

# The Living Word

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

**20 August 2023**

## **First Reading** Is 56:1.6-7

*I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4**

**(R). O God, let all the nations praise you!**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help.  
(R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

## **Second Reading** Rom 11:13-15. 29-32

*The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

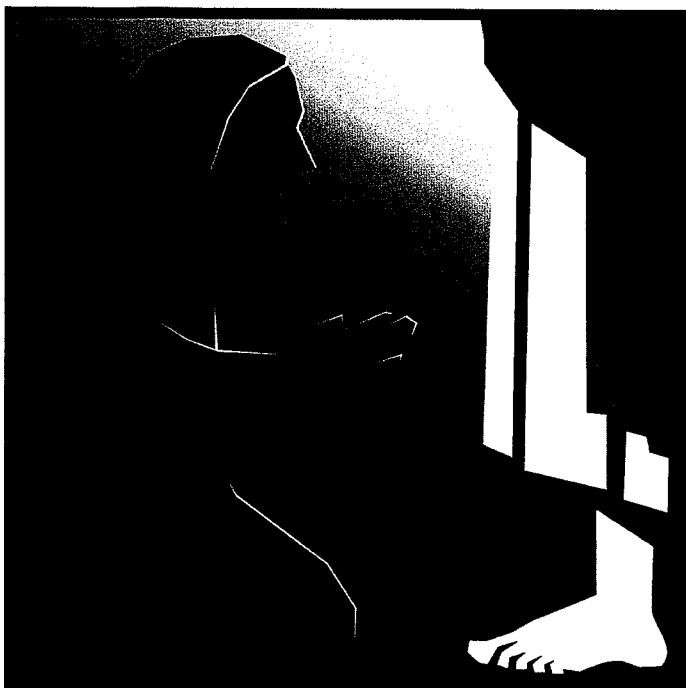
## **Gospel Acclamation** Mt 4:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus preached the Good News  
of the kingdom**

**and healed all who were sick.**

**Alleluia!**



## Gospel Mt 15:21-28

*Woman, you have great faith.*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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## Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel provides a fascinating illustration of Jesus' response to those in need. Jesus has travelled to the area of Tyre and Sidon – part of modern day Lebanon. He was physically removing himself from the place of his very active ministry and taking a break. When the Canaanite woman approaches Jesus and his disciples, she is an interruption; a nuisance. Jesus is very abrupt with her. He tells her simply that his ministry is to the house of Israel – the Jews – and is not for her. But the woman is persistent and again asks Jesus to help her. Jesus is even more abrupt and tells her that it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. Through this use of metaphor, Jesus refers to the children of Israel (the Jews) and to the gentiles and pagans – sometimes referred to as 'dogs' to reflect their lowly status in the eyes of the Jewish tradition. Still the woman persists and turns Jesus' metaphor back on him, saying that even the dogs get to eat the scraps that fall from the table.

The woman's persistence and faith pay off. Jesus is moved by her faith and through that faith heals the woman's daughter. Despite his initial abruptness and reluctance, Jesus responds with compassion to the woman's request. It is as though she needed to demonstrate that she was really serious and that she did in fact believe that Jesus could make a difference in her life and the life of her daughter. This is an important story in Matthew's gospel. This gospel was written predominantly for Jewish Christians but this story reveals that the ministry of Jesus and the reign of God is open to anyone who believes.

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### PARISH OFFICE & PRESBYTERY

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Principal: Ms. Miriam Leahy, Tel: 5258 1736  
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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.

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Visit our website for all information or contact Parish office  
[www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/)

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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/>

**Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays**

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

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret (Marg) Jones

**Anniversaries 20<sup>th</sup> August to 26<sup>th</sup> August:** Marea Parkinson, Fred Van Oosten, Eileen Roberts, Joan Goss, Anthony Buhagiar, Margaret Beckwith, Bob Higgins, Josie Podbury, May Carpenter, Bill Tobin, Don Law and Patricia Clarke.

**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 Dickson, 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 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:** 27<sup>th</sup> August at 9:00am:

(C) Michael Kirkman (L) Luci Quinn (SM) Sandra Duggan, Dan O'Meara (W) Kaye Nelson, Bev O'Meara.

**QUEENSCLIFF:** 27<sup>th</sup> August at 11:00am:

(C) Roger Furphy (L) Ann Maree Furphy (SM) Maria Sammut (W) Sam Sammut.

**COUNTERS:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 10:00am:

Ken Caffyn and Josephine Barnes.

### \*\* 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.

**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.

*Together we pray for the children receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.*

**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://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/tlc-aged-care-respite-care-promotion/>.

**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 people who came to your land had knowledge, money and power; and they brought with them some patterns of behaviour from which the Aboriginal people were unable to protect themselves. The effects of some of these forces are still among you today. Many of you have been dispossessed of your traditional lands, and separated from your tribal ways, though some of you still have your traditional culture"

**Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR):** will recommence Grocery Collections for Refugees in September, starting at Holy Family, Barwon Heads.

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).

**Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation: Enneagram Day – Saturday, 9 September 2023, 9 am – 4.30 pm** (in-person event)

This one-day practical workshop offers a transformational experience where you will gain invaluable insight into the unique way in which we relate and respond to the people with whom we share our lives, and the world around us. Facilitated by our Program Director Dr Lynn Moresi, she will dwell into topics of discovering your Enneagram Type; identifying your pathways of strength and challenge; understanding/interacting with other Types; handling conflict; and effective communication. Join this small group setting for a day of fun, laughter, challenge and insight. Places limited. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/enneagram-day/> or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne). Cost: \$80 including notes (BYO lunch)

**Billings Natural Fertility Awareness Week Webinar 21<sup>st</sup> August** This year, 2023, marks the 70th anniversary of the commencement of Dr John Billings' research in finding a natural, reliable method of Fertility Awareness for couples. During Natural Fertility Awareness Week, in August, a special, free webinar in recognition of Dr John Billings' work, entitled "Understanding Couple Fertility: the Male Perspective" will be held on Monday 21st August 2023 at 7.30pm AEST.

As well as highlighting the male perspective in using the Billings Ovulation Method®, couples will reflect on how it has helped them in understanding their joint fertility, as well as benefiting their relationships and family life.

Please follow the link to register for the Webinar on Eventbrite.  
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/understanding-couple-fertility-the-male-perspective-free-webinar-tickets-678382479257?aff=oddtcreator>

**Funeral Prayers for the Late Margaret (Marg) Jones** will take place on Tuesday, 22 August 2023 from 11.30am to 12.30pm at Holy Family Church, Barwon Heads. Fr Darien will be presiding.

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### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August – St Pius X (Memorial)

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)  
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – St Rose of Lima (Memorial)  
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August – St Bartholomew (Feast)  
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August – St Louis and St Joseph Calasanz  
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August – Weekday, Ordinary Time 20

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Social Justice Sunday

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### Thought for the Week:

Instead of giving myself reasons why I can't, I give myself reasons why I can.

- Author Unknown.

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