

The Living Word

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

8 October 2023

First Reading Is 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16.19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) *The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.*

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.
(R.)

2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be
saved. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 4:6-9

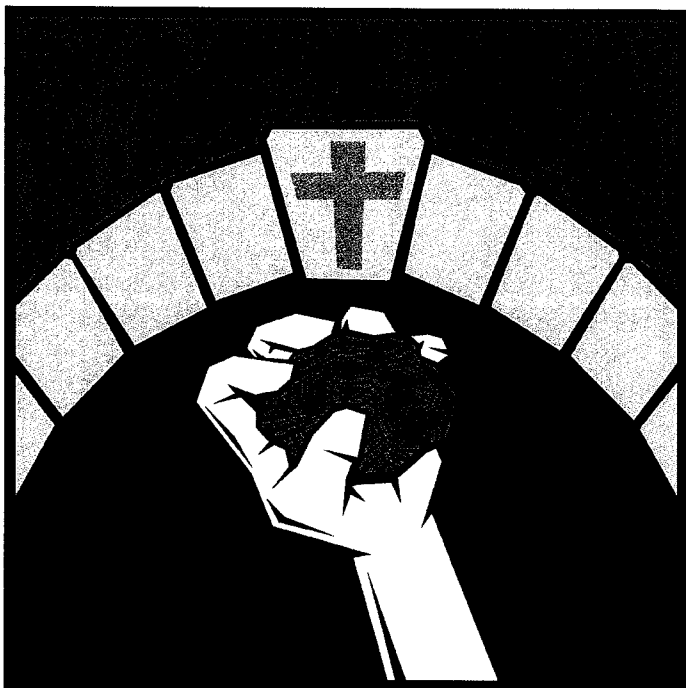
Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

***I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!***



Gospel Mt 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel must be read in conjunction with the first reading (Isaiah 5:1-7) and the responsorial psalm, because the message of these passages is implicit in the parable told by Jesus. As soon as Jesus began to describe the vineyard – fenced around, a winepress dug and tower built – his audience would have immediately known that he was reflecting the Isaiah description of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. Isaiah's condemnation of Israel in that passage is so strong that one can almost imagine Jesus' audience cringing in anticipation of where this story was leading.

The imagery Jesus used would have been so familiar to his audience that it was almost mundane, and yet Jesus, as usual, gives the image a twist. He describes a vineyard owner whose tenant farmers rebel, beat and murder his servants. Any one of these acts was punishable by death and the audience may well have expected the story to end there. And yet the landowner sends further messengers – hopeful of a change of heart from the tenants and allowing them the opportunity to do what is right. After these messengers are also murdered, the landowner sends his own son to collect the harvest from the tenants.

Jesus, of course, is drawing on the familiar image of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. God, the landowner, has entrusted this beautifully prepared land to the people of Israel and yet they have taken ownership for themselves and forgotten their Lord. Messengers, in the form of prophets, have been sent to call the people back to God but they were ignored and even murdered. Now, the Son has been sent to the people and received much the same response. When Jesus asks his audience of chief priests and elders what the landowner should do, they are acutely aware that he is asking them how God should deal with them.

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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/

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Enrolments are open for 2024.

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Recently Deceased: Anthony 'Tony' Fiteni.

Anniversaries 8th October to 14th October: Hugh Tighe, Ian James, Samuel Farrugia, Adrian Hurley, Nancy Kennedy, David Guthrie and Claire Kenny.

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 Faigneux, 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, 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: 15th October at 9:00am:

(C) Janine Fitzpatrick (L) Lachlan Fitzpatrick (SM) Dan O'Meara, Fiorentina Romeo (W) Catherine Hayes, Bev O'Meara.

QUEENSCLIFF: 15th October at 11:00am:

(C) Ian D'Cruz (L) Maria D'Cruz (SM) Ann Maree Furphy (W) Roger Furphy.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 17th October at 10:00am:

John Calnin & Josephine Barnes.

** 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 2nd November. 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/>.

Adult Inquiry about the Catholic Church (RCIA): the Parish is preparing to have a time for people to make inquiry about the Catholic Church - its beliefs and practices. Sometimes, processes such as this, allow for people to seek more and perhaps engage in programs such as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Anyone interested may contact Frank and Carmel Rice, through the Parish Office (5258 1673 / queenscliff@cam.org.au). There is already interest in sharing some of the experience, and it is hoped to include parishioners from time to time in any of the journeying over time.

Update from Baptism Team – Welcoming Masses: beginning in November 2023, children who will be baptised from January 2024 will be welcomed 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.

Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR): the grocery collections box will be located at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove for all of October. Our Refugee friends in Geelong continue to need much support. For a list of suggested items check the Parish Website, click Ministries & Groups/TAR and scroll to the end or email shirleyhurley@inet.net.au.

To 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.queenscliffar.org.

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

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. This Sunday, **8th 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, November 1986... "From the earliest times men like Archbishop Polding of Sydney opposed the legal fiction adopted by European settlers that this land was terra nullius – nobody's country. He strongly pleaded for the rights of the Aboriginal inhabitants to keep the traditional lands on which their whole society depended. The Church still supports you today."

Upcoming Day Programs at Santa Casa, Queenscliff:

- **Wednesday 11th October** – *Nurturing mind, body and spirit.* Presenter: Sr Nicole Rotaru rsm. From 10am to 2:30pm, including hospitality. Cost: \$25. Registration by 6th October.
- **Thursday 12th October** – *God's gift of Interculturality.* Presenter: Sr Cathy Solano rsm.

To register: contact Sr Lizzie at Santa Casa via phone 0418 194 261 or email santacasa@ismapng.com.au.

Full 2023 schedule: <https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/day-programs-2023-at-santa-casa-retreat-centre/>.

Geelong Catholic Diners Club: You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food & friendship. **Date:** Tuesday 10th October. **Time:** 6:00pm. **Venue:** The Bistro, Belmont Hotel (High St, Belmont). **Cost:** Purchase meals & drinks at your own cost. **RSVP** via phone or text to Joan 0429 215 111 or Michael 0431 959 584 by 6th October.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 9th October – St Denis & St John Leonardi (Memorial)

Tuesday 10th October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 27

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

11:30am Funeral Requiem Mass for Mr Anthony Fiteni At Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 11th October – St John XXIII (Memorial)

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

Thursday 12th October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 27

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

Friday 13th October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 27

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 14th October – St Callistus (Memorial)

Sunday 15th October – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Thought for the Week:

Abundance is, in large part,
an attitude.

- Sue Patton Thoele.

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SPREADING THE NEWS (by Susan Weston)

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL

Following on from the Parish consultation sessions of last year, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is looking to work on 3 themes which came through very strongly. They are Welcoming, Hospitality & Parish Pastoral Care Ministry.


Parish Ministry, bringing about good for place and each other by reaching out, is a big focus for us and Sr Nola Morrissy rsm is heading up this area. Currently she is gathering information and preparing an overview of what is happening in our Parish.

In the meantime, if you or a family member are looking for help or advice, please contact Sr Nola. Some examples might include being recently diagnosed with an illness & seeking support by way of prayer, receiving Communion while in hospital, a visit from a member of the Parish team if you are unwell or lonely, advice as to where you might be able to access help in relation to a particular situation, new to the Parish & feeling shy to introduce yourself or you would like to volunteer your skills and talents but not sure how to go about this. We are keen to welcome and support you.

Contact Sr Nola on 0407 300 345 or nola.morrissy@mercy.org.au.

For more information about the PPC, please contact the Parish Office: 5258 1673 | queenscliff@cam.org.au or visit www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au.

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