

The Living Word

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

4 August 2024

First Reading Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)

2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 4:17, 20-24

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

**No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:24-35

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:



'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me
because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you wanted
to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his
seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are
to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them
this answer, 'This is working for God: you must
believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What
sign will you give to show us that we should believe
in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had
manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He
gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from
heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread from
heaven,
the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus
answered:

'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel reading continues the exploration of John Ch 6 that began last week and will continue for another few weeks. Today's passage begins the extended discourse on the 'Bread of Life' image that runs throughout this chapter. Last week's reading finished with Jesus virtually fleeing the scene when the crowd wanted to make him king. At the start of today's reading, the crowd has caught up with him again and appears to be looking for a repeat performance of the miraculous feeding. Jesus accuses them of simply wanting more food and not being alert to the truth of the sign they had witnessed. The crowd asks what they must do to accomplish the works of God and Jesus answers fairly bluntly, Believe in me!

In response, the people demand a sign from Jesus: produce manna from heaven as Moses did during the Exodus. In fact, manna from heaven is one of the signs of the coming of the Messiah that is foretold by the prophets. So, in their own way, the people are asking Jesus to demonstrate to them that he is the Messiah. Jesus, however, explains that it was not Moses who produced the manna, but God. In Jesus, God has already produced the sign – the Bread sent down from heaven. There is no need for Jesus to produce such a sign; the sign has already been produced by God. It is up to the people – and us – to recognise God's gift of life-sustaining nourishment that is Jesus.

In the Eucharist, we continue to celebrate Jesus as the Bread of Life – the sustaining gift of God that 'gives life to the world'.

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OFFICE HOURS

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St. Aloysius, Queenscliff
Principal: Ms. Miriam Leahy, Tel: 5258 1736
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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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www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/

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Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THEIR BULLETINS HOME AFTER MASS

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Recently Deceased: Jacinta Cantwell.

Anniversaries 4th August to 10th August: Jack Hussey, Noreen Lambert, Valerio Pinci, Reno Gech, Vera Pollard, Margaret Hall, Kevin Ryan, Andrew Farrugia, June Baxter Thompson, Arthur Priest, Albert Reilly and Allan Jenner.

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, Nell Fraigneux, 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 Koertjes, 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 Sutera, 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: 11th August at 9:00am:

(C) Peter Dickinson (L) Catherine Hayes (SM) Marg Lucas, Janine Fitzpatrick (W) Remo & Naomi Bianco.

QUEENSCLIFF: 11th August at 11:00am:

(C) Tony Frizza (L) Roger Furphy (SM) Adrian Scott (W) Maureen Baglieri.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 6th August at 10:00am:

Dan Donovan and Des Harris.

** 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.

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.

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.

Hospitality Sunday: will take place this Sunday, 4th August, following 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. ALL WELCOME!

Ladies Social Group: join us for lunch on Wednesday 7th August at Rocketman Café (1/63a The Terrace, Ocean Grove) at 12:00pm. RSVP via phone or text to Sandra on 0423 047 862. All Ladies of the parish welcome.

St Vincent de Paul Society meeting will be held on Thursday 8th August following 9:15am Mass at Ocean Grove.

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 as to any Sundays you will not be available during roster cycle September - November inclusive. Thank you.

'Living Out Loud': workshop and concert hosted by Combined Refugee Action Group (CRAG) and Queenscliff Rural Australian For Refugees (QRAR). **Date:** Sunday 11th August. **Time:** 2:30-4:00pm. **Location:** Queenscliff Uniting Church (85 Hesse Street). Tickets \$30, book online at 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.

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.

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 5th August – Weekday, Ordinary Time 18

Tuesday 6th August – The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)

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

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

Wednesday 7th August – Weekday, Ordinary Time 18

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

Thursday 8th August – St MARY OF THE CROSS (Solemnity)

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

Friday 9th August – St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 10th August – St Lawrence (Feast)

Sunday 11th August – 19TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:
The human spirit is stronger than anything that can happen to it.

- C.C. Scott.

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