

# The Living Word

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year B**

**2 June 2024**

## **First Reading Ex 24:3-8**

*This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.*

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13**

*(R.) I will take the cup of salvation,  
and call on the name of the Lord.  
or*

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds. (R.)

3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.  
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people. (R.)

## **Second Reading Heb 9:11-15**

*The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.*

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

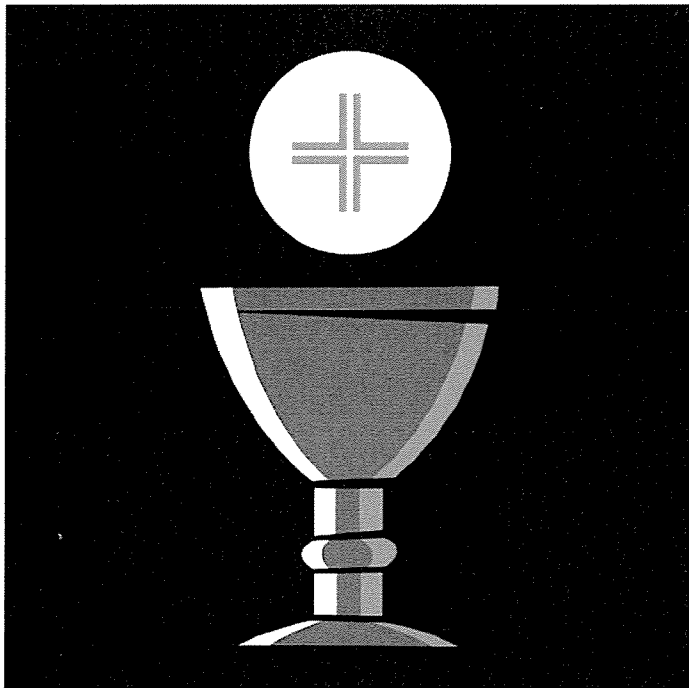
## **Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the living bread from heaven, says  
the Lord;*

*whoever eats this bread will live for ever.*

*Alleluia!*



## **Gospel Mk 14:12-16, 22-26**

*This is my body. This is my blood.*

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

## **Reflection by Greg Sunter**

In the Jewish tradition, blood plays a very interesting double role – being both sacred and impure. As we see from this week's first reading, blood was used as a sign of sealing a covenant and so took on a very sacred significance. Blood was held to be sacred due to its relationship with life and thus God. However, in other circumstances, blood was regarded as forbidden and impure. The Torah forbids the eating of blood and so for meat to be regarded as kosher (ritually proper) it must be drained of all blood at the time of slaughter. This prohibition has to do with an ancient pagan practice of eating blood and was designed to distinguish the Jews from such pagan practices. In the parable of the Good Samaritan we see the two Temple officials avoiding the beaten and bloodied man because to touch him would have made them ritually impure and unable to perform their duties. So we have this interesting contrast that blood was regarded as being both very sacred as well as impure.

It is in the context of sealing a covenant that Jesus used blood at the Last Supper. Jews would have been very familiar with the notion that a covenant with God was sealed with blood and so for Jesus to describe his blood as being 'the blood of the covenant' would have been immediately significant to his disciples and the first audience of the Gospel. Jesus is marking a new covenant between God and God's people – a covenant in blood like the covenants of old. He is making it clear that God is prepared to start over again with the people – a new covenant for a new phase of the ever developing relationship.

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Principal: Ms. Miriam Leahy, Tel: 5258 1736  
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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/)

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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**

## The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (Corpus Christi), Year B

**Anniversaries 2<sup>nd</sup> June to 8<sup>th</sup> June:** Ann Kerley, Sarah Guilfoil, Elizabeth Cross, Italo Tedoldi, John Simpson, Fr Brendan Smith, Sally Dilena, Mary Eileen Tregear, John Thom, Donald Cousin, Betty Leschke, Peter Greich, Emma Trewella, Leo Cooney and Peter Meehan.

