

The Living Word

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

15 October 2023

First Reading Is 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine
wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) *I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your
staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Phil 4:12-14.19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

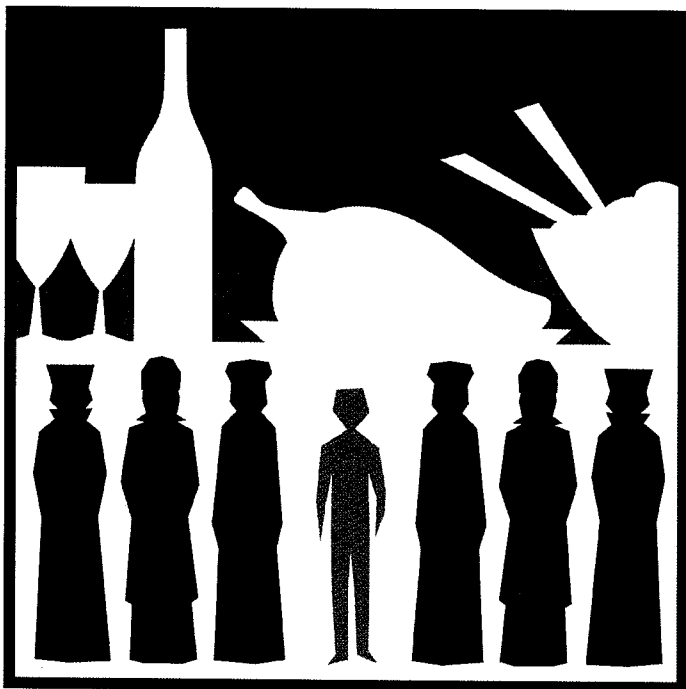
I know how to be poor and I know how to
be rich too. I have been through my initiation
and now I am ready for anything anywhere:
full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or
plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with
the help of the One who gives me strength.
All the same, it was good of you to share
with me in my hardships. In return my God
will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as
lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our
Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.

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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.

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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/>

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Anniversaries 15th October to 21st October: Romeo Busuttill, Jack Brown, Rod Salter, Nanette Tighe, Len Jenner, Maris Williams, Pasquale Bua, Tony Gurry, Teresa Southwell, Simon Maronian, Bob Young, Margaret McGlynn and Marie Theresa Daly.

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 Koertjes, 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: 22nd October at 9:00am:

(C) Maureen Earls (L) Frank Rice (SM) Sandra Duggan, Jenny Cole (W) Jo Ballard, Margaret Donovan.

QUEENSCLIFF: 22nd October at 11:00am:

(C) Tony Frizza (L) Margaret Mary Flynn (SM) Maria Sammut (W) Trish Frizza.

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

John Calnin and 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.

Upcoming annual appeal and special collection:

- Catholic Mission, World Mission Sunday, will be held next weekend (21-22 October). Thank you for your generosity and support.

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@iinet.net.au.

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

Together we pray for the Year 3 students of Our Lady Star of the Sea School receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. We also pray for the children receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Message from Catholic Mission: *Gratitude for your support!* We extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous backing of this year's Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith. Through your help, Church workers in 1047 mission dioceses have been able to share the Good News with their local communities. Thank you for contributing to the amount of \$2050.90 which was raised by Holy Trinity community for Catholic Mission. Your support this year will enable Sr Carolina to continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

Senior Companion / Helper Seeking Accommodation: A senior single lady with excellent references is available to provide companionship and practical domestic assistance for an elderly man or woman who needs help in order for him/her to remain at home for as long as possible. Rental arrangement can be negotiable in recognition of degree and type service / assistance required. The carer anticipates detailed enquiries from family members and her quiet, clean and house-friendly dog needs to be part of any arrangement. Open to either Melbourne or rural-based agreement. For further information, contact Fr Kevin Dillon on 0421 777 360 or email: frkdillon@outlook.com.au.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 16th October – St Hedwig & St Margaret Mary Alacoque (Memorial)

Tuesday 17th October – St Ignatius of Antioch (Memorial)

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

Wednesday 18th October – St Luke (Feast)

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

11:40am Our Lady Star of the Sea Year 3 students receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLSOS Primary School

Thursday 19th October – Sts John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues and companions, and St Paul of the Cross (Memorial)

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

10:00am Our Lady Star of the Sea Year 3 students receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLSOS Primary School

Friday 20th October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 28

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 21st October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 28

Sunday 22nd October – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Mission Sunday

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Thought for the Week:

**A handful of patience
is worth a bushel of brains.**

- Dutch Proverb.

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SPREADING THE NEWS (by Susan Weston)

MEET YOUR PPC – CHAIR, LIZ FRAZER

I came to Mass in my early days of living at Ocean Grove to have a look! I was very impressed with Darien and the lovely way he treated the people. His warmth and gentle way made my decision that I had found my home! I have got to know some parishioners which is so important if you are going to be involved in the Parish. It is the people who make the Parish. I have been involved with 3 Parish Councils - Strathmore, Hadfield & Hawthorn; prior to accepting Darien's invitation to join Holy Trinity PPC. I also work on a Jesuit Task Force Committee. I immediately found our Parish to be a welcoming community. My interests will make you laugh - African drumming, woodwork, gardening, bush walking, and spending time with my friends.

My hopes:

- More opportunities for parishioners from all 3 Churches to meet and build connections.
- Support our PP Darien; 3 Churches under the 1 umbrella is a lot of work with many varied demands. Try to lighten his load.
- Use my skills in Administration and Business Management to tackle the challenges facing PPC – implementing more initiatives to support the themes of Welcoming, Hospitality & Pastoral Care Ministry.
- Communications and Connections between our Schools, especially secondary schools and the Parish, to be more of a visual presence. Engage students in being a real and vital part of the Parish – their views and needs matter to us.

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

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