

The Living Word

First Sunday of Lent, Year B

18 February 2024

First Reading Gn 9:8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and you...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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.

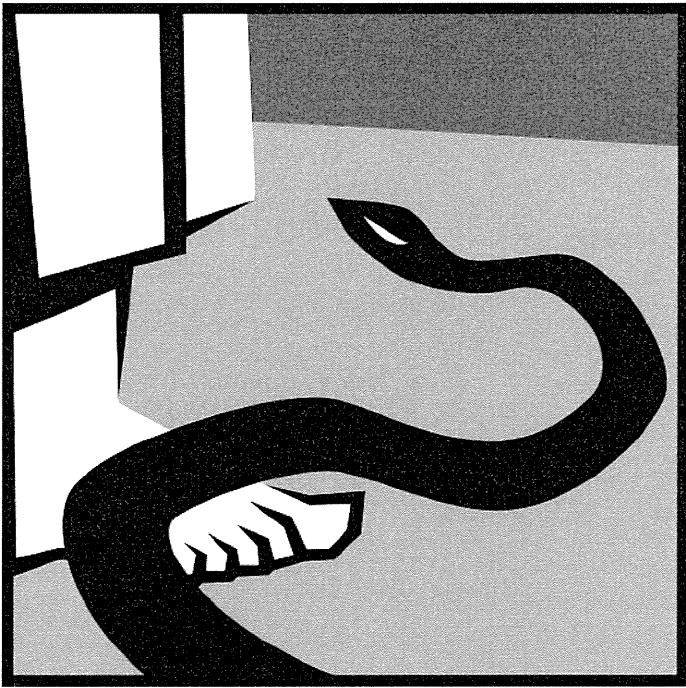
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness,
O Lord. *(R.)*

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 Pt 3:18-22

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.



Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king
of endless glory!*

*No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king
of endless glory!*

Gospel Mk 1:12-15

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

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.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

The First Reading, from Genesis, and the Gospel this week need to be looked at together. In the Genesis reading, God has just wiped clean the earth and is ready to re-establish the relationship with humanity through Noah and his family. In the short gospel passage, Jesus enters the wilderness as a time of preparation and renewal, ready to embark on his mission of re-establishing the relationship between God and humanity. In both readings there is a sense of a fresh start – a clean slate – for humankind. It is a clear indication of God's commitment to humanity, even when we have totally distanced ourselves from God and forgotten about keeping up our part of the relationship, God is willing to make a clean start of it all again. Both readings offer a reminder of God's constant desire for us to be in right relationship with God and with the world. The presence of Jesus in the world was as clear a signal as the rainbow in the sky that God was willing to give us another go – give us a chance to again see God with new eyes and new understanding.

In the gospel passage, we have a picture of Jesus preparing himself for his public ministry. He takes himself out into the wilderness, away from all that he has known until this time, to reflect on his life so far and this next vital stage that he is about to enter. In the wilderness, Jesus is tempted. He has to face his own doubts and demons before he sets off on the road of his public ministry. When he leaves the desert wilderness and enters back into Galilee he immediately begins to preach and, in the first words accredited to him in this gospel, Jesus announces that the kingdom of God is at hand and it's time to repent and believe. It's a call to open your eyes and get with the program!

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

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

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Recently Deceased: Brian Cotter and Sam Galea.

Anniversaries 18th February to 24th February: Anne and Tom Talbot, Pat Farrugia, John Blaine, Ann Hoye, Alistair Cameron, Margaret Elliott, Mernie Foley, Mary Earls and Patricia Scott.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Elly Anwyl, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Jack Davin, Pat Dickeson, Michael Dowling, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Gloria Forbes, Nell Fraigneux, 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 Koertjies, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Patrick Magennis, Brendan Merriman, Stephen Merriman, 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: 25th February at 9:00am:

(C) Peter Dickinson (L) Geraldine Rainey (SM) Sr Nola Morrissy, Jo Ballard (W) Remo & Naomi Bianco.

QUEENSCLIFF: 25th February at 11:00am:

(C) Michael Scott (L) Margaret-Mary Flynn (SM) Lisa Piasente (W) Helper Needed.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 20th February at 10:00am:

Ken Caffyn & Josephine Barnes.