**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 Koerntjes, 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: 9<sup>th</sup> June at 9:00am:

(C) Brenda Bissinella (L) Peter Dickinson (SM) Jenny Cole, Fiorentina Romeo  
(W) Sr Nola Morrissy, Nan Calnin.

### QUEENSCLIFF: 9<sup>th</sup> June at 11:00am:

(C) Bob Merriman (L) John Hanan (SM) Lisa Piasente (W) Paul Doolan.

### COUNTERS: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 10:00am:

Remo & Naomi Bianco.

## \*\* 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.*

**Together we pray for the Sacramental Program children receiving  
the Sacrament of First Eucharist this week.  
Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.**

**Hospitality at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff:** invitation to join after 11:00am Mass this Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, for the first winter get-together. Come along and enjoy a nourishing bowl of soup.

**Hospitality at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove:** will take place this Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy). ALL WELCOME!

### Upcoming annual appeal and notice:

*St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal* will be held this weekend (1-2 June). Please support if you can. The local Vinnies Conference assists around 15 people per month (about 200 per year). Much good work done by a small band of members. Anyone wishing to join would be welcomed – more volunteers/ reps are needed from Queenscliff/Pt Lonsdale as there is only one rep over that way.

**Ladies Social Group:** lunch at Rip View Restaurant at the Queenscliff bowling Club. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 12-noon. All ladies of the parish are welcome, so please join us. For bookings, please either text or call Julie 0411578285 or Sandra 0423047862.

**Morning Tea at Holy Family Church, Barwon Heads:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 10:30am. 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.

**COUNTERS WANTED!** If you are interested in joining the counters team, please contact Daniella at the parish office. A National Police Check (arranged via parish office) and WWCC are required.

**Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR)** invites all parishioners to contribute (in a small or larger away) groceries, cash, or supermarket vouchers over the two weekends of Refugee Week; June 15/16 and June 22/23. The theme this year is *Finding Freedom*. We pray for justice for a refugee friends. If you wish to continue support you can donate directly to Wesley Church Welcome Place: BSB 633 000, Account 160 305 066. Website: [www.queenscliffar.org](http://www.queenscliffar.org).

**Queenscliff Rural Australians for Refugees (QRAR)** has organised a Tamil Feast on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at Queenscliff. If anyone would like to attend, please contact Maureen on 0439 541 942.

**Geelong Catholic Diners Club:** You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food & friendship. **Date:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June. **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 [johnsantospirito60@gmail.com](mailto:johnsantospirito60@gmail.com) by 10<sup>th</sup> June.

**Knitting Weekend and Gorgeous Goodies Garage Sale – Uniting Church, Queenscliff:** annual Knitting Weekend on 8-9 June. Homemade scarves, beanies, gloves and rugs for sale, curated with the best of our lovely china, glassware, books and clothes. Collecting donations NOW for the Gorgeous Goodies Sale! If you would like to contribute, please bring your lovely items to the church during the Vestry Shop opening hours 10:30am to 4:30pm.

**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.

**Caritas Australia's Papua New Guinea Landslide Disaster:** Thousands are feared dead and many more are displaced after a devastating landslide struck a remote village in Papua New Guinea. Your urgent support is needed now. **Donate at** [www.caritas.org.au/png](http://www.caritas.org.au/png)

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### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Sts Charles Lwanga & companions (Memorial)**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Weekday, Ordinary Time 9**

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

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

7:00 Sacramental Program First Eucharist Mass

at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – St Boniface (Memorial)**

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June – St Norbert, St Marcellin Champagnat (Memorial)**

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

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – The Most SACRED HEART of Jesus (Solemnity)**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June – The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June – 10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

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**Thought for the Week:**  
We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.

- George Bernard Shaw.

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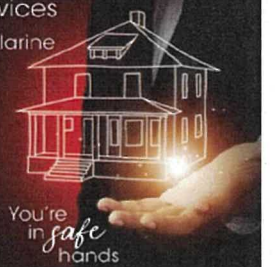
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