

The Living Word

Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

3 March 2024

First Reading Ex 20:1-17

(or shorter form Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17)

The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
all of them just. (R.)
4. They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

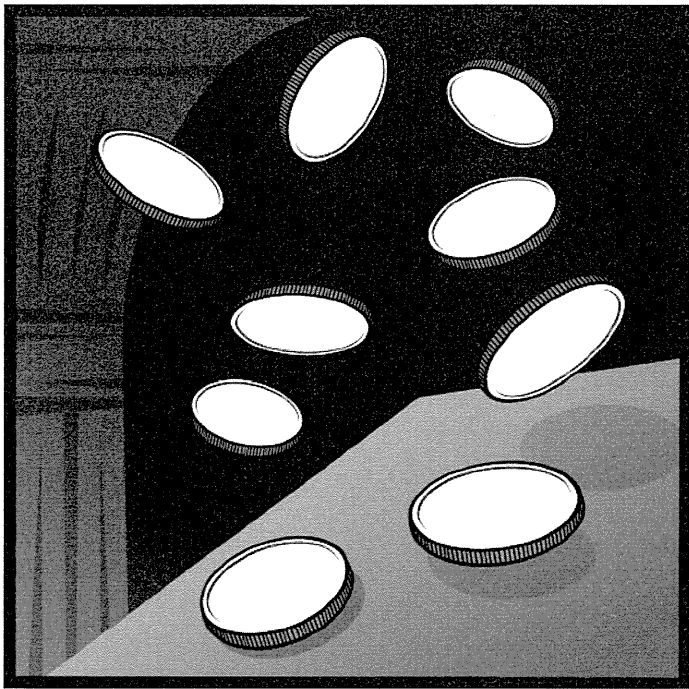
Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

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

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,

that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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Gospel Jn 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

The Temple in Jerusalem was (and still is) a powerful symbol of holiness and a symbol of the connection and relationship between God and the Hebrew people. It is often assumed that Jesus' anger was directed at the traders and moneychangers because their business had infringed on and desecrated the temple precinct. But the reality is a bit more complicated. The Temple was the holiest site for sacrifice to God. The tradition dictated that sacrifice made by a priest on the altar was the highest form of worship. The best animal to sacrifice was a healthy, properly formed creature. Rather than walking a lamb all the way from somewhere like Galilee to Jerusalem, the faithful would purchase their sacrifice animal at the Temple itself – thus the presence of the people selling cattle, sheep and doves. However, to further complicate matters, the Temple traders would not accept Roman coins to purchase the sacrificial animals as they bore the image of the deified emperor. Therefore, money changers were required to exchange Roman currency for acceptable coinage – so the money changers were also playing their part in the prayer life of the Temple.

Jesus' outrage is not so much with the traders and the money-changers as with the whole religious practice and hierarchical structure that has developed to a point where the only way a person can pray in a 'valid' way is to purchase an animal and hand it over to a priest who goes behind a screened wall to sacrifice the animal. The only way to seek God's forgiveness and mercy was to 'buy' it at the Temple. *This* was what outraged Jesus. He could not stomach the injustice nor the barriers that had been erected between the people and their God.

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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 send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

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Recently Deceased: Sharon Climie.

Anniversaries 3rd March to 9th March: Bernard Patrick Clancy, Herbert Allen, Allan Fossey, George Simpson, Kyle Neal, Eileen Scanlon, Bernard Patrick Clancy, Georgina Crowe, Bill O'Kane, William Mouchemore, Bill Rushton and Petronella Weterings.

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 Koertjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Patrick Magennis, Brendan Merriman, 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, 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: 10th March at 9:00am:

(C) Michael Kirkman (L) Maureen Earls (SM) Jenny Cole, Fiorentina Romeo (W) Nan Calnin, Sr Nola Morrissy.

QUEENSCLIFF: 10th March at 11:00am:

(C) Sam Sammut (L) Maria Sammut (SM) Maria Sammut (W) Sandra Gould.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 5th March at 10:00am:

Greg Carey & Dan Donovan.

** 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.

The Sacrament of Healing – Anointing of the Sick will be offered at all weekend Masses on the 4th Sunday of Lent, that is, Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday.

BULLETINS: parishioners are strongly encouraged to take their bulletins home after Mass each weekend. If you miss out on a bulletin, please let a Welcomer know. The bulletin is also available on our website and is emailed each Friday.

