

The Living Word

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

21 January 2024

First Reading Jon 3:1-5. 10

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and
teach me:
for you are God my saviour. *(R.)*

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from
of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

***The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!***

Alleluia!



Gospel Mk 1:14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's Gospel shows us clearly that those Jesus chose to follow him closely were the most ordinary of people. Anyone today wanting to enter into some sort of public life would gather around them a team of advisers, an image stylist, a public relations expert, a market analyst and probably a guard or two. Who did Jesus choose to be 'entourage'? A few fishermen, some friends of friends and even a tax collector - one the most despised occupations of his time. The very ordinariness of these disciples was a deliberate action on the part of Jesus. It was a clear statement that his message was not for the learned scholars and interpreters of the Torah but rather for the everyday person. Throughout the gospels we see that the vast majority of encounters and interactions that Jesus has are with common, everyday people. When he encounters the officials of the Jewish faith - the scribes and Pharisees - it is inevitably in a conflict situation. Those to whom he directs his ministry are the common people - those who have felt the brunt of Roman oppression and the strict interpretation of Jewish Law.

The gospel passage also gives us an insight into what a charismatic figure Jesus must have been. Fishing was a good solid livelihood. Fish was a staple in the diet of Galileans and so supplying that staple would have provided a regular income. But on encountering this man Jesus, the fishermen abandon their nets and begin to follow him. They must have immediately seen something in him that impressed them. It seems hard to believe that physically tough men such as fishermen would have been easily impressed - much like today. So the impact that Jesus made on these men must have been quite special to make them walk away from everything that they knew.

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We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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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

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Please visit our website for enrolment form and all information:

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

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Recently Deceased: Mary Paradise and George Marshall.

Anniversaries 21st January to 27th January: Terri Garland, Bunty Chaplin, Brien Newton, Ruth Nolan, Susan Gibson, Cas Lukauskas, John Esse, Ronda Callan, Fred Brown, Nell Matthews, Dick Barratt, Jim Byrne, Vance Malady, Mary Whelan, Duncan Conroy, Doreen Umlauf, Brian Naulty and Angela Buckle.

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 Fraiseux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Margaret Gladstone, Martin & Mary Grundy, Justin Hanan, Stephen Hanan, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Frank 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, Cathy Williams, 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: 28th January at 9:00am:

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

QUEENSCLIFF: 28th January at 11:00am:

(C) Terry Philp (L) Shirley Hurley (SM) Terry Philp (W) Helper Needed.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 23rd January at 10:00am:

Judy Compton and 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/

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Together we pray for the children receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

PRAYER FOR BAPTISM FAMILIES:

Dear Parents, as you prepare for your child's Baptism, the people of Holy Trinity Parish rejoice that you have chosen to baptise your child, and we pray that in the coming years, you and your family will continue to know and grow in the love of God that is everlasting.

The annual Queenscliff/Sorrento Assumption College Kilmore Past Students' Reunion will be held on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at the Queenscliff Brewhouse (2 Gellibrand Street, Queenscliff) commencing at 12.00 Noon. RSVP to Fred LeDeux on 0437096715 by 31.01.2024.

The Chamber Philharmonia Orchestra – Cologne is presenting their Annual Concert on Monday 11th March at 7:00pm at the Basilica in Geelong. Please see church noticeboards for details.

Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR): TAR is collecting non-perishable groceries and cash donations in each Church throughout January and February. Many refugee families in Geelong are still waiting for permanent Visa approval. They struggle to make ends meet and to retain hope. Your contributions will help the volunteers at the Wesley Welcome Place to give these refugees food and friendly support. To donate directly to Wesley Church Welcome Place: BSB 633 000, Account 160 305 066. Website: www.queenscliffrra.org.

Each Church in our Parish has a TAP & GO device. These have helped increase financial support for our Parish. Easy to use – please avail yourself of this way to support us. Thank you.

NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE? Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process. Getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even finding a garage until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!). If you need to dispose of a vehicle from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, could you consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status, which for ten years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors across Australia. Many of these suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), have limited or no employment, and a donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life and / or generate funds to assist personal, medical and accommodation needs. If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605 or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).

LENT 2024 RESOURCES & REFLECTION GROUP MEETINGS

This Lent, the Faith Development and Spirituality Group is sourcing the booklet: 'A Resurrected LIFE,' a new Lent and Easter resource for individuals and groups from the Diocese of Brisbane. The daily reflections will invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day. This reflection will be followed by a quote from Pope Francis and a simple prayer. **Cost of the booklets is \$8.00 each.**

We hope to run two reflection groups. Tuesday morning group in Barwon Heads at the home of Kerin and Bill Fox during the day and an evening group at the home of Sandra Gould in Ocean Grove. If there is sufficient interest, a third group will be considered.

If you are interested in obtaining a book for personal reflection and/or would like to join a reflection group, please contact either: Sandra Gould: sandra@salmandra.com | 0418 537 941, or, Kerin & Bill Fox: foxeskb@gmail.com | 0407 519 585.

NOTE: as Easter is very early this year, the first meetings will be held on Tuesday 13th February, 2024.

An alternate resource is available from the Diocese of Wollongong, titled PIETA. This can be ordered through the following link:

<https://www.dow.org.au/product/pieta-lenten-program-2024-book/>

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 22nd January – St Vincent (Memorial)

Tuesday 23rd January – Weekday, Ordinary Time 3

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

Wednesday 24th January – St Francis de Sales (Memorial)

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

Thursday 25th January – The Conversion of St Paul (Feast)

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

Friday 26th January – Australia Day

Parish office closed

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 27th January – St Angela Merici, Sts Timothy & Titus (Memorial)

Sunday 28th January – 4TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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** YOUR SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY **

1. If an emergency occurs near you, please raise your hand or stand up and speak out to alert the Emergency Wardens. Directions as to what to do next will then be given and assistance rendered.

2. If it is necessary to evacuate the building, the Chief Emergency Warden or other nominated Safety Wardens will take control. The Chief Emergency Warden will be identified by the wearing of a yellow Hi Vis vest.

Please remain calm and in your seats etc until you are directed by the Chief Emergency Warden as to what to do next. You will be advised as to which exit/s to use and the location of the Assembly Point. Please remain at the Assembly Point until you receive further advice.

3. In an emergency, our first priority is your safety, so please remain calm & follow all directions of the Emergency Wardens.

Thank you, OH&S Committee.

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Thought for the Week:

Faith is not belief.

Belief is passive.

Faith is active.

- Edith Hamilton.

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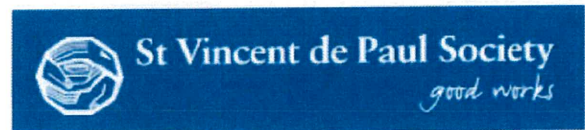
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