

The Living Word

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

30 July 2023

First Reading 1 Kgs 3:5.7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more
to me
than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. (R.)

3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your
precepts:
I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:28-30

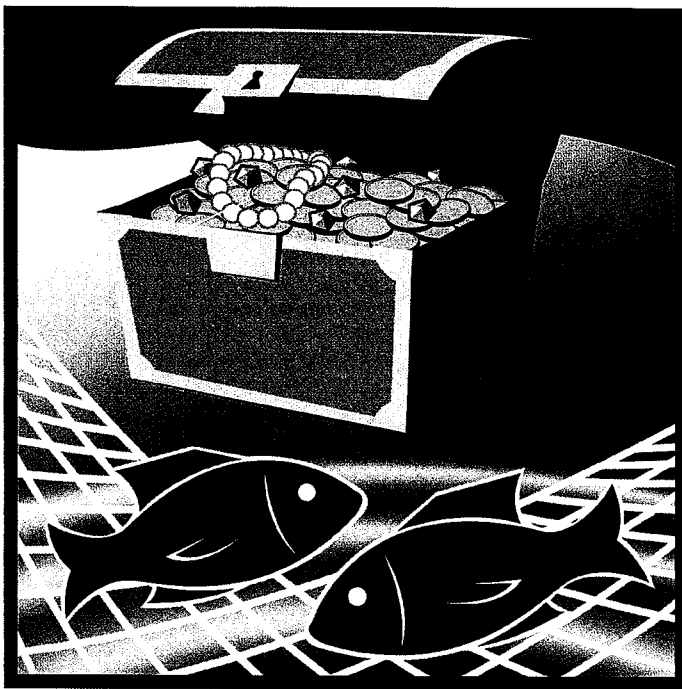
He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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!*



Reflection by Greg Sunter

The twin parables of today's gospel – the treasure in the field and the pearl of great value – reveal a paradoxical truth about the kingdom of Heaven. Throughout the gospels, Jesus presents the kingdom as 'now but not yet'; as 'present but future'. This paradox is captured in these twin parables. In both cases, the kingdom is likened to something of great value that is discovered but cannot be immediately grasped. In both parables, the finder must go away and sell everything so that they can eventually come to possess the treasure they have discovered.

By comparing this experience with the kingdom of Heaven, Jesus suggests that most of us can only ever catch glimpses of what it means to live in the kingdom. For most of us, only in the future reality of heaven will we ever fully come to understand the kingdom. However, those glimpses that we catch – those moments of inspiration and connection with God and with one another – are like the treasures of the parables. They are enough to inspire us to do what it takes to make sure that we will one day enter into that kingdom reality.

The third parable of this gospel passage reveals yet another truth about the kingdom. The dragnet thrown into the sea is like the message of Jesus – it is flung far and wide and does not discriminate about where it falls or on whom it falls. This parable rounds out the chapter that began with the parable of the sower and the image of casting the net is a neat parallel to the indiscriminate casting of seed. It is not up to the one who casts the net, the seed or the Word. Rather it is up to each individual to determine how they will respond to receiving the Word.

Gospel Mt 13:44-52

(or shorter form Mt 13:44-46)

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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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,
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Enrolments are now open for 2024.
Please visit our website for enrolment form and all information:
<https://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program-2/>

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Anniversaries 30th July to 5th August: Mary Macpherson, Wally Higgins and Tom Martin, Mrs Scuderi, Tasman Blizzard, John Blizzard, John Burns, Peggy D'Cruz, Joan O'Connor, Peter Johnston, Jack Hussey, Noreen Lambert and Valerio Pinci.

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 Koertjes, 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: 6th August at 9:00am:

(C) Maureen Earls (L) Michael Kirkman (SM) Janine Fitzpatrick, Marg Lucas.
(W) Nan Calnin, Brenda Bissinella.

QUEENSCLIFF: 6th August at 11:00am:

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

COUNTERS: Tuesday 1st August at 10:00am:

Mike & Barbara Hardy.

** 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/

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Building works and renovations at St Aloysius School are set to continue until 11th September.

PLEASE NOTE: No morning tea at Holy Family Barwon Heads on Thursday 3rd August.

Ladies Social Group: lunch at the Dunes Restaurant (main beach, Ocean Grove) on **Wednesday 2nd August at 12-noon.** RSVP text or phone Sandra 0423 047 862. All ladies in the parish very welcome.

