

# The Living Word

**Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B**

**5 May 2024**

## **First Reading**

**Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48**

*The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2**

*(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

*or:*

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

## **Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10**

*God is love.*

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

## **Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.*

*Alleluia!*

## **Gospel Jn 15:9-17**

*No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.



Remain in my love.  
If you keep my commandments  
you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's  
commandments  
and remain in his love.  
I have told you this  
so that my own joy may be in you  
and your joy be complete.  
This is my commandment:  
love one another,  
as I have loved you.  
A man can have no greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.  
You are my friends,  
if you do what I command you,  
I shall not call you servants any more,  
because a servant does not know  
his master's business;  
I call you friends,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
You did not choose me,  
no, I chose you;  
and I commissioned you  
to go out and to bear fruit,  
fruit that will last;  
and then the Father will give you  
anything you ask him in my name.  
What I command you  
is to love one another.'

## Reflection by Greg Sunter

As a young person, there is nothing better than being in love! Sure, loving your family and being loved by them is pretty important, but to 'fall in love' with someone and have that love returned is something quite extraordinary. Love sets us on fire! To be loved by someone else makes all the tough times endurable; it makes us believe in ourselves because someone else sees something worthwhile within us. It's exciting and it's incredibly life-giving!

This is something of the message that Jesus is trying to convey to his disciples in this week's gospel. He is trying to share with them some understanding of the incredible joy he experiences through his relationship with the Father. And just as he is loved by the Father, so Jesus loves his disciples and so are they invited to share in the love of the Father. Jesus' whole mission and ministry was to share with people the love of God that he knew so intimately. His actions towards the 'lesser ones' of the world was to demonstrate to them that they are not only worthy of love but were already loved. Jesus tells his disciples that all they have to do to constantly remain in his love is to keep his commandments and then he clarifies for them that his only commandment to them is to love one another as Jesus loved. To live in the love of Jesus and know the love of the Father, all we have to do is love one another. It seems simple. The challenge is that we are to love all people – even those who make our lives difficult and unpleasant. As we are told in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, 'If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them!' (Lk 6:32; Mt 5:46)

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Holy Family	Our Lady Star of the Sea	Holy Trinity
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Barwon Heads	Ocean Grove	Queenscliff

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.

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

### PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Fr Darien J Sticklen

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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:

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### OFFICE HOURS

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10:00am to 1:00pm (closed 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. Kerryn 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 all information:

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Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THEIR BULLETINS HOME AFTER MASS

## Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

**Anniversaries 5<sup>th</sup> May to 11<sup>th</sup> May:** Tony Cassar, Margaret Nott, Josephine Carpenter, Lois Peace, Pauline Shannon, Bernadette McPhee, Benedict Darby, Emily Stoneman, Harold Elliott, Gregory Duffy, Simon Millie, Frank O'Connor, Helen Jackiewicz, Giacomo Scuderi and Elaine Boyce.

**Please pray for those who are Sick:** Elly Anwyl, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Jack Davin, Pat Dickeson, Michael Dowling, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Frank Flynn, 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, Brendan Merriman, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Frank Nelson, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Picc, 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: 12<sup>th</sup> May at 9:00am:**

(C) Luci Quinn (L) Anthony Dowling (SM) Fiorentina Romeo, Marg Lucas (W) Catherine Hayes, Diane Gent.

**QUEENSCLIFF: 12<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00am:**

(C) Adrian Scott (L) Diana Scott (SM) Adrian Scott (W) Helper required.

**COUNTERS: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 10:00am:**

Ken Caffyn and John Calnin.

### \*\* 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.

**Hospitality Sunday:** this Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. ALL WELCOME!

**St Vincent de Paul Society meeting** will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May following 9:15am Mass at Ocean Grove.

**Mass Count – May 2024:** the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne has requested each Parish to record Mass attendance numbers during Mass. Thank you to the volunteers who will be recording these number throughout May for us.

**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](mailto:meaghermonica@gmail.com) as to any Sundays you will not be available during the roster cycle June, July and August. Thank you.

**St Bernard's Church Annual BOOK FAIR – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May:** Clairvaux School Hall (Reynolds Road, Belmont) from 8am to 2pm. Come along & browse through a huge selection of second-hand books. Something for everyone!

**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 **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 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 and seating purposes. All welcome.

### 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.

### Day Program at Santa Casa 33-35 Flinders Street Queenscliff:

Exploring Spirituality of Ageing Themes. Presenter: Nicole Rotaru RSM.  
The secret of life is to let every segment of it produce its own yield at its own pace. Every period has something new to teach us. The harvest of youth is achievement; the harvest of middle-age is perspective; the harvest of age is wisdom; the harvest of life is serenity. Joan Chittister. There will be three (3) sessions:

- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May:** *Accomplishment and Limitations*
- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May:** *Relationships and Spirituality*
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May:** *Legacy*

Commencing with a cuppa at 10.00am, then 10.30 – 12.30 pm session, 12.30 – 1.15 pm lunch, 1.15 – 2.30 pm session and closure. **Cost per session: \$25.00.**  
Registration contact: Sr Lizzie Finnerty RSM. Mobile: 0418 194 261 Email: [santacasa@ismapng.org.au](mailto:santacasa@ismapng.org.au).

**CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal:** This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. **Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.** You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

**Geelong Catholic Diners Club:** You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food & friendship. **Date:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. **Time:** 6:00pm. **Venue:** The Bistro, Belmont Hotel (High St, Belmont). **Cost:** Purchase meals & drinks at your own cost. **RSVP:** to John Santospirito on 0409 165 943 or [john.santospirito@bigpond.com](mailto:john.santospirito@bigpond.com) by 13<sup>th</sup> May.

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### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Monday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Tuesday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter**

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

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

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter**

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

11:00am Mass with anointing at Arcare, Point Lonsdale

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter**

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

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – St John de Avila (Memorial)**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

10:00am St Aloysius Year 6 Confirmation Reflection Day

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Saturday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter**

11:00am Confirmation Mass of Our Lady Star of the Sea Year 6 students at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove with Bishop Martin Ashe

2:00pm Confirmation Mass of St Aloysius Year 6 and Sacramental Program (RCIC) students at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff with Bishop Martin Ashe

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May – The ASCENSION of the LORD**

World Communications Day  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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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.

### Overview of Parish Finances – three (3) months ended 31<sup>st</sup> March:

	2024	2023
Thanksgiving Income	\$34,859	\$34,292
Other Income	\$9,257	\$9,894
Operating Costs	\$78,839*	\$41,935

\*increase due to \$26,000 insurance premium for 2023-2024 and \$12,000 OH&S essentials to comply with the law.



Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraiser Project Compassion has been a success this year thanks to the dedication & support of over 1700 schools & 1200 parishes across Australia.

Our parish contribution for 2024 is \$2782.00.

Our Lady Star of the Sea School raised \$2846.85 from donations & Easter Raffle. St Aloysius School raised \$494.70 from donations & Crazy Hair Day.

A wonderful effort & generosity by the community!



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