

# The Living Word

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

22 October 2023

## First Reading Is 45:1.4-6

*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to  
Cyrus,  
whom he has taken by his right hand  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip the loins of kings,  
to force gateways before him  
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,  
of Israel my chosen one,  
that I have called you by your name,  
conferring a title though you do not  
know me.  
I am the Lord, unrivalled;  
there is no other God besides me.  
Though you do not know me, I arm you  
that men may know from the rising to  
the setting of the sun  
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7**

*(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.*

- 1 O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the  
peoples. *(R.)*
- 2 The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens.  
*(R.)*

- 3 Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts. *(R.)*
- 4 Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. *(R.)*

## Second Reading 1 Thes 1:1-5

*We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the  
Church in Thessalonika which is in God the  
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing  
you grace and peace from God the Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers  
and thank God for you all, and constantly  
remember before God our Father how you  
have shown your faith in action, worked for  
love and persevered through hope, in our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

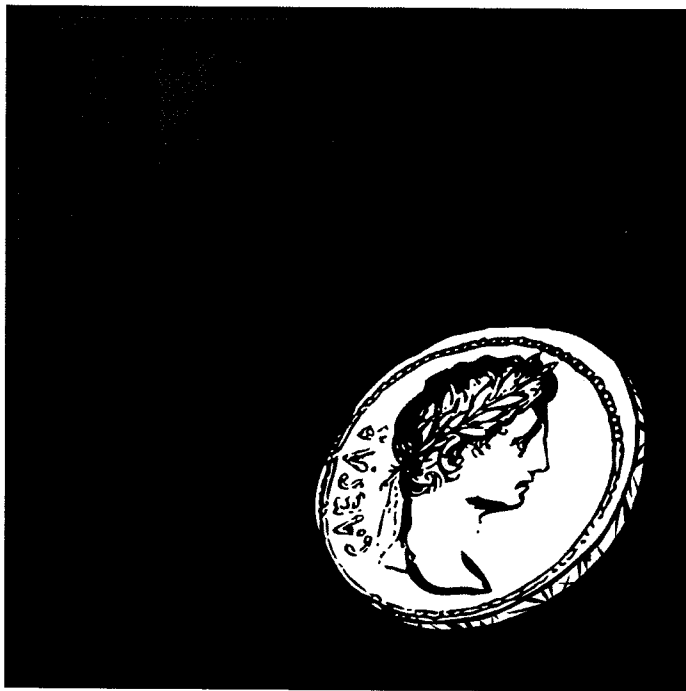
We know, brothers, that God loves you and  
that you have been chosen, because when  
we brought the Good News to you, it came  
to you not only as words, but as power and  
as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

## Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15. 16

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.**

**Alleluia!**



## Gospel Mt 22:15-21

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

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## Reflection by Greg Sunter

The gospel writer presents this episode as a deliberate attempt by the Pharisees to trap Jesus and turn the people against him. Their plan was a good one, with no apparent 'safe' answer: is it permissible (within Jewish tradition) to pay taxes to Caesar or not? If Jesus were to answer that it is not permissible to pay taxes then he would be identified as a rebel and a threat to Roman authority – leaving himself open to severe punishment. If he were to answer that it was permissible to pay the taxes he would have alienated a lot of his audience who resented the taxes imposed by Rome.

Instead of falling into the trap set by the Pharisees, Jesus approaches the question in a completely different way. He asks them to show him the money with which they pay the tax. Immediately, he has turned the tables on them. He doesn't appear to carry any of the coin in question and yet the Pharisees' disciples carry them as a matter of habit. They are asking if it is permissible to pay the tax and yet freely carry the coin with which the tax is paid. Jesus shows up the hypocrisy of their question by forcing them to reveal their own position in the simple action of producing one of the Roman coins. Jesus then closes the dispute by instructing them to render (give) to Caesar what belongs to Caesar but, more importantly, render to God what belongs to God. In a very simple way Jesus has shown up the Pharisees' disciples as being collaborators with the Roman authority and placing that authority above the authority of God. He reminds the listeners that regardless of earthly authority, the first duty is owed to God.

# HOLY TRINITY

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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

Rev Fr Darien J Sticklen  
Parish Secretary: Mrs Daniella Sutera  
Safeguarding & Admin Support: Ms Jennie Ryan  
Parish Mission Ambassador: Ms Josephine Barnes

*For all parish ministries, including Holy Communion to the Sick, RCIA, Baptism & 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

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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. Kerryn 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 CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Enrolments are open for 2024.  
Please visit our website for enrolment form and all information:  
<https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program-2/>

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

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

**Recently Deceased:** Maureen O'Neill.

**Anniversaries 22<sup>nd</sup> October to 28<sup>th</sup> October:** Anne Rutledge, Robyn Nagle, William Roberts, Jack Roberts, Michael Frater, Terry Roberts, Dot Neville, Winsome Newton, Catherine Gibbs and Gerry Penning.

