

# The Living Word

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**12 November 2023**

## **First Reading Wis 6:12-16**

*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.  
By those who love her she is readily seen,  
and found by those who look for her.  
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,  
she makes herself known to them.  
Watch for her early and you will have no  
trouble;  
you will find her sitting at your gates.  
Even to think about her is understanding  
fully grown;  
be on the alert for her and anxiety will  
quickly leave you.  
She herself walks about looking for those  
who are worthy of her  
and graciously shows herself to them as  
they go,  
in every thought of theirs coming to meet  
them.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2**

*(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

## **Second Reading 1 Thes 4:13-18**

*Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers,  
about those who have died, to make sure  
that you do not grieve about them, like the  
other people who have no hope. We believe  
that Jesus died and rose again, and that it  
will be the same for those who have died in  
Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can  
tell you this from the Lord's own teaching,  
that any of us who are left alive until the  
Lord's coming will not have any advantage  
over those who have died. At the trumpet  
of God, the voice of the archangel will call  
out the command and the Lord himself will  
come down from heaven; those who have  
died in Christ will be the first to rise, and  
then those of us who are still alive will be  
taken up in the clouds, together with them,  
to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay  
with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts  
as these you should comfort one another.

## **Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Be watchful and ready:**

**you know not when the Son of Man  
is coming.**

**Alleluia!**



## Gospel Mt 25:1-13

*Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

## Reflection by Greg Sunter

The three gospel accounts from the final three weeks leading up to the season of Advent all come from Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew. They can be seen together as an extended treatise on living life in response to Jesus' message and preparing for the end of time. This week's gospel starts out as a Kingdom parable and becomes a bit more of a metaphor for living a Christian life.

The gospel parable relates to ten bridesmaids – five foolish and five wise – who are participating in a wedding ritual that involves meeting the bridegroom and escorting him the last part of his way to the wedding reception. The foolish bridesmaids have not brought sufficient reserves of oil for their lamps and have to leave at the critical time to try to obtain more. When they eventually arrive at the reception hall they are turned away because they have shamed themselves as well as the bride and groom by not fulfilling their duty.

Some of the original audience of Matthew's gospel, along with many of the early Christian followers, had an expectation that Jesus was going to return and usher in the end of the world in their lifetime. The message of this gospel is captured in Jesus' final words, 'So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' The timing of Jesus' coming cannot be predicted and so all Christian believers, like the bridesmaids, need to continue to act with hope and expectation; being prepared for the fact that it may be further off than anticipated. Many early Christians were living their lives as though the world would end at any time. The gospel warns them, and us, to continue to follow the example of Jesus and not to become complacent – expecting that everything is about to come to an end.

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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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Rev Fr Darien J Sticklen  
Parish Secretary: Mrs Daniella Sutura  
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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
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## PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St. Aloysius, Queenscliff  
Principal: Ms. Miriam Leahy, Tel: 5258 1736  
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
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/)

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## 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

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**Anniversaries 12<sup>th</sup> November to 18<sup>th</sup> November:** Kenneth Stout, Brian Anthony, Annie Cassar, Susanne Turner, Millie Pianta, Kerry Ferris, Nicholas Lowe, Olga Johnson and Maris Williams.

**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 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: 19<sup>th</sup> November at 9:00am:

(C) Frank Rice (L) Liz Frazer (SM) Carmel Rice, Dan O'Meara  
(W) Kaye Nelson, Bev O'Meara.

### QUEENSCLIFF: 19<sup>th</sup> November at 11:00am:

(C) Adrian Redfern (L) Michael Scott (SM) Maria Sammut (W) Sam Sammut.

### COUNTERS: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00am:

Des Harris & David Millie.

## \*\* 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 7<sup>th</sup> December. 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/>.

## PARISH VARIETY CONCERT – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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!*

### Upcoming annual appeal and special collection:

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, Catholic Deaf Appeal, will be held this weekend (11-12 Nov). Thank you for your generosity and support.

**ATTENTION OCEAN GROVE VOLUNTEERS!** It would be helpful if Ministry Volunteers at Ocean Grove would inform Monica on email: [meaghermonica@gmail.com](mailto:meaghermonica@gmail.com), as to any Sundays you will not be available during the roster cycle December - February inclusive. Thank you.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** New Ministry Rosters are due at the beginning of Advent. The Ocean Grove community needs Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of Welcome, as well as ministers/volunteers for all other ministries. After Mass, please express your interest to Brenda Bissinella, Maureen Earls or Monica Meagher. Alternatively, contact the parish office.

**St Ignatius Year 10 Pilgrim Walk from Point Lonsdale to Queenscliff – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November:** we welcome the Year 10 students and Staff of St Ignatius. A liturgy will be held at Holy Trinity Church from approximately 1:00pm to 2:30pm, as a way of bringing the 'Journey' course to a close.

**Growing Vital Parishes: vision, leadership and collaboration.** Western Regional gathering with Ron Huntly on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 7-9pm, at St Mary's Parish (Pioneer Room, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong). Hosted by Fr Jim Clark. See Church noticeboard and flyer for booking details. Bookings are essential.

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

This Advent, the Faith Development Group (FDG) has sourced 'With Expectant Hearts' from the Diocese of Brisbane. Here are some details:

- The 22-page reflection book invites us to explore more deeply what it means to allow God to come to birth in 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.
- 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..." And you, the Aboriginal people of this country and its cities, must show that you are actively working for your own dignity of life. On your part, you must show that you too can walk tall and command the respect which every human being expects to receive from the rest of the human family."

**Geelong Catholic Diners Club:** You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food & friendship. **Date:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> November.

**Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR):** the grocery collections box will be located at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff, for all of November. 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](mailto:shirleyhurley@iinet.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](http://www.queenscliffar.org).

**Upcoming Day Programs at Santa Casa, Queenscliff:**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December:** *A Celtic Christmas:* enjoying the richness of Celtic Tradition. Hosted by Mary Wickham rsm.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December:** *Labyrinth:* a meditative practice for the spiritual journey. Hosted by Anne Ryan rsm.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** *Race and racism:* their origins and impact. Hosted by Cathy Solano rsm.

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 13<sup>th</sup> November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 32**

1:00pm St Ignatius Year 10 Pilgrimage Liturgy at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 32**

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

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – St Albert the Great (Memorial)**

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

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – St Margaret of Scotland and St Gertrude (Memorial)**

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

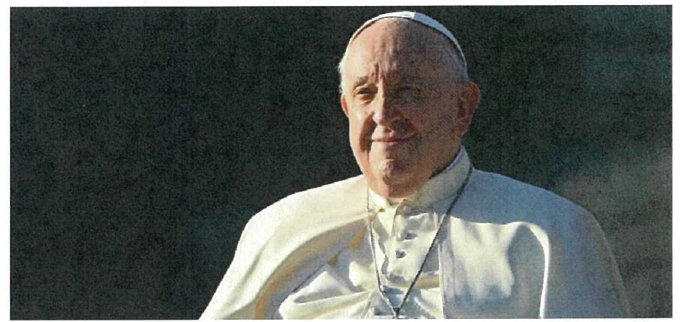
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – St Elizabeth of Hungary (Memorial)**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 32**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November – 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**  
World Day of the Poor

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Pope Francis in his special prayer intention for November asks for prayers that he have the strength and help to discern and to accompany the Church.

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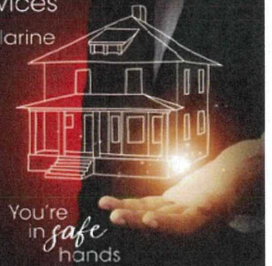
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