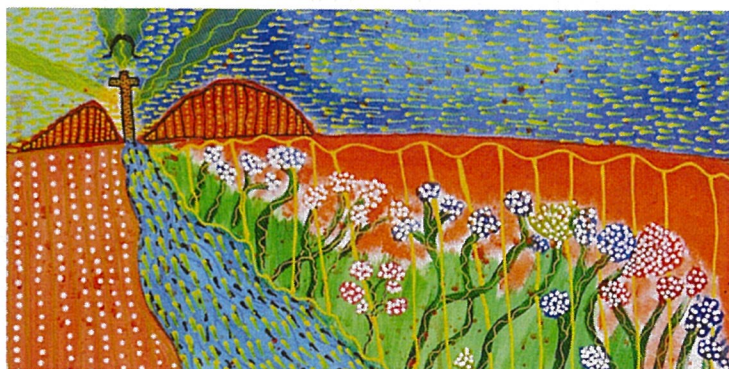
Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR): anyone wanting to give support could email shirleyhurley@inet.net.au or donate directly to Wesley Church Welcome Place: BSB 633 000, Account 160 305 066. You are welcome to visit Queenscliff Rural Aid for Refugees www.queenscliffar.org.

Andrew Chinn Concert: parishioners are invited to join the St Aloysius School students on **Tuesday 11th July at 2:00pm** in the Sr Patrice Room at St Aloysius School. All welcome!

Building works and renovations at St Aloysius School are set to begin on Tuesday 4th July until 11th September. The school is undergoing bathroom and classroom renovations during this time. Temporary toilets will be located out the front of the school (on the grass area between the church and school). This is where they were also placed last time there were building works done on the school.

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

This weekend (2- July), we observe
Aboriginal and Torres Islander Strait Islander Sunday.
"A new life in Christ..."



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 ... "Your careful attention to the details of kinship spoke of your reverence for birth, life and human generation. You knew that children needed to be loved, to be full of joy. They need a time to grow in laughter and play, secure in the knowledge that they belong to their people".

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.**

Geelong Catholic Diners Club: You are warmly invited to join us for a social
get-together for food & friendship. **Date:** July 11. **Time:** 6:00pm. **Venue:** The
Bistro, Belmont Hotel (High St, Belmont). **Cost:** Purchase meals & drinks at
your own cost. Please RSVP by July 10 to John Santospirito on 0409 165 943
or john.santospirito@bigpond.com.

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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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 3rd July – St Thomas (Feast)

Tuesday 4th July – St Elizabeth of Portugal (Memorial)

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

11:00am Mass with Anointing at Sea Views Manor, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 5th July – St Anthony Zaccaria (Memorial)

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

Thursday 6th July – St Maria Goretti (Memorial)

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

Friday 7th July – St Peter To Rot (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 8th July – Weekday, Ordinary Time 12

1:00pm Parish Safeguarding Essentials Training Session
at OLSOS School, Ocean Grove

Sunday 9th July – 14th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Apostleship of the Sea

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Thought for the Week:

A loving heart is the truest wisdom.

- Charles Dickens.

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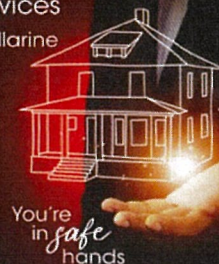
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