Hospitality Sunday: will take place next Sunday, **6th August**, following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. ALL WELCOME!

Together we pray for the Year 4 students of Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Aloysius schools receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist in first two weeks of August. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

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.

Taizé Pray | Peace Gathering: people in the Bellarine Peninsula and beyond are invited to gather to pray and worship for the Transfiguration of Jesus at Santa Casa (33 Flinders Street, Queenscliff) on **Saturday 5th August at 2:30pm** followed by a cuppa at 3:30pm. Please RSVP to Sr Lizzie Finnerty RSM on 0418 194 261 or santacasa@ismapng.org.au for catering purposes. All welcome.

St Mary's Parish Feast Day and Farewell for Fr Jaycee – Sunday 6th 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.

The Bellarine Community Support Register is a local not-for-profit community organisation, which supports the safety and independence of older and vulnerable Bellarine residents. It holds information and contact details provided by member residents that can be accessed by police in a personal emergency. Website: <https://bellarineregister.org.au/>. We are hosting a membership drive – Beyond 3000, on **Monday the 7th August at the Ocean Grove Bellarine Training and Community Hub** (1 John Dory Dr, Ocean Grove). All welcome.

Feast of Mary MacKillop – 8th August 2023: Mary MacKillop Today has generously provided Mary MacKillop prayer cards for the parish. The prayer cards will be available at each Church leading up to this special feast day. Stock is limited. To find out more about Mary MacKillop Today or to donate, please visit www.marymackilloptoday.org.au.

Support Iona College: 4th August is historically a day to celebrate the birthdays of First Nations children who were taken from their families at a young age preventing them from knowing their actual date of birth. Iona College's First Nations and FIRE Carrier students will recognise this day by participating in the 'Together we Walk' campaign where we will visit sites of significance in Armstrong Creek and Mount Duneed, including Bunjil's Nest, Duneed Aboriginal Land Reserve, Bal-yan and Dooliebeal Reserve. We invite the Holy Trinity Parish community to partner with us by raising funds for the Opening the Doors Foundation which supports the education of First nations children by assisting with the cost of uniforms, books, IT equipment, stationery and camps. Donations can be made via this link <https://openingthedoortogetherwewalk.raisely.com/t/iona-college-geelong>. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Geelong Catholic Diners Club: You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food & friendship. **Date:** 8th August. **Time:** 6:00pm. **Venue:** The Bistro, Belmont Hotel (High St, Belmont). **Cost:** Purchase meals & drinks at your own cost. Please RSVP by 7th August to John Santospirito on 0409 165 943 or john.santospirito@bigpond.com.

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... "Some of the mysteries of your Dreamtime legends speak powerfully of the great mysteries of human life, its frailty, its need for help, its closeness to spiritual powers and the value of the human person. They are not unlike some of the great inspired lessons from the people among whom Jesus himself was born".

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.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 31st July – St Ignatius of Loyola (Memorial)

Tuesday 1st August – St Alphonsus of Liguori (Memorial)

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

Wednesday 2nd August – St Eusebius of Vercelli and St Peter Julian Eymard (Memorial)

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

Thursday 3rd August – St Dominic (Memorial)

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

Friday 4th August – St John Vianney (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
6:00pm OLSOS School Year 4 First Eucharist Mass (group 1)
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Saturday 5th August – Weekday, Ordinary Time 17

Sunday 6th August – THE TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD (Feast)
Vocations Awareness Week

1:00pm OLSOS School Year 4 First Eucharist Mass (group 2)
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

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Upcoming annual appeal and special collection:

- Catholic Mission – Propagation of the Faith Annual Collection, will be held this weekend (29-30 July).

This week Catholic Mission offers the opportunity to be part of a *life-changing* program which aims to address gaps in medical care and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act with autonomy over their health and well-being. The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided *life-saving* treatment for families in need. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far. Please give generously today to help continue this *life-giving* program by using the appeal envelope or by going online at www.catholicmission.org.au/timor. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

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Thought for the Week:

Worrying does not empty tomorrow of its troubles,
it empties today of its strength.

– Corrie Ten Boom.

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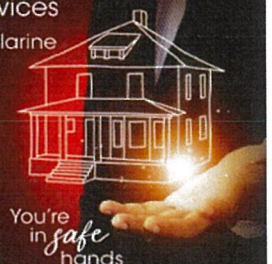
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