Marilyn Brown will lead choir practice for Holy Week this Sunday, 3rd March, at 4:00pm at Holy Trinity Church.

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

Morning Tea at Holy Family, Barwon Heads: next Thursday, 7th March, at 10:30am. All welcome!

St Patrick's Day Sausage Sizzle at Holy Trinity: celebrate St Patrick's Day on Sunday 17th March with a sausage sizzle at Queenscliff following Mass. All welcome. More details to follow.

Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR): if you wish to continue support you can donate directly to Wesley Church Welcome Place: BSB 633 000, Account 160 305 066. Website: www.queenscliffrrar.org.

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.

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.

Faith and Light Geelong: A Christian community for people with disabilities, their families and friends who meet together to share faith and friendship and celebrate. You are invited to our next gathering on **Saturday 9th March** from 2:00-4:30pm. Venue at St Mary's Parish Offices (1st floor, 150 Yarra Street). Entry by lift. Share your Lenten journey with the Gospel, Prayer, & Activities and includes shared afternoon tea. Enquiries to Tricia O'Keeffe (0414 672 267) or Kevin Mark (kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au).

Geelong Catholic Diners Club: You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food & friendship. **Date:** Tuesday 12th March. **Time:** 6:00pm. **Venue:** The Bistro, Belmont Hotel (High St, Belmont). **Cost:** Purchase meals & drinks at your own cost. **RSVP:** via phone or text to Joan 0429 215 111 or Michael 0431 959 584 by 8th March.

Vocations News (from Catholic Vocations): We were delighted to accept eight men to the Seminary for Melbourne this year: Chinh Tran, Rohan Prince, Luke Kennedy, Luke Emslie, Tung Phan, Joseph Maae, Patrick Harris and Mathews Noble. Many of you have personally helped and encouraged these men along their journey to apply to join the Seminary; it truly is a team effort! Please continue to pray for them!

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 4th March – Monday of the 3rd week of Lent

Tuesday 5th March – Tuesday of the 3rd week of Lent

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

11:00am Mass with anointing at Sea Views Manor, Ocean Grove

8:15pm Mass with Fr Gerry Healy SJ, Fr Darien and Loyola College students at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Wednesday 6th March – Wednesday of the 3rd week of Lent

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

Thursday 7th March – Thursday of the 3rd week of Lent

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove with Star of the Sea Year 3 students attending

8:15pm Mass with Fr Gerry Healy SJ, Fr Darien and Loyola College students at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Friday 8th March – Friday of the 3rd week of Lent

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 9th March – Saturday of the 3rd week of Lent

Sunday 10th March – LAETARE SUNDAY

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Thought for the Week:

Accept the challenges, so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory.

- George S. Patton.

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SOCIAL LIFE OF OUR PARISH – it's about getting to know each other (By Susan Weston)

The Parish Pastoral Council is very grateful and supportive of the many social and community groups within our Parish, as they provide opportunities for coming together for companionship, fun and friendship. In our Parish, we have groups such as St Vincent de Paul, Ladies Social Group, Men Alive, Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR) and the Passionist Family Group. To contact any of these groups, please visit: <https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/ministries-groups/>.

GOOD NEWS STORY this week comes from our Ladies Group who meet for Lunch and Conversation every month. This group has been meeting for well over 30 years. The first Wednesday of the month is when the ladies of the 3 church communities get together for lunch. On 7th February, the gathering was held at The Dunes (Ocean Grove) & 16 ladies came along and enjoyed each other's conversation, laughter and camaraderie. Prior to the catch up, a small group also did a 40-minute walk along the beach.

The next lunch is Wednesday 6th March at Napona Café (24 Hodgson St, Ocean Grove) from 12 midday. It would be wonderful to see more ladies from all around the parish to come along meet/greet each other. **Please call Sandra Duggan on 0423 047 862 or Julie Chapman on 0411 578 285** for more information and/or to RSVP. Don't be deterred if this is your first lunch! Ladies, please mark your calendars to come along to future lunches.

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

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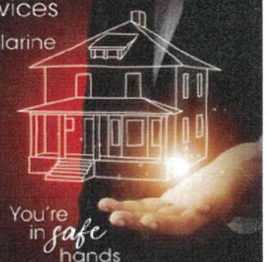
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