

The Living Word

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A 26 November 2023

First Reading Ez 34:11-12.15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1

*(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (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 1 Cor 15:20-26.28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessings on him who comes
in the name of the Lord!**

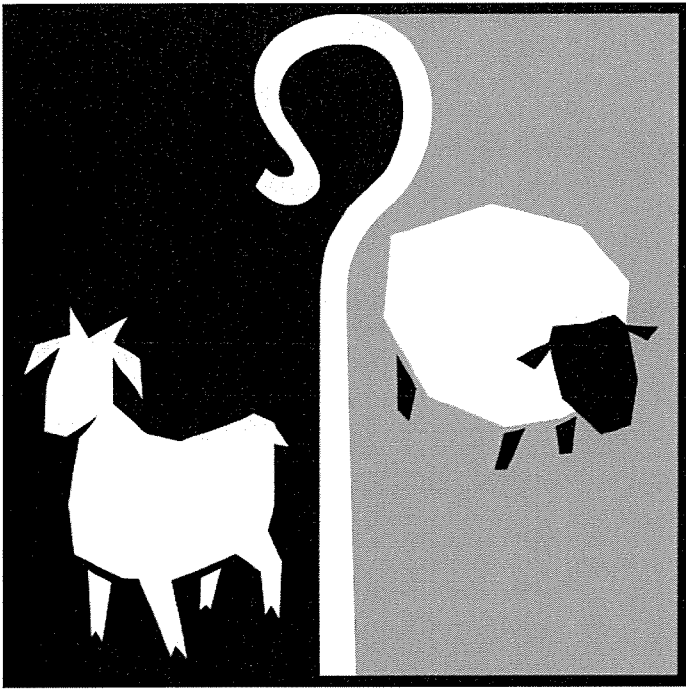
**Blessings on the coming kingdom
of our father David!**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the



kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.” Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?” And the King will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.” Next he will say to those on his left hand, “Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.” Then it will be their turn to ask, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?” Then he will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.” And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.’

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week’s gospel is the final passage in Matthew’s gospel before the passion narrative – the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus’ vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person – and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? ... That irritating person who we’ve never been able to get along with? ... That person who’s just arrived in the country and can’t speak the language properly? ... That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? ... That girl who’s no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? ... The homeless man in the street who asks for money? ... The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn’t go through all the right channels to immigrate? ... Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

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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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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/

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

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE, Year A

Recently Deceased: Kaye Nelson, Brian Sommers and Bruna Pace.

Anniversaries 26th November to 2nd December: Liz McCormack, Bill Foster, Francis Kerley, Alicia Drummond, Kathleen Porter, Bill Moore, Jack Koster, Clint Wishart, Rosemary Barry, Peggy Bohlen and John Love.

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 Hurlley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, George Marshall, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Frank Nelson, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Picc, 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: 3rd December at 9:00am:

(C) Janine Fitzpatrick (L) Lachlan Fitzpatrick (SM) Sandra Duggan, Judy Considine (W) Michael and Barbara Hardy.

QUEENSCLIFF: 3rd December at 11:00am:

(C) Adrian Redfern (L) Michael Scott (SM) Anne Maree Furphy (W) Roger Furphy.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 28th November at 10:00am:

Emanuel Baglieri and Ken Caffyn.

** 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.

A MASSIVE THANK YOU! Well done to Maureen Earls, Julie Chapman and Concert Committee for a wonderful and entertaining show on Sunday 19th November. Thank you for all your preparations and hard work. Thank you to those who participated in any way! Thank you to Our Lady Star of the Sea School for hosting.

Hospitality Sunday: will take place on **Sunday 3rd December** following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. ALL WELCOME!

Message for Ocean Grove from Josephine: Thank you to all the people who have assisted with food or help during the year to make these gatherings so pleasant. If you would like to help in 2024, please add your name to the list in the foyer or introduce yourself to me after Mass. New parishioners are especially invited to join us.

Taizé Pray | Peace Gathering: people in the Bellarine Peninsula and beyond are invited to gather to pray and worship for Advent at Santa Casa (33 Flinders Street, Queenscliff) on **Saturday 9th December at 2:30pm** followed by a cuppa at 3:30pm. Please RSVP to Sr Lizzie Finnerty RSM on 0418 194 261 or santacasa@ismpng.org.au for catering purposes. All welcome.