**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, 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:** 29<sup>th</sup> October at 9:00am:

(C) Jenny Cole (L) Brenda Bissinella (SM) Janine Fitzpatrick, Marg Lucas  
(W) Nan Calnin, Judy Considine.

**QUEENSCLIFF:** 29<sup>th</sup> October at 11:00am:

(C) Sam Sammut (L) Maria Sammut (SM) Eva Millie (W) Terry Philp

**COUNTERS:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 10:00am:

Ken Caffyn and Greg Carey.

### \*\* 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/>.

**Upcoming annual appeal and special collection:**

- Catholic Mission, World Mission Sunday, is postponed to next weekend (28-29 October). Thank you for your generosity and support.

*Together we pray for the Year 3 students of St Aloysius School receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.*

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**Thought for the Week:**

**Less is more.**

*- Robert Browning.*

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**\*\* FAITH DEVELOPMENT GROUP – ADVENT NEWS! \*\***

This Advent, the Faith Development Group (FDG) is sourcing the book, 'With Expectant Hearts' from the Diocese of Brisbane. Here are some details about this Advent's resource:

- This year's Advent resource invites us to explore more deeply what it means to allow God to come to birth in us. We have developed "With Expectant Hearts" to help us enter a new liturgical year, the journey of faith that stretches before us. The spiritual nourishment God seeks to give us now will come to birth in us through the entire year if we can open our hearts in response to it.
- 'With Expectant Hearts' is a new 22-day reflection resource. Its main purpose is to help us to find a few minutes each day to practice what it means to sit with God and to trust God to lead us forward.
- **Approximate Cost \$7.00 each – to be confirmed.**

The FDG is expecting to offer at least **two weekly small reflection group meetings**. At this stage, one morning session in Barwon Heads and one evening group in Ocean Grove – both on a Tuesday commencing **Tuesday 28/11/2023**.

If you are interested in obtaining a booklet for personal reflection and/or would like to join a discussion group (let us know which one!), **please contact either:**

- Sandra Gould by email at [sandra@salmandra.com](mailto:sandra@salmandra.com) or phone 0418 537 941
- Kerin Fox by email at [foxeskb@gmail.com](mailto:foxeskb@gmail.com) or phone 0407 519 585
- Rhonda Boyd by email at [rboyd1@vtown.com.au](mailto:rboyd1@vtown.com.au) or phone 0428 933 673

**TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (by Bill Fox):** From the Address of Pope St John Paul II to the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in Alice Springs, Nov. 1986... "Christian people of goodwill are saddened to realize – many of them only recently - for how long a time aboriginal people were transported from their homelands into small areas or reserves where families were broken up, tribes split apart, children orphaned and people forced to live like exiles in a foreign country."

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

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**LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – St John of Capistrano (Memorial)**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October – St Anthony Claret (Memorial)**

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

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 29**

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

11:30am St Aloysius Year 3 students receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Aloysius Primary School

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 29**

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

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 29**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Sts Simon and Jude (Feast)**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

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**SPREADING THE NEWS (by Susan Weston)**

**MEET YOUR PPC – DEPUTY CHAIR, KERRY SIDAWAY**

I grew up in Melbourne, attending Catholic schools for my entire education then became a teacher, including at Saint Ignatius College. Our family arrived in Ocean Grove from Ballarat and our two girls attended OLSS. I currently work as the Coordinator of the Religious Education Teacher Accreditation Program with the Melbourne Archdiocese, ensuring that our teachers have the knowledge & support to be leaders of students in Catholic schools.

Here at Holy Trinity Parish, I was an active member of the Parish Fete Committee for several years & Children's Liturgy when the OG Church was located on The Terrace. When we lived in Hervey Bay, Queensland I was a member of the St. Joseph's Parish & a member of the PPC.

I am a keen golfer & member at Lonsdale Links, love being a grandmother to two beautiful granddaughters & enjoy reading & travelling.

**My hopes:**

- Continuing to support our parishioners. A big plus of our Parish is the scope, range of the activities & support offered throughout our community & the energy of those who donate their time to offer this support.
- Supporting our Parish Priest, Darien - as a Parish with three Mass Centres, I am always taken back by the busyness of our Parish Priest.
- Looking for ways to engage with the young people in our schools & the wider community. We need to keep searching for opportunities to engage the young in all parish activities which may mean developing new opportunities that will attract their attention & retention.

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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