

The Living Word

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

29 October 2023

First Reading Ex 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. *(R.)*

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

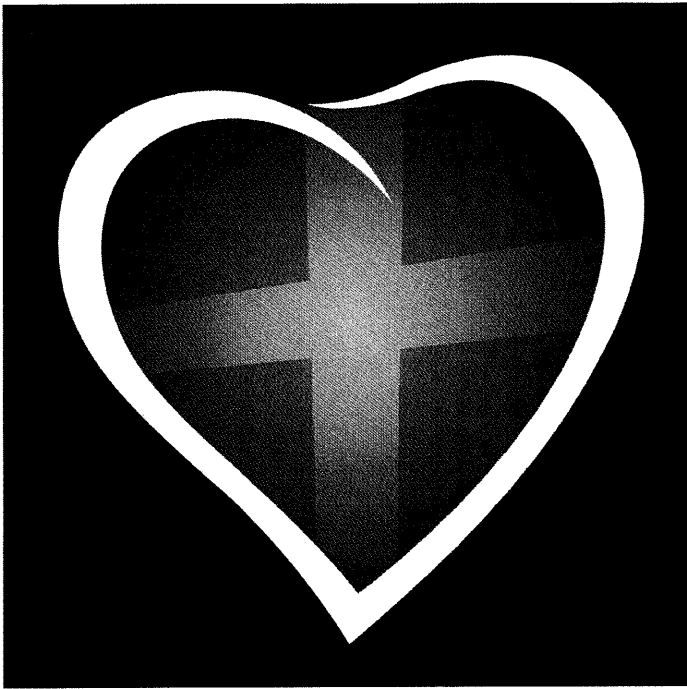
You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.**

Alleluia!



Gospel Mt 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

Like last week's gospel, we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to 'catch Jesus out' in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah – the Law. To them, ALL the commandments were vitally important, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses with which we are perhaps most familiar, but the 613 *mitzvot* (commandments) contained within the Torah – the first five books of the Bible. These 613 *mitzvot* governed all aspects of Jewish life. For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the 'greatest' commandment was a blatant challenge to him. Perhaps they expected Jesus to name one commandment and then they could challenge him with a whole series of 'What about ...?' questions.

Jesus' answer to the Pharisees highlights their preoccupation with the particulars of the Law contained within scripture. In their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance, they have forgotten about the most basic element of faith: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following precise rules but rather it is simply about loving God. With this one sentence, Jesus undermines the power position of the Pharisees. If the Law is as simple as 'Love God', what need is there of Pharisees to interpret the details of the Law? Having pulled the rug out from under them, Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities of his time.

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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/

COLUMBARIUM

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://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program-2/>

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Recently Deceased: Geoff James and Annette Mullany.

Anniversaries 29th October to 4th November: Noreen Wohlfahrt, Anne Phipps, Giovanni & Salvatrice Baglieri, Michael Walsh and Rita Rosevear.

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, 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: 5th November at 9:00am:

(C) Monica Meagher (L) Majella O'Connor (SM) Jo Ballard, David O'Connor (W) Marg Lucas, Catherine Hayes.

QUEENSCLIFF: 5th November at 11:00am:

(C) Bob Merriman (L) Ellen Bourke (SM) Angela Hatch (W) Sam Caruana.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 31st October at 10:00am:

Judy Compton & Fay Neville.

** 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/>.

This Sunday, we say THANK YOU and GOODBYE to Fr Geoff who has been our priest in residence for the last 6 weeks. We thank Fr Geoff for his pastoral care & duties, kindness and wisdom; and wish him all the best on his next adventure and supply in North Queensland.

Upcoming annual appeal and special collection:

Catholic Mission, World Mission Sunday, will be held this weekend (28-29 October). *Thank you for your generosity and support.*

Ladies Social Group: lunch on Wednesday 1st November at 12-noon at Ocean Grove Hotel (Bonnyvale Road, Ocean Grove). Everyone is welcome friends included. To RSVP, text or call Julie 0411 578 285.

All Soul's Day Requiem Mass at 10:00am on Thursday 2nd November at Queenscliff Cemetery. No morning Mass at Ocean Grove.

Morning Tea at Holy Family Church, Barwon Heads: Thursday 2nd November at 10:30am. All welcome.

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.queenscliffrrar.org.

PARISH VARIETY CONCERT – Sunday 19th November

From 2:00-4:30pm (includes interval).

BYO afternoon tea (no alcohol permitted). Coffee & cake van available.

Cash donations appreciated. Enquiries: Julie 0411 578 285.

All welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

** 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 or phone 0418 537 941
- Kerin Fox by email at foxeskb@gmail.com or phone 0407 519 585
- Rhonda Boyd by email at 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... "Let it not be said that the fair and equitable recognition of Aboriginal rights to land is discrimination. To call for the acknowledgement of the land rights of people who never surrendered those right is not discrimination. Certainly what has been done cannot be undone. But what can now be done to remedy the deeds of yesterday must not be put off till tomorrow."

Geelong Catholic Diners Club: You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food & friendship. **Date:** Tuesday 14th November. **Time:** 6:00pm. **Venue:** The Bistro, Belmont Hotel (High St, Belmont). **Cost:** Purchase meals & drinks at your own cost. **RSVP:** please phone or text Joan 0429 215 111 or Michael 0431 959 584 by Friday 3rd November.

Upcoming Day Programs at Santa Casa, Queenscliff: to view the full 2023 schedule, visit <https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/day-programs-2023-at-santa-casa-retreat-centre/>.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 30th October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 30

Tuesday 31st October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 30

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

Wednesday 1st November – ALL SAINTS (Solemnity)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 2nd November – The COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFULLY DEPARTED (All Souls' Day)

No morning Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
10:00am All Souls' Day Mass at Queenscliff Cemetery

Friday 3rd November – St Martin de Porres (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

11:30am Funeral Requiem Mass of Annette Mullany at
Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 4th November – St Charles Borromeo (Memorial)

Sunday 5th November – 31ST SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:

Discovery awaits in unexpected
beautiful moments.

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SPREADING THE NEWS (by Susan Weston)

SING, DANCE, PERFORM - A SHOWCASE OF TALENT

Maureen Earls, a member of the PPC & OG representative came up with the idea of showcasing a variety of talent acts by children & adults of our Parish as one way of bringing together our primary schools & the wider parish.

A goal of the PPC is to focus & support Welcome, Hospitality and the Involvement of young people and our first concert is aiming to do just that with its SHOWCASE of TALENT.

Maureen and her committee have worked with great enthusiasm to turn an idea into a reality.

HOLY TRINITY VARIETY CONCERT is on SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER at OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PRIMARY SCHOOL, OCEAN GROVE. START TIME 1.30 pm for 2pm. FINISH approximately 4.30 pm.

How you can help – come along for a wonderful afternoon of entertainment & meet more people in our Parish. Or perhaps help with setting up or on the day itself. If you can spare an hour or so, please contact Maureen on E: earlscourt@bigpond.com or the Parish Office.

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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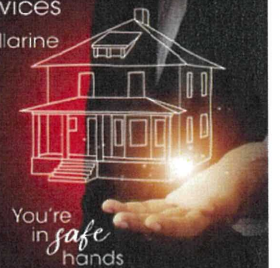
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