

The Living Word

Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

14 April 2024

First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have
mercy and hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those
whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.
(R.)

3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O
Lord. (R.)

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes
at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in
safety. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

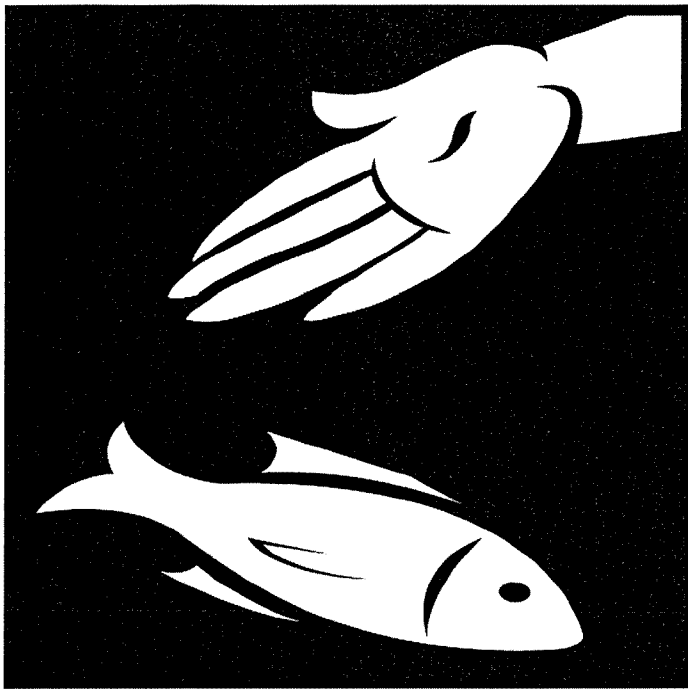
I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.
We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has
said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you
speak.*

Alleluia!



Gospel Lk 24:35-48

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week we again see something of the quirky nature of the selection of readings for the Sunday lectionary. This passage from the gospel of Luke immediately follows the magnificent story of the road to Emmaus and the risen Jesus' appearance to two disciples. Rather than hearing that story we have this account that follows; an account that is very similar to the passage of last week in which Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples and dispelled the doubts of Thomas. This week's reading is almost identical except that it does not place the blame of doubt on just one single disciple. Why select this reading as opposed to the Emmaus story? Perhaps the decision focused on the fact that this passage shows the risen Jesus appearing to all of the disciples and not just two.

However, what this account gives us that last week's account from the gospel of John did not, is a powerful message about understanding scripture. In the final verses of the passage, Jesus reveals to the disciples that his presence with them is what he'd been talking about when he'd spoken about the fulfilment of the scriptures. And then, 'He opened their minds to understand the scriptures.' This is an important gospel indication that the scriptures are to be read for understanding and for meaning. It is an imperative that we delve into the scriptures and look for meaning rather than a surface, literal interpretation that is prominent in much of society today. When we only read the scriptures 'literally' i.e. accepting the exact wording as literally true, we deny the depth and breadth of the scriptural messages that are conveyed through image, metaphor, irony and other forms of figurative speech as well as ignoring the rich contextual information that is often hidden within and behind the text. Jesus' enlightenment of the disciples makes plain the importance of 'understanding' scripture not just blindly accepting it.

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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.

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PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THEIR BULLETINS HOME AFTER MASS

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Recently Deceased: Michelle Williams and Frank Crowe.

Anniversaries 14th April to 20th April: Les Allen, Anthony Frank, Claudio Dellamaria, Anthony Trevean, John Guthrie, Peter McDonald, Patricia Lavery, Jean Ryan, Eileen Boyce, Rita van den Nouweland, Michelle Williams, John Monahan, Veronica Carroll, Joan Delaney, Peter Rafter and Daniel Richards.

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, Frank Flynn, Gloria Forbes, Nell Fraiseux, 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, Brendan Merriman, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Frank Nelson, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Mary Sullivan, Pam Sullivan, Kevin Teasdale, Deanne Warren, Cathy 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: 21st April at 9:00am:

(C) Maureen Earls (L) Michael Kirkman (SM) Luci Quinn, Janine Fitzpatrick (W) Jo Ballard, Judy Considine.

QUEENSCLIFF: 21st April at 11:00am:

(C) Terry Philp (L) Shirley Hurley (SM) Angela Hatch (W) Welcomer required.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 16th April at 10:00am:

John Calnin & 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.

Hailey Elkington from the Safeguarding Unit – Western Region – Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne - will speak about guidelines for Safeguarding at each Mass this weekend. Welcome Hailey!

We wish the principals, staff and students a wonderful, joyous Term 2 as students return to school next week.

TLC Aged Care – Homestead Estate, Wallington: 4 weeks respite at no charge to the resident! Each person has individual needs during their journey into aged care. For this reason, we offer 4 weeks respite at no cost to the resident as an alternative or transition to full-time care. ***Offer ends 30th April 2024***. To book your personalised tour, contact Susan (Resident Liaison) on 0498 018 632. See Church noticeboard for further details.

Good Shepherd Sunday 2024: Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

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.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 15th April – Monday of the 3rd week of Easter

Tuesday 16th April – Tuesday of the 3rd week of Easter
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 17th April – Wednesday of the 3rd week of Easter
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 18th April – Thursday of the 3rd week of Easter
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 19th April – Friday of the 3rd week of Easter
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 20th April – Saturday of the 3rd week of Easter

Sunday 21st April – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
12:30pm Baptism Service at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

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Parish Vision Prayer

Heavenly Father, Holy Trinity Parish is your family, committed to praying and growing together, as we build on the gifts of our past, the living of our present and our hopes for the future.

Lord Jesus, we are nourished by prayer, the word and sacraments, especially the Eucharist. We recognize and trust in each other’s spiritual gifts. We will strive to be a visible sign of God’s love for the world.

Holy Spirit, baptized in your name, we accept the challenge to live as Jesus did. We will celebrate our lives and gifts in service to others, welcoming all people, and sharing our talents and resources.

As a parish, we will endeavour to make present the Kingdom of God, here and now. AMEN.

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Thought for the Week:

Sometimes when we are generous in small, barely detectable ways it can change someone else’s life forever.

- Margaret Cho.

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