

The Living Word

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

3 September 2023

First Reading Jer 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;

you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

*(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

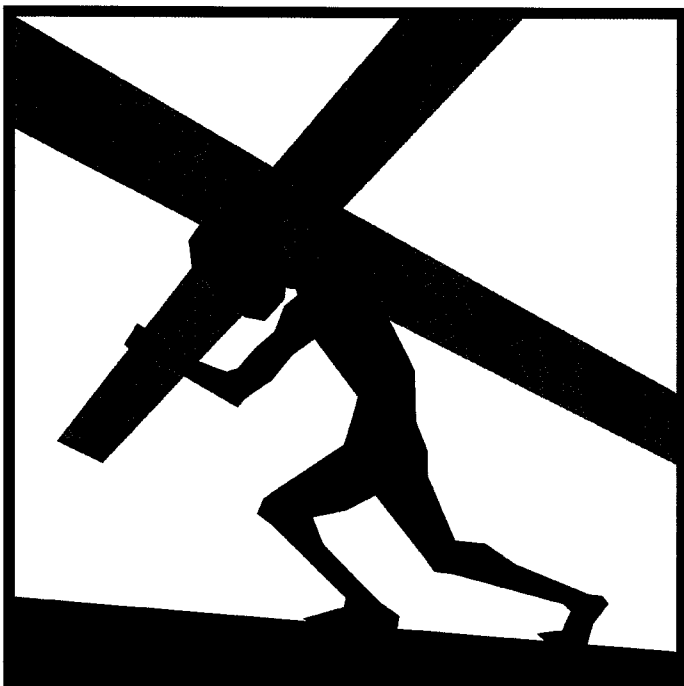
Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ**

**enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great
is the hope**

to which we are called.

Alleluia!



Gospel Mt 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is the first of three predictions of Jesus' death and resurrection in Matthew's gospel (see also Mark and Luke). Despite Peter's confession of faith that immediately precedes this passage (see last week's gospel), the disciples still do not have a very solid understanding of Jesus' purpose. They may regard him as the Messiah, but still do not fully understand what that means. In this passage, Jesus is beginning to prepare them for the events of the passion – his death and resurrection. He is trying to lead them to a greater understanding of his mission and message. But Peter abruptly 'rebukes' Jesus and tells him not to speak like that. One can almost hear Peter saying, 'Look, Jesus, you've got a good thing going here, don't spoil it by talking about dying!' However, Jesus responds to Peter very sharply, suggesting that his lack of understanding is inspired by evil and reflects human thought, not divine wisdom.

The passage then leads in to a description of the challenge of discipleship. To be a follower of Jesus means to 'deny' oneself, take up one's cross and follow Jesus. In the context of this passage, to 'deny' oneself means to not be concerned about 'I' but to be concerned about 'You' – to put others before self. To be a follower of Jesus means to be selfless, not self-centred. In the ultimate example of this, Jesus tells his disciples that whoever wishes to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Jesus' sake will find it. To 'save' your life is to hold back from giving yourself fully to the message of Jesus – to be 'half-hearted' in your faith. But to 'lose' yourself in the message of Jesus is to fully give yourself over to living the reign of God and through 'losing' yourself in this way, Jesus tells us, is how to truly find life.

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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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Enrolments are open for 2024.

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Anniversaries 3rd September to 9th September: Anthony Buhagiar, Emidia Buhagiar, Michelangelo Gatt, Rita Gatt, Bob McHugh, John Cooper, Laura Castellaro, Sheleah Walker, Barbara Wyatt, Billy Coghlan and John Walker.

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 Koerntjes, 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, 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: 10th September at 9:00am:

(C) Brenda Bissinella (L) Nan Calnin (SM) Marg Lucas, Fiorentina Romeo (W) Kerry Sells, Kaye Nelson.

QUEENSCLIFF: 10th September at 11:00am:

(C) Adrian Redfern (L) Michael Scott (SM) Ann Maree Furphy (W) Roger Furphy

COUNTERS: Tuesday 5th September at 10:00am:

Greg Carey and Dan Donovan.

** 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 5th October. 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/>.

Hospitality Sunday: will take place this 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 this weekend (2-3 September). Envelopes available at each Mass centre. Or electronically by logging on to: www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation and make your donation through Paypal.

Ladies Social Group: lunch on Wednesday 6th September at 12:00pm at Leopold Sportman's Club (Kensington Road, Leopold). All welcome.

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.queenscliffra.org.

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

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..." Though your difficulties are not yet over, you must learn to draw on the endurance which your ancient ceremonies have taught you. Endurance brings with it patience; patience helps you find the way ahead and gives you courage for the journey. Take heart from the fact that many of your languages are still spoken and you still possess your ancient culture."

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 Dinners 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://holyltrinityqueenscliff.org.au/tlc-aged-care-respite-care-promotion/>.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 4th September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 22

Tuesday 5th September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 22
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 6th September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 22
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 7th September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 22
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove with OLSOS Year 3 students attending

Friday 8th September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 22
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 9th September – St Peter Claver (Memorial)

Sunday 10th September – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Child Protection Sunday

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Thought for the Week:

Life is a promise; fulfill it.

– Mother Teresa.



Happy Father's Day to all fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers and all who have a fatherly role. We wish you all a wonderful and joyous day.

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