

# The Living Word

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**23 July 2023**

## **First Reading Wis 12:13.16-19**

*In the place of sin, you give repentance.*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,  
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.  
Your justice has its source in strength,  
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.  
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned  
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;  
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,  
you govern us with great lenience,  
for you have only to will, and your power is there.  
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people  
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,  
and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5**

**(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)
2. All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God. (R.)
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me. (R.)

## **Second Reading Rom 8:26-27**

*The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

## **Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;**

**you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.**

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel Mt 13:24-43 (or shorter form Mt 13:24-30)**

*Let them grow together until the harvest.*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."



## Reflection by Greg Sunter

Today's reading features three parables about the kingdom: the weeds in the field; the mustard seed; and yeast in the flour. They are three fascinating parables about something undesirable or unwanted being mixed in with something that is apparently good – and Jesus presents them as descriptions of what the kingdom of heaven is like.

Let's look at the imagery of these parables. Darnel is a weed that looks exactly like wheat while it is growing. Only once the ears have formed can it be distinguished from the wheat. It is a malicious prank to sow darnel among wheat.

The mustard seed grows into such a large tree that birds come and nest in it. Why would any farmer want to deliberately plant a tree in the middle of his fields that attracts birds that will destroy his crops?

Three measures of flour is an enormous amount of flour; enough to make 50 or 60 loaves of bread! Yeast begins to ferment the dough mixture and if not baked the dough goes mouldy and goes bad. To leaven that much dough at one time is somewhat foolish. The Hebrew word used for leavening in scripture is *Chametz*, it literally means 'sour'. It is that essence by which things decay. Leavening is a fermentation process – a process of breaking down or corruption.

To describe the kingdom of God in these ways may seem a bit odd. Can the kingdom of God be a 'corrupting' or 'souring' or 'irritating' influence? The kingdom message of Jesus can be seen as a corrupting force in that it set about corrupting and destroying what was a flawed system. The parables also demonstrate that it only takes a tiny amount of this 'corrupting' influence to have a dramatic effect.

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables  
and expound things hidden since the  
foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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

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### OFFICE HOURS

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### PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St. Aloysius, Queenscliff  
Principal: Ms. Miriam Leahy, Tel: 5258 1736  
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Principal: Ms. Kerry Sells, Tel: 5255 4308

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm  
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  
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### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN

Enrolments are now open for 2024.

Please visit our website for enrolment form and all information:  
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## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**Anniversaries 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 29<sup>th</sup> July:** Jim Harrington, Victoria Higgins, Fred Sheppard, Peg Hutchinson, Eileen Wells, Richard Eather, Jack Warren, Nancy McGlade, Gwen Burford, Aliva Zurawel, Tracey Higgins, Mary Ray, Adriana Klabbbers, Frederick Dowell and Ros Quinlan.

**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 Faigneux, 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: 30<sup>th</sup> July at 9:00am:

(C) Brenda Bissinella (L) Jenny Cole (SM) Marg Lucas, Judy Considine (W) Jo Ballard, Margaret Donovan.

### QUEENSCLIFF: 30<sup>th</sup> July at 11:00am:

(C) Jenny Rafter (L) Margaret Mary Flynn (SM) Terry Philp (W) Trish Frizza.

### COUNTERS: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 10:00am:

Judy Compton & David Millie.

### Safeguarding Training –

#### new small group sessions available from 3 August 2023

Thank you to those who have completed the Safeguarding Essentials Training, either online or at our recent group session. Participants from the Group Session should expect to receive their certificates in the next couple of weeks.

For those volunteers yet to complete this mandatory training module, I will be offering small group sessions on the first Thursday of each month from 11:00am to 12:30pm commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

Registration is mandatory as we can only accommodate a maximum of 6 participants at the Parish Office.

To register, please contact the Parish Office or email me (Jennie) at [Queenscliff.safeguarding@cam.org.au](mailto:Queenscliff.safeguarding@cam.org.au).

If you prefer, the online module can be accessed at any time from: [www.melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/](http://www.melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/).

You will need your unique Working With Children Check (card) number and an email address to register.

### \*\* 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.*

For all Safeguarding updates, please visit the parish website:

[www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/](http://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.

**Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR):** anyone wanting to give support could email [shirleyhurley@iinet.net.au](mailto: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.queenscliffrra.org](http://www.queenscliffrra.org).

**Building works and renovations at St Aloysius School are set to begin on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July until 11<sup>th</sup> 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). There may also be some weekend works over this period. The builders and trades are aware of Mass times and will do their best to keep the noise to a minimum.

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays



**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 marked the growth of your young men and women with ceremonies of discipline that taught them responsibility as they came to maturity. These achievements are indications of human strivings. And in these strivings you showed a dignity open to the message of God's revealed wisdom to all men and women, which is the great truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ".

**Upcoming annual appeal and special collection:**

- Catholic Mission – Propagation of the Faith Annual Collection, will be held next weekend (29-30 July). Please give generously, as you always do.

*With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death. Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality. We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.*

**Adjustable hospital bed available at no cost.** Pick up only. Bed is heavy and will require several people to carry/lift. All that is asked is if a small and anonymous donation can be made to the charity of your choice. Please call the parish office on 5258 1673 if you are interested.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR A PARISH SPECIAL EVENT!**

Variety concert with bring your own picnic afternoon tea.

**DATE:** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**VENUE:** Our Lady Star of the Sea School Stadium

**TIME:** 1:30pm for a 2:00pm start

**ENTERTAINMENT:**

A variety of performances sourced locally, from amazingly talented people!

Further details closer to the date.

**The Representatives Planning Team:**

Barwon Heads: Sandra Duggan.

Queenscliff/Point Lonsdale: Ellen Bourke and Von Philp.

Ocean Grove: Julie Chapman, Josephine Barnes, and Maureen Earls.

**St Mary's Parish Feast Day and Farewell for Fr Jaycee – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August:** come and celebrate at any of our Sunday Masses at the Basilica and afterwards pop over to the Parish Office Centre (150 Yarra St - outside Café Light) for a free BBQ from **10:30am – 12:30pm**. We also have a free entry to our Parish Raffle. You must be there to grab a winning ticket/prize. Raffle drawn at 12.30pm. And we have free face painting for the kids (and the kids at heart) during that time.

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**LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July – St Sharbel Makhluf (Memorial)**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July – St James (Feast)**

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

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)**

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

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July – Weekday, Ordinary Time 16**

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

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Weekday, Ordinary Time 16**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus (Memorial)**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July – 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

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**Thought for the Week:**

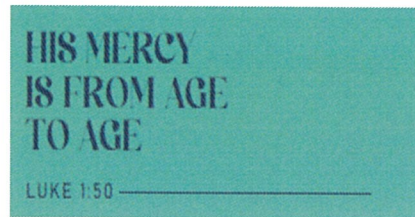
Friendship is born at the moment when  
one person says to another:

'What! You, too? I thought I was the only one'.

- C.S. Lewis.

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**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2023 – 23<sup>rd</sup> July:** In 2021, Pope Francis established the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus (July 26). A message from Pope Francis is below.



[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/2023\\_0531-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/2023_0531-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html).

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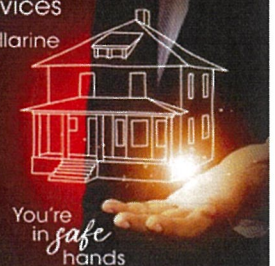
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