COUNTERS WANTED! If you are interested in joining the counters team, please contact Daniella at the parish office. A National Police Check (arranged via parish office) and WWCC are required.

Ecumenical Service & Gathering of Barwon Heads Churches: this Sunday, 26th November, at the Uniting Church (Hitchcock Avenue) at 5:00pm followed by a meal. All welcome.

Carols at Iona College: parishioners are invited to join the Iona College musicians for an evening of Christmas music making. **Wednesday 6th December from 6-8pm.** BYO picnic, chairs and blankets. Free event, however bookings via Trybooking. See Church noticeboard for information.

Caritas Australia's Global Gifts Christmas cards are a great way to spread joy and hope this Christmas season and to make a life-changing impact. Order now to receive in time for Christmas at www.globalgifts.org.au. Details on church noticeboards.

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

This Advent, the Faith Development Group (FDG) has sourced 'With Expectant Hearts' from the Diocese of Brisbane. 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, **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

Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR): the grocery collections box will finish at the end of November in Queenscliff. In January 2024, we will collect groceries simultaneously across the parish at all three Churches. Thank you everyone for your contributions this year. To donate directly to Wesley Church Welcome Place: BSB 633 000, Account 160 305 066. Website: www.queenscliffar.org.

Upcoming Day Programs at Santa Casa, Queenscliff: Monday 4th December: A Celtic Christmas: enjoying the richness of Celtic Tradition by Mary Wickham rsm. **Tuesday 5th December:** Labyrinth: a meditative practice for the spiritual journey by Anne Ryan rsm. **Wednesday 6th December:** Race and racism: their origins and impact by Cathy Solano rsm. **To register:** contact Sr Lizzie Finnerty rsm on 0418 194 261 or santacasa@ismapng.org.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 12th December. **Time:** 6:00pm. **Venue:** The Bistro, Belmont Hotel (High St, Belmont). **Cost:** Purchase meals & drinks at your own cost. **RSVP** to John Santospirito on 0409 165 943 or john.santospirito@bigpond.com by 9th December.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 27th November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 34

Tuesday 28th November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 34

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
11:00am Funeral Mass for the late Mrs Bruna Pace at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

Wednesday 29th November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 34

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

Thursday 30th November – St Andrew (Feast)

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
9:15am End of Year Mass at St Joseph's College, Edmund Rice Campus, Newtown

Friday 1st December – Weekday, Ordinary Time 34

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 2nd December – Weekday, Ordinary Time 34

Sunday 3rd December – FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT
New liturgical year begins: Year B

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Meet your PPC member and Principal of St Aloysius Primary School, Queenscliff - Miriam Leahy (by Susan Weston)

I have worked in many facets of education over the last 23 years, including teaching in London & at Siena College in Camberwell. I grew up in Ocean Grove & was married at Holy Trinity Church.

I have been Principal at St Aloysius (St A's) since 2022 & part of the school since 2015. I am very proud of the feedback we receive from visitors that our school is welcoming, calm, friendly, spiritual, inclusive & focussed. With a current enrolment of 85 students, we can keep our class sizes small, our teaching/learning genuinely targeted to each child's individual needs & we have high ambitions for student learning outcomes.

Our school values are embedded in the values of Jesus. We seek first to understand, not judge; to work towards forgiveness & repair, not revenge; to treat others the way you wish to be treated & to turn the other cheek; all important lessons for young minds. Fr Darien is an important member of our school community. Our students attend Masses & liturgies 3 times a term & Fr Darien always ensures that these Masses are child centred & meaningful. Darien has been a great leader in the faith formation of our staff & of our students as they have prepared for their sacraments.


Recently, with the support of Josephine Barnes from the Parish, we learned about the services St Vincent de Paul. Our students set up stalls & raised over \$500 for Vinnies in one morning! They are also creating things for the young people who stay at the St Vincent de Paul House in Point Lonsdale.

Our parent community is well connected with teachers & classrooms through open classroom prayer every morning, parent helper opportunities, a range of digital communication tools & get to know each other through P&F & the School Advisory Board.

You are warmly welcomed to our various school community activities, and these will be announced in the Parish Bulletin.

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


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