

# The Living Word

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1 October 2023

## First Reading Ez 18:25-28

*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6**

**(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

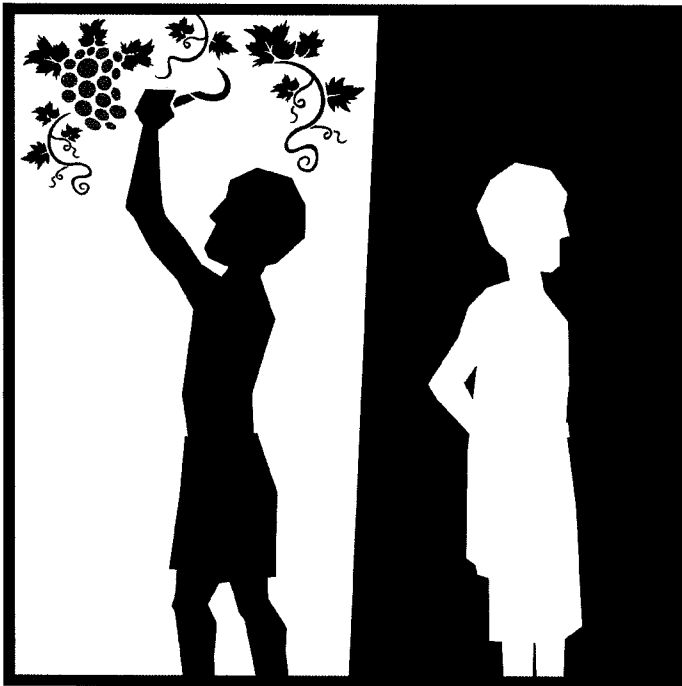
1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

## Second Reading Phil 2:1-11 or shorter form Phil 2:1-5

*In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the  
underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of  
Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.



### **Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*My sheep listen to my voice,  
says the Lord;*

*I know them, and they follow me.*

*Alleluia!*

### **Gospel Mt 21:28-32**

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

### **Reflection by Greg Sunter**

This week's gospel passage is one of many within Matthew's gospel that show Jesus at odds with the religious authorities of his day. The picture of the religious leaders that comes through Matthew's gospel is one of hypocrisy. Jesus is frequently portrayed as criticising the leaders for holding too strongly to the letter of the law and ignoring the spirit of the law and the call to compassion. This week's passage has Jesus seeking the opinion of the chief priests and elders on a hypothetical situation (a common style of debating a point of law in the Jewish tradition). He describes two sons, each asked by their father to go and work in the family vineyard. The first says 'No' but later does his father's bidding. The second says 'Yes' but doesn't follow through on his commitment.

Jesus is criticising the religious leaders of his time who, with their words, said 'Yes' to God but by their actions said 'No'. He most certainly would have upset the leaders by telling them that tax collectors and prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God before them. Whilst these tax collectors and prostitutes were regarded by the religious authorities as 'sinners' beyond redemption, Jesus holds them up in the image of the first son of the story. Although they may have said 'No' to God through their poor choices, ultimately they are saying 'Yes' to God in their acceptance of Jesus and the message of the kingdom of God. On the other hand, the leaders have said 'Yes' to God publicly through abiding by all the religious laws and maintaining a 'religious profile' but in their hearts and actions they have not truly said 'Yes!'

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Rev Fr Darien J Sticklen  
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### PARISH OFFICE & PRESBYTERY

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

### COLUMBARIUM

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 open for 2024.

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

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

**Anniversaries 1<sup>st</sup> October to 7<sup>th</sup> October:** Campbell Corby, Graeme Ray, Frank Monahan, John Meagher, John Russell, Mary Harrington, John Tigh and Antoinetta Bencich.

**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 Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, George Marshall, Belinda Monterosso, Annette Mullany, Christine Naulty, Frank & Kaye Nelson, Maria Neyenhuis, 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: 8<sup>th</sup> October at 9:00am:

(C) Majella O'Connor (L) Anthony Dowling (SM) Jo Ballard, David O'Connor (W) Michael & Barbara Hardy.

