

The Living Word

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

27 August 2023

First Reading **Is 22:19-23**

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.

I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

*(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. *(R.)*

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and
love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the
lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. *(R.)*

Second Reading **Rom 11:33-36**

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

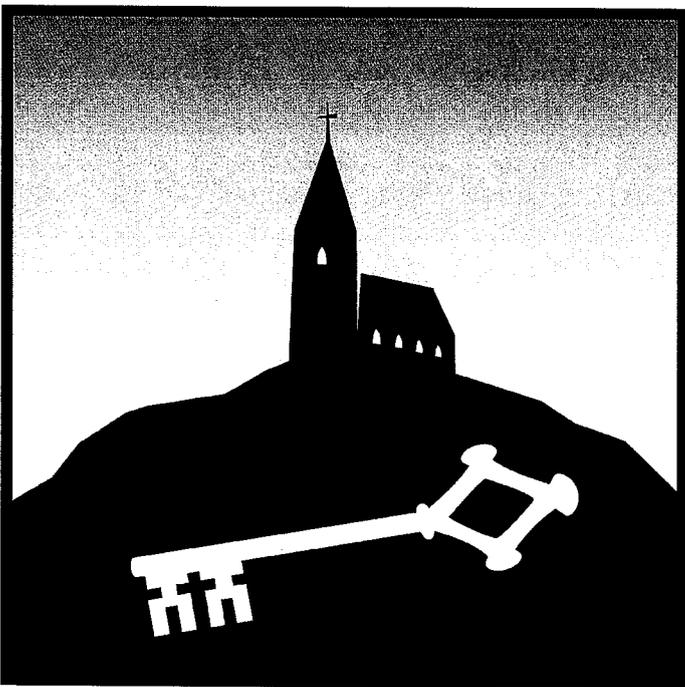
Gospel Acclamation **Mt 16:18**

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You are Peter, the rock on which I will
build my Church;**

**the gates of hell will not hold out
against it.**

Alleluia!



Gospel Mt 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

Like last week's gospel, this week's story takes place in a region that was outside predominantly Jewish territory. Caesarea Philippi (north of Galilee and in the region of modern day Syria) had long been a center of pagan worship. It was used originally by the Canaanites as a site of worship; the Greeks built a temple to one of their gods there; in 20 BCE Herod the Great built a temple to Caesar Augustus; and after his death, Herod's son, Phillip, renamed the city Caesarea Philippi after Tiberius Caesar and himself. It is intriguing that Matthew's gospel chooses such a site as the location for such a significant revelation of faith.

Jesus asks the disciples who people say he is. They report that people associate Jesus with one of the great prophets of Jewish tradition. By people identifying Jesus with other great prophets they were projecting Jesus into the same mold as that prophet. What they were saying was that Jesus will be a great leader in the style of John the Baptist, or Elijah, or even Jeremiah. The expectation of a messiah was running very high at the time of Jesus and everyone had their own idea about what that messiah would be like—usually aligned with some previous leader. They didn't seem to understand that Jesus was breaking the mold and was not going to fit in with any of those expectations. To see him as one of the great prophets come again is always going to be an inadequate understanding of Jesus as messiah.

When Jesus pushes the disciples for their own ideas, it is Simon Peter who speaks up and identifies Jesus as being the Son of the living God. Making a play on Peter's name (in Greek, petros = Peter and petra = rock), Jesus states that hereafter, Simon Peter will be known as Peter and upon the rock of his profession of faith the church will be built.

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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
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Please visit www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/about-us/parish-columbarium/

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Enrolments are open for 2024.

Please visit our website for enrolment form and all information:
<https://holyltrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program-2/>

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Recently Deceased: Dr Madeleine Grace Taylor.

Anniversaries 27th August to 2nd September: Frank Leahy, Jane Kelly, Margaret Byrne, Kathleen Richardson, Laurie Conway, Maddalena Bua, Michele Richards, Frank Leahy, Kathleen Nicholson, Patricia Porter, Jack Drummond, Bill Snell, Joan Stent, Anne Slack, Josef Krechowitsch, Judy Shaw, Bev Garner, Charlie Bonanno, Julie Grant, Brian Corby, Kevin Dillon and Muriel Stewart.

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 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, 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: 3rd September at 9:00am:

(C) Janine Fitzpatrick (L) Lachlan Fitzpatrick (SM) Sandra Duggan, Judy Considine (W) Michael & Barbara Hardy.

QUEENSCLIFF: 3rd September at 11:00am:

(C) John Hanan (L) Shirley Hurley (SM) Eva Millie (W) Terry Philp.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 29th August at 10:00am:

Remo & Naomi Bianco.

** 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.

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. **Next session: Thursday 7th 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/>.

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

Hospitality Sunday: will take place next Sunday, 3rd September (Father's Day), following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. All welcome!

Morning Tea at Holy Family, Barwon Heads: on Thursday 7th September at 10:30am (new time). All welcome!

Upcoming annual appeal and special collection:

- Priests' Retirement Foundation, Father's Day Appeal, will be held next weekend (2-3 September). Envelopes available at each Mass centre.

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 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.

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 you are establishing Aboriginal communities in the towns and cities. For others there is still no real place for campfires and kinship observances except on the fringes of country towns. There work is hard to find, and education in a different cultural background is difficult. The discrimination caused by racism is a daily experience. You have learned to survive, whether on your won lands, or scattered among the towns and cities."

Forum 'The Fairness Yet To Come – Unfinished business in Australia's refugee policies': this forum will explore the situation for the refugees currently held in Naruru and the action that needs to be taken to provide them with safety. Thursday 14th September, 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start, at Wesley Uniting Church (100 Yarra Street, Geelong). For speakers and further information, visit: https://mcusercontent.com/f143adb4b80e260dafa227b46/files/d16b9314-0673-2f77-bbda-6adb4743e6c2/The_Fairness_Yet_To_Come_Forum_Flyer.pdf

"Forum on the Voice": Sunday 10th September at 4:00pm at Ocean Grove Uniting Church (cnr of The Parade and Eggleston Street, Ocean Grove). All welcome.

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation: Enneagram Day – Saturday, 9 September 2023, 9:00am – 4:30pm (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. Cost: \$80 including notes (BYO lunch). Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/enneagram-day/> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne.

Geelong Catholic Diners Club: You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food & friendship. **Date:** 12th September. **Time:** 6:00pm. **Venue:** The Bistro, Belmont Hotel (High St, Belmont). **Cost:** Purchase meals & drinks at your own cost. **RSVP** by 10th September to John Santospirito (0409 165 943 or john.santospirito@bigpond.com).

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 30th September 2023. Limited flyers available at each Mass centre or visit: <https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/tlc-aged-care-respite-care-promotion/>.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 28th August – St Augustine (Memorial)

Tuesday 29th August – The Passion of St John the Baptist (Memorial)
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 30th August – Weekday, Ordinary Time 21
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
with St Aloysius Year 4-6 students attending

Thursday 31st August – Weekday, Ordinary Time 21
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 1st September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 21
World Day of Prayer for Creation | Spring Ember Day
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 2nd September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 21

Sunday 3rd September – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Father's Day

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Thought for the Week:

Whatever is – is best.

- Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

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