

The Living Word

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

24 September 2023

First Reading *Is 55:6-9*

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take
pity on him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who
speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. *(R.)*
2. The Lord is kind and full of
compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. *(R.)*

Second Reading *Phil 1:20-24. 27*

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by
my life or by my death. Life to me, of course,
is Christ, but then death would bring me
something more; but then again, if living in
this body means doing work which is having
good results – I do not know what I should
choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want
to be gone and be with Christ, which would
be very much the better, but for me to stay
alive in this body is a more urgent need for
your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that
would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation *See Acts 16:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.*

Alleluia!

Gospel *Mt 20:1-16*

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom
of heaven is like a landowner going out at
daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard.
He made an agreement with the workers
for one denarius a day, and sent them to
his vineyard. Going out at about the third
hour he saw others standing idle in the
market place and said to them, "You go
to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair
wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour
and again at about the ninth hour, he went
out and did the same. Then at about the
eleventh hour he went out and found more



men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

On a first reading of this gospel story, the reader is probably struck by the unfairness of the situation. The landowner has employed day labourers at different times throughout the day to work in his vineyard. However, come the end of the day, the landowner pays all the day labourers the same amount. Not surprisingly, the labourers employed at daybreak to work the whole day are upset that those who have only worked the last hour of the day are paid the same amount. The landowner reminds them that he is paying them what they agreed at the start of the day, and yet the reader is left uncomfortable about the whole arrangement.

Of course, this is the purpose of Jesus' story! The key to the story is in the introduction. Most of the kingdom parables told by Jesus begin with a formulaic statement, 'The kingdom is like ...' and this one is no different. What follows is almost always a description of an everyday event that is turned on its head. In all of the kingdom parables recorded in the gospels, Jesus describes a world order in which people respond in unexpected and sometimes confusing ways. His message is that the kingdom, or reign, of God turns expectations upside down. In the kingdom, people who are treated badly in this world are held in great esteem; the balance of power is turned upside down; and the usual order of things is challenged. The landowner's final comment in the parable, 'the last will be first, and the first, last', is a perfect example of the challenging nature of Jesus' kingdom parables. In the kingdom, those who hold themselves to be first in this world will be brought down, and those who are treated as least in this world will be exalted.

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Holy Family 101 Hitchcock Av Barwon Heads	Our Lady Star of the Sea 68 John Dory Drive Ocean Grove	Holy Trinity 34 Stevens St Queenscliff
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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

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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:

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PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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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/

COLUMBARIUM

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

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

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Anniversaries 24th September to 30th September: Claudio German, Ruby Leahy, Ray Hertz, Bernice Greelish, Doreen Olsen, Patrick Delaney Snr, Norgio 'Norm' Satalich, Colleen Clarke, Terre Rossiter, Richard Stubbs, Patricia Dean, Joan Harrington, John Prowse, Raphael Omeaku and Arnold 'Arnie' Bench.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Elly Anwyl, 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, Ben Hanan, Stephen Hanan, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Robert Hurlley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, George Marshall, Belinda Monterosso, Annette Mullany, Christine Naulty, Frank & Kaye 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: 1st October at 9:00am:

(C) Geraldine Rainey (L) Peter Dickinson (SM) Luci Quinn, Carmel Rice (W) Nan Calnin, Diane Gent.

QUEENSCLIFF: 1st October at 11:00am:

(C) David Millie (L) Adrian Redfern (SM) Eva Millie (W) Trish Frizza.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 3rd October 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/

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/>.

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.

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday 29th September for AFL Grand Final Eve public holiday.

Hospitality Sunday: will take place next Sunday, 1st October, following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. 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.queenscliffrra.org.

Faith Development & Spirituality Group: Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future.
– Uluru Statement from the Heart.

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 help you were not always successful, and there were times when they did not fully understand you. But they showed you goodwill and friendship. They came from many different walks of life. Some were teachers, some doctors and other professional people; some were simple folk. History will remember the good example of their charity and fraternal solidarity."

Music at the Basilica 14th Annual Windfire Music Festival, Geelong: Friday 6th to Sunday 15th 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 25th September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 25

Tuesday 26th September – Sts Cosmos and Damian (Memorial)

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 27th September – St Vincent de Paul (Memorial)

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

Thursday 28th September – St Wenceslaus & St Lawrence and companions (Memorial)

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

Friday 29th September – Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (Feast)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 30th September – St Jerome (Memorial)

Sunday 1st October – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – Spreading the News

(by Susan Weston)

The last PPC meeting was 6 September at St Ignatius College Drysdale, and the Principal, Michael Exton, took us on a tour of the school. For many of us this was our first visit to St Ignatius and to say we were "blown away" by the amenities, the grounds, the planning and thought that has gone into creating this dynamic school environment is an understatement. But we were also impressed by the presence of symbols, posters, statements as to what it meant to be a student, teacher/other staff member, parent of this vibrant community in which there is tangible witness as to what it means to be Christian and a Catholic person in today's world and that of tomorrow. Our thanks to Michael for his hospitality.

Our meetings run for around an hour and there is always much to discuss. Below are excerpts from the recent Minutes and cover 2 items we addressed:

6. Sr Nola – role in our parish leadership team:

- Pastoral Ministry is the overarching focus. The elements of this includes those with particular needs such as "shut-ins", and others needing visitation. The aim is to extend pastoral support in tandem with the 3 church communities, "Compassionate Hearts", and other agencies, wherever needed.

7. Take the Way of the Gospel – Turning perceived weaknesses into strengths:

- Welcoming and Hospitality – signs, flags, other: Kerry Sells indicated small flags have been purchased for each church entrance.
- Pastoral Care – home visits, rosters, etc: this is being at least partly addressed by developing item 6 (above).
- Strengthening relationships between parish & primary & secondary schools:
 - there is evidence for this in current liaisons for specific PPC – school endeavours (e.g. Holy Trinity Parish Concert in November 2023 & the location for this meeting...)
- Communication/Public Relations to parish community and beyond: regular reporting of Parish pastoral matters at masses etc;
- the Parish Administration document indicates that good administration and communication enables the growth of a good church community.
- Our link to the Drysdale parish is focused on student connections to St Ignatius College and their various home parishes.

For more information about the PPC, please contact the Parish Secretary, Daniella, via phone (5258 1673) or email (queenscliff@cam.org.au) or visit www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au.

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Caritas Australia –Emergency Appeals for Morocco and Libya: Caritas Australia has launched 2 emergency appeals in response to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and the floods in Libya. Both appeals are described on their website and supporters can donate online for: Morocco: www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/morocco-earthquake/ Libya: www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/libya-floods/ Thank you for your generosity and support.

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Thought for the Week:
The longest journey you will ever take
is the 18 inches from your head
to your heart.

- Andrew Bennett.

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