

# The Living Word

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

28 January 2024

## First Reading Dt 18:15-20

*I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.*

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9**

*(R.) If today, you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his  
voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw  
my work.' (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Cor 7:32-35

*The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.*

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:16

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*A people in darkness have seen a  
great light:*

*a radiant dawn shines on those lost  
in death.*

*Alleluia!*



## Gospel Mk 1:21-28

*This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.*

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

## Reflection by Greg Sunter

Although this week's gospel is a relatively short passage, there's a lot going on within it. Firstly, we are presented with Jesus going to the synagogue in Capernaum and teaching there. This immediately indicates that Jesus must have been quite well educated – he was obviously able to read from the Torah in Hebrew and then teach about it with an impressive level of authority. In fact at the end of the passage, the people seem more impressed with his teaching than with the act of casting out the unclean spirit! Secondly, in the interaction with the unclean spirit, it knows Jesus and identifies him as the 'Holy One of God'. Jesus sharply tells the spirit to 'Be quiet!' Jesus almost appears to want to silence the spirit before it says any more about who he really is. This is a feature of the gospel of Mark in which the identity of Jesus as the Messiah is kept under wraps but breaks out in unlikely places – known as the Messianic secret.

Whenever an exorcism miracle occurs in the gospels the emphasis is on the reaction to the miracle much more than the action itself. Here, the casting out of the unclean spirit appears to confirm for the people the authority that they sensed in the teaching of Jesus. Liberating the possessed man from the unclean spirit is an illustration of the way in which the people themselves were liberated by Jesus' teaching. It is the message, the teaching, of Jesus that frees people. It is in this way that his understanding of Messiah is revealed. Jesus wants people to come to that knowledge through understanding his message, rather than being impressed by miraculous actions.

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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.

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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)

### PARISH OFFICE & PRESBYTERY

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### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
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. 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/)

### 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

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

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

**Anniversaries 28<sup>th</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> February:** Chettina Sammut, Hillary Smurthwaite, Elaine Tabone, James Leahy, Susi Sunarsih Binti Radjimin, Christine James, Faye Scott, Betty O'Connor, Betty Cook, Jim Clarke, Heidi Kohler, Jim Peart, Jasper Coghlan and Marie Tucker.

**Please pray for those who are Sick:** Elly Anwyl, Naomi Bianco, 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, Justin Hanan, Stephen Hanan, Susan Hardy, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Patrick Magennis, 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, 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: 4<sup>th</sup> February at 9:00am:

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

#### QUEENSCLIFF: 4<sup>th</sup> February at 11:00am:

(C) Ian D'Cruz (L) Maria D'Cruz (SM) Eva Millie (W) David Millie.

#### COUNTERS: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 10:00am:

Michael & Barbara Hardy.

### \*\* 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.

**Carpet moth/beetle treatment at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church:** the Ocean Grove church will undergo carpet treatment on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January**. No access to the church on this day please.

**Pastoral Care:** Sr Nola is looking for a volunteer from Ocean Grove to take Communion to three residents at Ryman, approximately once a fortnight. The days and time to be negotiated between volunteer and the residents. If you are able to help with this request or other pastoral care needs, please contact Sr Nola via the parish office 5258 1673.

**The annual Queenscliff/Sorrento Assumption College Kilmore Past Students' Reunion** will be held on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.queenscliffar.org](http://www.queenscliffar.org).

**The SWAG Magazine:** The Faith Development and Spirituality Group sponsors a quarterly magazine called "The Swag". Primarily intended for the Catholic Clergy, it contains many interesting stories and articles about the Australian Church, its trends and its challenges. A subscription of \$15 covers 4 issues in our bulk order. If you would like to join the regular readers of The Swag, please contact any member of our team, details on the Parish website, or Kerin Fox 0407 519 585 or [foxeskb@gmail.com](mailto:foxeskb@gmail.com).

**We wish the principals, staff and students a wonderful, joyous Term 1 as they return to school next week.**

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.

### 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](mailto:sandra@salmandra.com) | 0418 537 941, or,  
Kerin & Bill Fox: [foxeskb@gmail.com](mailto:foxeskb@gmail.com) | 0407 519 585.

**NOTE: as Easter is very early this year, the first meetings will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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/>

**Taizé Pray | Peace Gathering:** people in the Bellarine Peninsula and beyond are invited to gather to pray and worship at Santa Casa (33 Flinders Street, Queenscliff) on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm** followed by afternoon tea at 3:30pm. Please RSVP to Sr Lizzie Finnerty RSM on 0418 194 261 or [santacasa@ismapng.org.au](mailto:santacasa@ismapng.org.au) for catering/seating purposes. All welcome.

**Faith & Light Geelong:** Christian community for people with a disability, their families and friends. You are warmly invited to our next gathering on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February** from 1:30-4:30pm. St Mary's Parish Office (1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong). Theme: Epiphany & New Year Reflection, Faith & Light International 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, Gospel, Prayer time, music. Shared fiesta afternoon tea. Enquiries to joint coordinators: Tricia O'Keeffe (0414 672 267) or Kevin Mark ([kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au)). RSVP by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

**Ashes to Easter – Lenten Concert:** Reflections with Peter Kearney, **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024**, 11:00am at St Thomas Church (27 Peninsula Drive, Drysdale). This concert is being hosted by St Thomas Parish, Drysdale. Admission is a gold coin donation. See poster on church noticeboard for full details.

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

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### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Weekday, Ordinary Time 4**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Weekday, Ordinary Time 4**

9:15am Academic Year Opening Mass (with staff from both Catholic Primary Schools) at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – St John Bosco (Memorial)**

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

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 4**

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

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – The Presentation of the Lord  
Feast of CANDLE MASS**

*World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life*

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

11:00am Beginning of Year Mass at St Ignatius, Drysdale

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – St Blaise, St Ansgar (Memorial)**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February – 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

*Word of God Sunday*

### CHARLIE'S MAINTENANCE CO

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## Thought for the Week:

Like a welcome summer rain, humour may suddenly cleanse and cool the earth, the air and you.

- Langston Hughes.

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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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