

# The Living Word

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

10 September 2023

## First Reading Ez 33:7-9

*If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8**

*(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

## Second Reading Rom 13:8-10

*Love is the fulfilment of the Law.*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

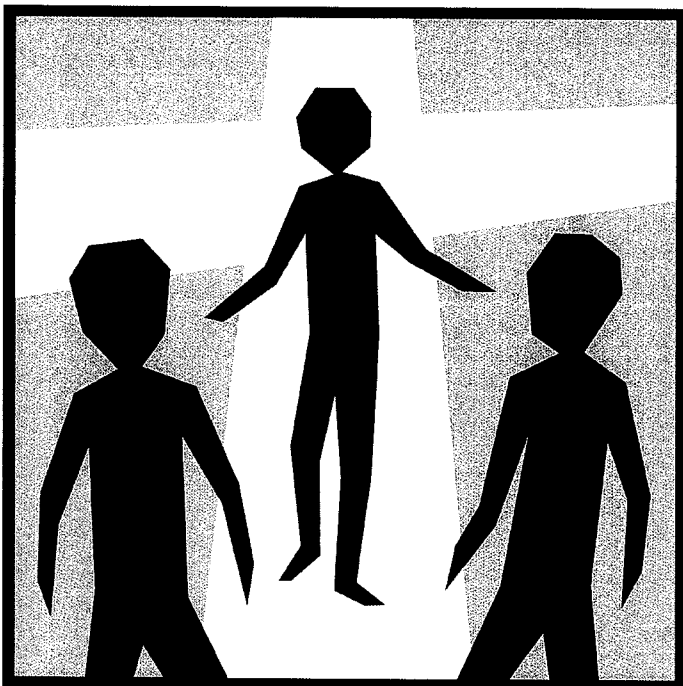
## Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;*

*and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.*

*Alleluia!*



## Gospel Mt 18:15-20

*If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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## Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel provides us with a lesson that could be well heeded in our contemporary world. Matthew relates a discourse on dealing with a grievance or sin between two "brothers"—community members; fellow disciples. Matthew advises his audience that the first step is to try to resolve the matter privately between the offender and the one offended. This is a practice that seems to have almost disappeared today. When one person feels offended or hurt by another, it seems the last thing they do is to go and speak to the person, confront them with the hurt and try to resolve it. Soap operas and TV sitcoms promote avoidance of issues. The sub-text of so many TV shows is about lying to cover up a mistake; seeking revenge for some perceived (usually incorrect) insult; or working through others to try to deal with some hurt. If characters on these TV shows were to confront one another with a perceived hurt and seek to resolve the difference between them, then there would be no "drama" to play out in the show. Admittedly, it doesn't make for great television, but it does make for much better relationships!

Matthew advises his community that only after a failed attempt to address an issue face to face should other members of the community become involved to further confront the offender through witnessing to their fault. The third step is to bring the person before the church community to be confronted with their actions and only after these three attempts to challenge the person fail should they be shunned. There is a very strong message of reconciliation that comes through this process. The person is given every chance to face their error and to seek amends with the one they have hurt. The whole process works towards bringing the community back together in harmony, not to seek revenge and punishment.

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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.

### PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Fr Darien J Sticklen  
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For all other parish ministries, including RCIA, Sacramental Program, Men Alive, Faith Development & Spirituality Group, St Vincent de Paul local Conference, Trinity Aid for Refugees, etc., please visit:

[www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au)

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### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
10:00am to 1:00pm  
(excluding public holidays)

### PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St. Aloysius, Queenscliff  
Principal: Ms. Miriam Leahy, Tel: 5258 1736  
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

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### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN

Enrolments are 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

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**Anniversaries 10<sup>th</sup> September to 16<sup>th</sup> September:** Michael O'Connor, Rita Ryzman, Merrilyn Campbell, Carmel McNulty, Mary Richards, Ellen Bligh, Patricia Fiddes, Margaret Storai and Sadie Johnston.

**Please pray for those who are Sick:** Elly Anwyl, Peg Benham, Naomi Bianco, Denise Blake, 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, 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: 17<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00am:

(C) Catherine Hayes (L) Monica Meagher (SM) Janine Fitzpatrick, Dan O'Meara (W) Remo & Naomi Bianco.

#### QUEENSCLIFF: 17<sup>th</sup> September at 11:00am:

(C) Adrian Scott (L) Diana Scott (SM) Terry Philp (W) David Millie

#### COUNTERS: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 10:00am:

Judy Compton and Fay Neville.

### \*\* 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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/>.

**Join the Safeguarding Committee!** We are looking for people from all three communities to join the Parish's Safeguarding Committee. The committee meets four times a year. We encourage you to please contact the parish office if you are interested.

Fr Darien will be on leave and away from the Parish from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> October inclusive.

During this time, Fr Geoff Baron will be in residence to celebrate Masses and attend to pastoral needs.

We thank Fr Geoff for his kindness and generous service.

**Safeguarding Sunday – 10<sup>th</sup> September:** This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday. We recognise and apologise for the harm done in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023)

**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.queenscliffrra.org](http://www.queenscliffrra.org).

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

**Update from Baptism Team:** beginning in October 2023, Holy Trinity Parish will welcome children who will be baptised from January 2024 into the Parish Community. The welcoming of new members is an important event for the Parish. Parents, along with the children to be baptised, will be invited to attend one of our weekend Parish Masses. We look forward to welcoming the families.

**Faith Development and Spirituality Group:**

**SAVE THE DATE:** Sunday, October 8; 12:00 to 3:00pm. **VENUE:** Santa Casa, Queenscliff. **COST:** A little of your time. If, in the midst of busy lives, you missed the chance of earlier engagement, here is an opportunity to devote an hour or so in quiet discernment of what the Uluru Statement from the Heart is inviting us to share. More details to follow next week.

**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... "You have kept your sense of brotherhood. If you stay closely united, you are like a tree standing in the middle of a bushfire sweeping through the timber. The leaves are scorched, and the tough bark is scarred and burned; but inside the tree the sap is still flowing, and under the ground the roots are still strong. Like that tree you have endured the flames, and you still have the power to be reborn. The time for rebirth is now."

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](https://mcusercontent.com/f143adb4b80e260dafa227b46/files/d16b9314-0673-2f77-bbda-6adb4743e6c2/The_Fairness_Yet_To_Come_Forum_Flyer.pdf)

**Geelong Catholic Diners Club:** You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food & friendship. **Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> September. **Time:** 6:00pm. **Venue:** The Bistro, Belmont Hotel (High St, Belmont). **Cost:** Purchase meals & drinks at your own cost. **RSVP** by 10<sup>th</sup> September to John Santospirito (0409 165 943 or [john.santospirito@bigpond.com](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Limited flyers available at each Mass centre or visit: <https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/tlc-aged-care-respite-care-promotion/>.

**Music at the Basilica 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Windfire Music Festival, Geelong:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023. For all event details and booking information, please visit: <https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/music-at-the-basilica-14th-annual-windfire-music-festival-geelong-6-15-october-2023/>.

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**LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 23**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September – The Most Holy Name of Mary (Memorial)**  
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September – St John Chrysostom (Memorial)**  
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)**  
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)**  
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff  
1:00pm St Aloysius Blessing of new school facilities

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Sts Cornelius and Cyprian (Memorial)**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Thought for the Week:**

The beautiful thing about learning is  
nobody can take it away from you.

- B.B. King.

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A big thank you to the hospitality teams at our three Churches for providing generous hospitalities to families on Father's Day, and at the morning tea at Holy Family (Barwon Heads) in Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September as well. Greatly appreciated!

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