

# The Living Word

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**28 July 2024**

## **First Reading 2 Kgs 4:42-44**

*They will eat and have some left over.*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16**

*(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.*

1. All your creatures shall thank you,  
O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their  
blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your  
reign  
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due  
time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

## **Second Reading Eph 4:1-6**

*There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

## **Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.*

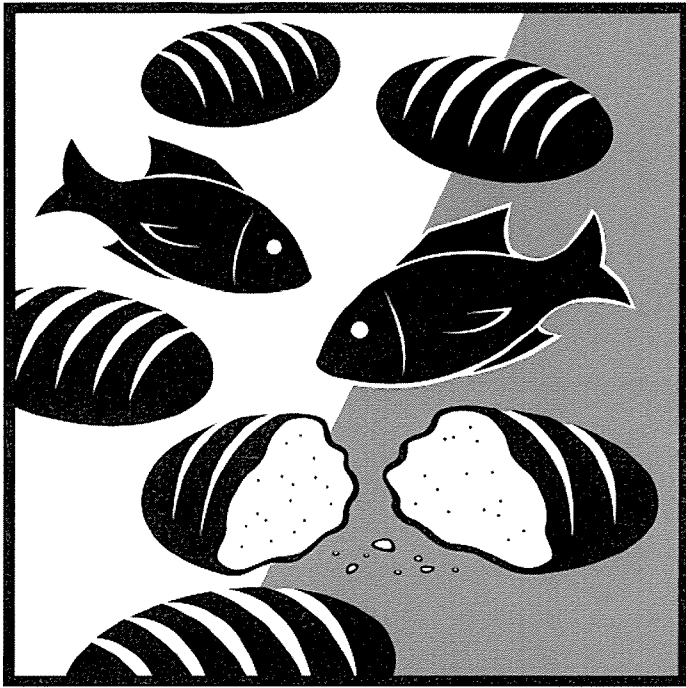
*Alleluia!*

## **Gospel Jn 6:1-15**

*He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people



to eat?’ He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, ‘Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said, ‘There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Make the people sit down.’ There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, ‘Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.’ So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, ‘This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.’ Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

## Reflection by Greg Sunter

In the readings for Ordinary Time, we take a break from the sequence of readings from the Gospel of Mark for a few weeks and this week’s reading begins a diversion into chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. The whole of John 6 is an extended discourse that explores the image of Jesus as the Bread of Life. The chapter and the discourse begin with this week’s miraculous feeding of the multitude. As this event occurs in each of the four gospels there is a compelling argument that there is some basis in fact or, at the very least, that the metaphoric image of Jesus feeding a crowd was an enduring one in Christian communities.

Jesus is described as testing the disciples, asking them where they might be able to purchase bread for the crowd. Phillip is overwhelmed at the thought of spending a fortune on enough bread for more than 5,000 people. A small boy nearby had a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish. Jesus took the bread and fish, gave thanks and then had the disciples begin to distribute the food. When everyone had eaten their fill, the disciples collected twelve hampers of leftovers. Some commentators suggest that the twelve baskets represent the twelve tribes of Israel – indicating that the message of Jesus will be enough to feed and sustain the whole of Israel. Having witnessed this miracle the people have a sudden insight into who they think Jesus might be – the promised Messiah come to free them from their Roman oppressors. Wary of the crowd’s mistaken understanding of what the Messiah is to be, Jesus literally heads for the hills to avoid being made a political figurehead for the people.

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Holy Family	Our Lady Star of the Sea	Holy Trinity
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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,  
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**Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays**

**PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THEIR BULLETINS  
HOME AFTER MASS**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**Anniversaries 28<sup>th</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August:** Adriana Klabbers, Ros Quinlan, Wally Higgins, Tom Martin, Mrs Scuderi, Tasman Blizzard, John Burns, Peggy D'Cruz, Peter Johnston and Kevin Greelish.

**Please pray for those who are Sick:** Naomi Bianco, Margaret Borg, Peter Bourke, Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Sue Casey, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, John Drury, Gloria Forbes, Nell Faigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Margaret Gladstone, Mary Gladwin, Martin & Mary Grundy, Justin Hanan, Stephen Hanan, Susan Hardy, Peter Harrington, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Michelle Mahoney, Brendan Merriman, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Pam Sullivan, Salvatore & Santa Sutura, 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: 4<sup>th</sup> August at 9:00am:**

(C) Maureen Earls (L) Monica Meagher (SM) Jo Ballard, Fiorentina Romeo (W) Nan Calnin, Diane Gent.

**QUEENSCLIFF: 4<sup>th</sup> August at 11:00am:**

(C) Michael Scott (L) Ellen Bourke (SM) Lisa Piasente (W) Tony Frizza.

**COUNTERS: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 10:00am:**

Judy Compton & Fay Neville.

### \*\* 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:  
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*We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together  
to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's  
responsibility.*

**Cuppa at Ocean Grove:** parishioners are welcome for a cuppa and  
biscuit following 9:00am Mass on Sundays throughout Winter at Our  
Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove.

**Upcoming annual appeal and special collections:**

Propagation of the Faith Appeal: this weekend, 27-28 July. Envelopes  
will be available at each Mass centre.

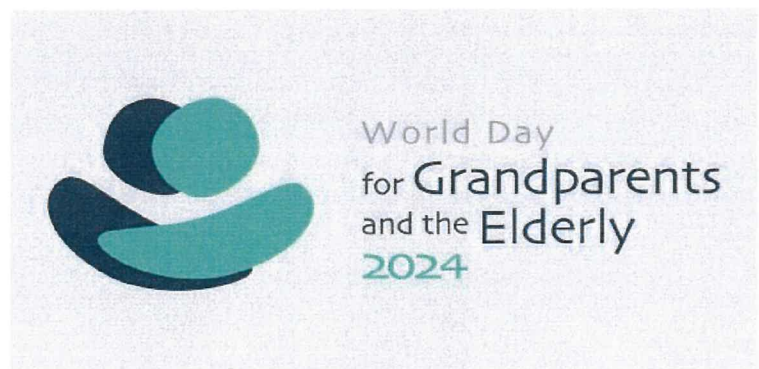


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**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July:** In this year's message for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis encourages us not to 'cast off' the elderly when their hair grows white or their working lives come to an end. Rather, he says, they are the 'firm foundation' upon which other stones can rest to form the edifice of the Church.



**National Vocations Awareness Week (4-11 August):** Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Let us pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

**'Living Out Loud':** workshop and concert hosted by Combined Refugee Action Group (CRAG) and Queenscliff Rural Australian For Refugees (QRAR). **Date:** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August. **Time:** 2:30-4:00pm. **Location:** Queenscliff Uniting Church (85 Hesse Street). Tickets \$30, book online at [www.trybooking.com/CTFNG](http://www.trybooking.com/CTFNG). See church narthex for flyer. All welcome!

**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.

**TLC Aged Care – Respite and Permanent Care:** TLC Aged Care would like to advise that we have vacancies at all three homes in the Geelong region as listed below. We offer respite and permanent care. We also have MSU at all three homes.

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### **LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July – Weekday, Ordinary Time 17**

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

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July – St Ignatius of Loyola**

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

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August – St Alphonsus Liguori**

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

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August – Weekday, Ordinary Time 17**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August – St Dominic**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August – 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**  
Vocations Awareness Week

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## **Thought for the Week:**

Your thoughts are like the seeds you plant in your garden. Your beliefs are like the soil in which you plant these seeds.

~ Louise Hay.

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