

The Living Word

Transfiguration

6 August 2023

First Reading Dn 7:9-10. 13-14

His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place
and one of great age took his seat.
His robe was white as snow,
the hair of his head as pure as wool.
His throne was a blaze of flames,
its wheels were a burning fire.
A stream of fire poured out,
issuing from his presence.
A thousand thousand waited on him,
ten thousand times ten thousand stood
before him.
A court was held and the books were
opened.
I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of
heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and
languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.

*(R.) The Lord is king, the most high
over all the earth.*

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right. (R.)

2. The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory. (R.)
3. For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Pt 1:16-19

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

***This is my Son, my beloved,
in whom is all my delight:***

listen to him.

Alleluia!



Gospel Mt 17:1-9

His face was shining like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

Jesus takes his most trusted disciples up a high mountain to allow them to share in what he knows is about to occur. It is a very clear teaching moment in which Jesus hopes the disciples are going to finally grasp the truth about him. As the disciples stand by, Jesus is transformed before them – suddenly bathed in light and his clothes become dazzlingly white. The disciples also see Moses and Elijah standing and talking with Jesus. Moses was the great Law-giver of Jewish tradition and Elijah the great prophet. Together, they represent the Law and the Prophets – the combined wisdom that make up the tradition of Jewish teaching and Jewish scripture. It is the Law and the Prophets that Jesus' life and ministry brings to fulfilment. It is fitting that Moses and Elijah appear beside Jesus, as the three figures combined represent the fullness of Jewish tradition – the Law of Moses; the challenge and promise of the Prophets; and the compassion of Jesus that completes the other two.

Sadly, the disciples don't really get the point of what they see before them. Peter, caught up in the moment, wants to build tents on the spot to mark the moment and to continue to dwell in the moment. Jesus, however, leads them back down the mountain – back into the valley; back into the reality of life; back into the tragedy that he knows lies before them. No matter how powerful a religious experience may be, Jesus shows us that we always have to return to real life. It is not possible to remain on the 'mountaintop' as Peter would have liked to do; we have to take the experience back into the everyday of our lives.

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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, and before or after weekday Masses if needed.

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Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

The Transfiguration of the Lord, Year A

Anniversaries 6th August to 12th August: Tom Rossiter, Reno Grech, Vera Pollard, Margaret Hall, Andrew Farrugia, June Baxter Thompson, Arthur Priest, Albert Reilly, Allan Jenner, Trish O'Sullivan, Bev Greelish and Rita Gatt.

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: 13th August at 9:00am:

(C) Peter Dickinson (L) Geraldine Rainey (SM) Jo Ballard, Florentina Romeo.
(W) Catherine Hayes, Marg Lucas.

QUEENSCLIFF: 13th August at 11:00am:

(C) Bob Merriman (L) Ellen Bourke (SM) Angela Hatch (W) Sam Caruana.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 8th August at 10:00am:

Des Harris and David Millie.

** 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.

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.

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

Upcoming annual appeal and special collection:

- CatholicCare, Catholic Deaf Appeal, will be held next weekend (13-14 August). Envelopes available at each Mass centre.
- For further information about CatholicCare: <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/>

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.

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... "It is wonderful to see how people, as they accept the Gospel of Jesus, find points of agreement between their own traditions and those of Jesus and his people".

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.

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.

National Vocations Awareness Week, 6 - 13 August 2023: Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

Compassionate Hearts on the Bellarine (CHOB) free film screening: 'Live The Life You Please' is a beautiful film that aims to improve awareness about palliative care and help start conversations about living the life you please until the very end. Join Bellarine Community Health (BCH) and CHOB at a free screening followed by afternoon tea. **Thursday 17th August at 2:00pm at Uniting Church Hall** (83-89 Hesse Street, Queenscliff). Please RSVP to paulinenunan@gmail.com or call 0417 433 142. All welcome.

Friends of Faith and Light Geelong Community: You and your friend or family member with a disability are invited to our next Gathering on **Saturday 19th August from 2:00 to 4:30pm at St Mary's Parish Offices** (1st Floor, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong). Theme: A community that forgives. Prayer, songs, fun, fiesta, afternoon tea! "Persons with disabilities come to the meeting as people who are waiting for that special moment of gathering, fellowship, prayer and sharing." – Fr. Louis. Website: www.faithandlight.org. Enquire to Coordinators Tricia O'Keeffe via 0414 672 267 or Kevin Mark via Kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 7th August – St Sixtus II and St Cajetan (Memorial)

Tuesday 8th August – St MARY OF THE CROSS (Solemnity)
National Patronal Feast

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

Wednesday 9th August – St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff with
St Aloysius Prep to Year 3 students attending

11:00am Mass with Anointing at Arcare, Point Lonsdale

Thursday 10th August – St Lawrence (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
6:00pm St Aloysius School Year 4 First Eucharist Mass
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Friday 11th August – St Clare (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 12th August – St Jane Frances de Chantal (Memorial)

Sunday 13th August – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1:00pm OLSOS School Year 4 First Eucharist Mass (group 3)
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

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Thought for the Week:

The sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers,
but for the wide world's joy.

– Henry ward Beecher.

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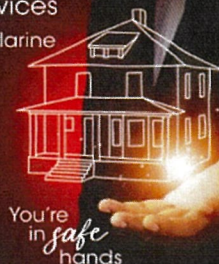
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