#### QUEENSCLIFF: 8<sup>th</sup> October at 11:00am:

(C) Adrian Scott (L) Diana Scott (SM) Angela Hatch (W) Rosamaria Guthrie.

#### COUNTERS: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 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/](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.

**Daylight Savings begins overnight this Saturday evening / Sunday morning (1<sup>st</sup> October) at 2:00am.**  
**Remember, clocks "spring" forward one hour.**

**Hospitality Sunday:** will take place this Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. ALL WELCOME!

**Morning Tea at Holy Family Church** on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 10:30am. ALL WELCOME!

**We wish the principals, staff and students a wonderful, joyous Term 4 as students return to school next week.**

**ATTENTION Trinity Singers!** Practice for Parish Concert this Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, from 4:00-5:00pm in the Parish Hall. Enquiries, contact Von (0438 191 196).

**Ladies Social Group:** lunch is at Van Loons Nursery Cafe (405 Grubb Road, Wallington) on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 12:00pm. RSVP via text or phone to Sandra on 0423 047 862. All welcome.

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



**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@iinet.net.au](mailto:shirleyhurley@iinet.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.queenscliffrao.org](http://www.queenscliffrao.org).

**Faith Development & Spirituality Group:** over the past months, the group has focussed its attention on the Statement from the Heart, signed in Uluru in 2017. We have offered this focus to the Parish, convinced that it is the key to a deeper understanding of the realities that are facing us as a nation. Next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October, is a timely opportunity for further reflection:

WHERE? Santa Casa Retreat Centre (33 Flinders St, Queenscliff)

WHEN? anytime between 12:00 and 3:00pm

WHAT? Time and space to listen, to read, to chat, to walk and appreciate the generosity of the invitation within the Statement from the Heart.

If you want time out in the midst of possibly confusing noise, this peaceful opportunity may be just what you need. For further information, please contact Michael Scott (0425 790 169) or Rhonda Boyd (0428 933 673).

**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... "Among those who have loved and cared for the indigenous people, we especially recall with profound gratitude all the missionaries of the Christian faith. With immense generosity they gave their lives in service to you and your forebears. They helped educate the Aboriginal people and offered health and social services. Whatever their human frailty, and whatever mistakes they may have made, nothing can minimize the depth of their charity."

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> October – The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial)**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 26**  
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – St Francis of Assisi (Memorial)**  
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – St Faustina Kowalska (Memorial)**  
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October – St Bruno (Memorial)**  
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial)**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – Spreading the News**  
(by Susan Weston)

### OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY

- We have an obligation to comply with the various Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S) regulations. At present our OH&S committee is comprised of Ken Caffyn, Adrian Redfern, Susan Weston, Daniella Sutura and Fr Darien Sticklen. We meet at least every quarter and report to the Parish Pastoral Council.
- We met this week and will assist Daniella in updating the Emergency Information and Contacts sheet. We also reviewed the Essential Services Maintenance logs for each Church centre.
- INCIDENT REPORTING: Each of our Churches has a folder at the rear of the Church which contains information as to the process that needs to be followed and forms to complete in the event that an incident takes place. We would also ask that you contact the Parish Office on 03 5258 1673 as soon as possible. Alternatively, call Ken Caffyn (0418 399 722), Adrian Redfern (0455 737 179) or Susan Weston (0419 501 781). We will arrange to collect the Incident form and discuss the next steps with you.
- If you notice an issue that could relate to OH&S, please contact a member of the OH&S committee and we will follow up.

For more information about the PPC, please contact the Parish Office: 5258 1673 | [queenscliff@cam.org.au](mailto:queenscliff@cam.org.au) or visit [www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au).

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## Thought for the Week:

What we see depends mainly  
on what we look for.

– John Lubbock.

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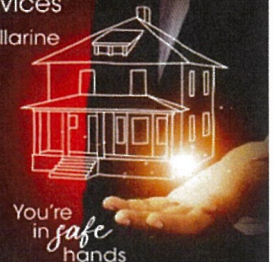
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