

# The Living Word

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

**13 August 2023**

## **First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9.11-13**

*Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8**

*(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.*

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

## **Second Reading Rom 9:1-5**

*I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

## **Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I hope in the Lord,*

*I trust in his word.*

*Alleluia!*

## **Gospel Mt 14:22-33**

*Command me to come to you over the water.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far



## Reflection by Greg Sunter

I don't know that we've ever properly understood the significance of the disciples in the gospels; our attention is always focused on Jesus. The disciples certainly got the inside running on all of Jesus' teachings; they witnessed the miracles; and were themselves empowered to carry on the work of Jesus. They can be seen as the prototypes for all the followers of Jesus that have come since. When we read the gospel stories we can perhaps place ourselves in the position of James or John or Peter or Andrew.

To be a disciple to a rabbi was not just to be a supporter or an interested bystander. To be a disciple was to hungrily learn from your rabbi. The fact that all of Jesus' disciples were called from other walks of life means that no other rabbi had already chosen them. They had been passed over as not good enough to study with a rabbi. When they were called by Jesus it was an opportunity they would never have dreamed possible; of course they left everything and followed him.

To be a disciple was effectively an apprenticeship to becoming a rabbi. To be disciplined to a rabbi was to believe that you could do what your rabbi did. It is this belief that makes Peter get out of the boat. His rabbi is walking on the water and Peter believes that he can do what his rabbi does. And extraordinarily, Peter begins to walk on the water just like Jesus. It is only when he starts to think about what he's doing that he sinks. When Jesus asks Peter, 'Why did you doubt?' he is asking Peter why he doubted himself. It wasn't that Peter doubted Jesus; he doubted his own ability to be the equal of his rabbi!

out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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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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St. Aloysius, Queenscliff  
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Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
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  
[www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/)

### COLUMBARIUM

Please visit [www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/about-us/parish-columbarium/](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/about-us/parish-columbarium/)

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN

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/>

## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**Recently Deceased:** Kevin Greelish and Kevin Ryan.

**Anniversaries 13<sup>th</sup> August to 19<sup>th</sup> August:** Mary Malone, Kevin Mahoney, Ann Benham, Michael Kennedy, George Frances, Leslie Lomas, Janet Wells, Reece McNulty, Monica O'Toole, Lois Moscrop, Christina McCormack, Minnie George, Mary Wells and Brendan Galvin.

**Please pray for those who are Sick:** Elly Anwyl, Peg Benham, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blunk, 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 Koermtjes, 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:** 20<sup>th</sup> August at 9:00am:

(C) Monica Meagher (L) Majella O'Connor (SM) Marg Lucas, David O'Connor (W) Kerry Sells, Diane Gent.

**QUEENSCLIFF:** 20<sup>th</sup> August at 11:00am:

(C) Tony Frizza (L) Shirley Hurley (SM) Terry Philp (W) Trish Frizza.

**COUNTERS:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 10:00am:

Sam Sammut and Emanuel Baglieri.

### \*\* 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.

**Safeguarding Essentials Training small group sessions available on the first Thursday of each month from 11am to 12:30pm.** Registration is required. To register, please contact the parish office or email Jennie at [queenscliff.safeguarding@cam.org.au](mailto:queenscliff.safeguarding@cam.org.au). **Next session:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September. The online module can be accessed at any time from the below link. You will need your unique Working With Children Check (card) number and an email address to register. <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/>.

**Building works and renovations at St Aloysius School** are set to continue until 11<sup>th</sup> September.

### Upcoming annual appeal and special collection:

- CatholicCare, Catholic Deaf Appeal, will be held this weekend (13-14 August). Envelopes available at each Mass centre.

For further information about CatholicCare: <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/>

**The Feast of the Assumption:** Fr Darien and Fr Greg Bourke will be concelebrating The Feast of the Assumption on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 9:15am at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove. All welcome. This Feast is a Solemnity and a Holy Day of Obligation in Australia. For those unable to attend the 9:15am Mass in our parish, here are the Mass times for parishes nearby:

- St Mary of the Angels Basilica, Geelong: 10:00am and 7:30pm
- St Bernard's Parish, Belmont: 12:00pm
- St Thomas Parish, Drysdale: 10:00am at Sts Philip & James at St Leonards and 6:30pm Rosary followed by 7:00pm Mass at Lumen Christi, Leopold

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays



A new Ministry Roster for Ocean Grove is scheduled to issue soon. It would be helpful if Ministry Volunteers would inform Monica via email ([meaghermonica@gmail.com](mailto:meaghermonica@gmail.com)) as to any Sundays you will not be available during roster cycle of September - November inclusive. Thank you.

**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... "The culture which this long and careful growth produced was not prepared for the sudden meeting with another people, with different customs and traditions, who came to your country 200 years ago. They were different from Aboriginal people. Their traditions, the organization of their lives, and their attitudes to the land were quite strange to you. And their law was quite different".

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

**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 17<sup>th</sup> August at 2:00pm at Uniting Church Hall** (83-89 Hesse Street, Queenscliff). Please RSVP to [paulinenunan@gmail.com](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> August from 2:00 to 4:30pm at St Mary's Parish Offices** (1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.faithandlight.org). Enquire to Coordinators Tricia O'Keeffe via 0414 672 267 or Kevin Mark via [Kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:Kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au).

**TLC Aged Care, Homestead – Respite Care:** TLC Aged Care in Wallington is offering respite care 'stay 14 days, pay for 7'. To book, call 132 TLC. Offer ends 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Limited flyers available at each Mass centre or visit: <https://holyltrinityqueenscliff.org.au/tlc-aged-care-respite-care-promotion/>.

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### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August – St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Memorial)**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August – The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Solemnity)**

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

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August – St Stephen of Hungary (Memorial)**

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

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August – Weekday, Ordinary Time 19**

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

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August – Weekday, Ordinary Time 19**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August – St John Eudes (Memorial)**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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### Thought for the Week:

I beg you to have patience with everything unresolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves... Don't search for the answers, which could not be given to you now... the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now.

– Rainer Maria Rilke.

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