** 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.

PROJECT COMPASSION has begun... materials (boxes and envelopes) will be available at each Church from this weekend. Many thanks to Josephine Barnes and Evelyn Bernazzoli for their efforts in preparing the materials for each Church – great work, team!



Ocean Grove Ministry Roster: A new Ministry Roster for Ocean Grove is scheduled to issue soon. It would be helpful if Ministry Volunteers would inform Monica on email (meaghermonica@gmail.com) as to any Sundays you will not be available during roster cycle March - May inclusive. Thank you.

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

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

Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR): is collecting non-perishable groceries & cash donations in each Church throughout February. Many refugee families in Geelong are still waiting for permanent Visa approval. They struggle to make ends meet & to retain hope. Your contributions will help the volunteers at the Wesley Welcome Place to give these refugees food & friendly support. To donate directly to Wesley Church Welcome Place: BSB 633 000, Account 160 305 066. Website: 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, please contact any member of our team, details on the Parish website, or Kerin Fox 0407 519 585 or foxeskb@gmail.com.



LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 19th February – Monday of the 1st week of Lent

Tuesday 20th February – Tuesday of the 1st week of Lent
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

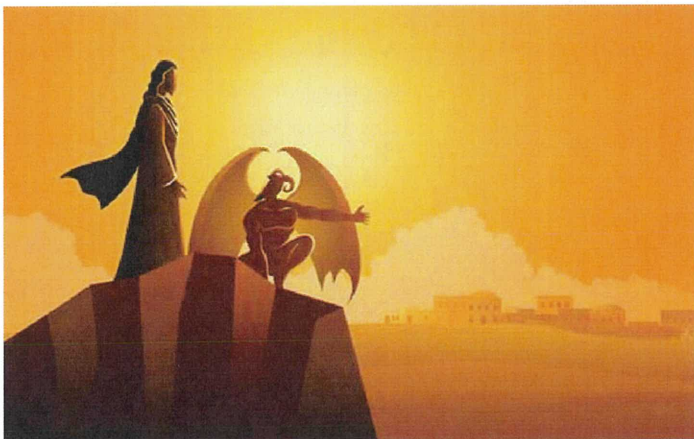
Wednesday 21st February – Wednesday of the 1st week of Lent
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 22nd February – The Chair of St Peter (Feast)
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 23rd February – Friday of the 1st week of Lent
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 24th February – Saturday of the 1st week of Lent

Sunday 25th February – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Thought for the Week:

Whatever the problem, be part of the solution. Don't just sit around raising questions and pointing out obstacles.

- Tina Fey.

2024 NEWS FROM OH&S – by Susan Weston

Recently several members of OH&S Committee undertook physical inspections of the 3 Mass Centres and the Parish Hall. This is highly recommended by the Archdiocese of Melbourne, and we are now looking closely at their guidelines and templates for reports, etc. An action list and report are now being presented for the Parish Pastoral Council.

The GOOD NEWS is that, overall, facilities are in good to satisfactory condition; our facilities are very well maintained and cared for. The PPC & the OH&S teams would like to thank the many parishioners who look after our facilities from those who help with cleaning and preparing our Churches for Masses and other services, talented flower arrangers, Welcomers, Liturgy team members, etc. This is no small feat when you consider the age of many of our buildings & the difficulties this sometimes presents when undertaking repairs and maintenance.

In addition, Parish finances need to be managed appropriately for repairs and maintenance. The PPC reminds parishioners and visitors that we have TAP & GO smart terminals at all our Churches to help with your contributions. In the increasingly cashless age, some of these funds go towards caring and keeping our Churches safe, and towards our pastoral care and outreach.

Reporting an OH&S issue: if you are aware of a matter that needs attention or investigation, please contact the Parish Office to action your concern ASAP.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office:
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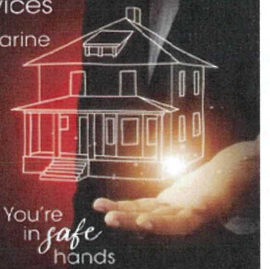


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