

# The Living Word

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**8 September 2024**

## **First Reading** Is 35:4-7

*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.*

Say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,  
streams in the wasteland,  
the scorched earth becomes a lake,  
the parched land springs of water.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1**

*(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!*

*or:*

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *(R.)*
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the  
blind,  
who raises up those who are  
bound down,  
the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. *(R.)*

3. The Lord upholds the widow and  
orphan,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. *(R.)*

## **Second Reading** Jas 2:1-5

*Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

## **Gospel Acclamation** Mt 4:23

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus preached the Good News  
of the kingdom*

*and healed all who were sick.*

*Alleluia!*



## Gospel Mk 7:31-37

*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

## Reflection by Greg Sunter

Strangely, this week's gospel about the healing of a man who was deaf and dumb is less about healing than it is about Jesus being the Messiah. The theme is set up in the first reading when the prophet, Isaiah, describes the signs by which the coming of the Messiah will be recognised: the blind will see; the deaf will hear; the lame will leap; and the dumb will speak. When Jesus healed the man in the gospel story the crowd were admiring of what he had done. They even exclaimed, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.' These words are a direct echo of the Isaiah text – they were recognising Jesus as fulfilling the prophecies of the promised Messiah.

However, the passage also demonstrates to us that Jesus was trying to show the people that he was not exactly the Messiah that many of them were anticipating. This healing story takes place in the region of The Decapolis – south-east of the Galilee region and populated mostly by Gentiles. By travelling in this area and working miraculous healings, Jesus is making the point that his mission is to all people, not just 'the Chosen People' of Israel. He commands the crowd who witnessed the healing to tell no one about it but, filled with the idea that Jesus was the Messiah they had been waiting for, they broadcast the news. Jesus wanted their silence because he knew that they did not fully understand the sort of Messiah that he was. Only when they understood that this Messiah must suffer and die would he have allowed them to speak of his deeds.

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# HOLY TRINITY

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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 Geoff Baron (priest in residence)  
Parish Secretary: Mrs Daniella Sutura  
Safeguarding & Admin Support: Ms Jennie Ryan  
Parish Mission Ambassador: Ms Josephine Barnes  
Pastoral Care Coordinator: Sr Nola Morrissy RSM

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

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
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. 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/)

### COLUMBARIUM

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### 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**

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

**Recently deceased:** Mary Theresa Davin.

**Anniversaries 8<sup>th</sup> September to 14<sup>th</sup> September:** Barbara Wyatt, Billy Coghlan, John Walker, Michael O'Connor, Rita Ryzman, Merrilyn Campbell, Carmel McNulty, Mary Richards, Ellen Bligh and Patricia Fiddes.

**Please pray for those who are Sick:** Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, 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 Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Michelle Mahoney, Brendan Merriman, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Picc, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Kevin Teasdale, Deanne Warren, Cathy Williams and Peter Williams.

### 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: 15<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00am:**

(C) Anthony Dowling (L) Luci Quinn (SM) Jenny Cole, Marg Lucas (W) Catherine Hayes, Remo Bianco.

**QUEENSCLIFF: 15<sup>th</sup> September at 11:00am:**

(C) Sam Sammut (L) Maria Sammut (SM) Angela Hatch (W) Rosamaria Guthrie.

**COUNTERS: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 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.*

### 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.

**WELCOME FR BARRY HUGHES!** For the next two weekends (7-8 and 14-15 Sept), Fr Barry will be celebrating Masses within the Parish.

**St Vincent de Paul Society meeting:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September following 9:15am Mass at Ocean Grove.



The Parish of Holy Trinity and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>



**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) – update:** the PPC met on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September to introduce Frank Rice (OG) as Chair, Donnie Grigau (PtL/QC) as Deputy Chair, Liz Frazer (OG) as Secretary. PPC committee members are Bernard Attard (OG), Josephine Barnes (OG & Parish Mission Ambassador), Sandra Duggan (BH), Maureen Earls (OG), Maureen Frisch (BH), John Hanan (PtL/QC), Miriam Leahy (Principal of St Aloysius), Sr Nola Morrissy (Pastoral Care), Adrian Redfern (PtL/QC), Kerry Sells (Principal of Our Lady Star of the Sea) and Susan Weston (PtL/QC)."

**An extract from Vicar General's Newsletter:** "Last week, I attended the Parish Administration Day, organised by the Stewardship Team. It was good to catch up with many of our priests and parish administrative staff and to focus on how we can improve the way we serve God and His people in our parishes. We need to recognize the gifts and talents of our priests and parish staff. Sometimes, parish life can be challenging, but we must always ensure that our parishes are places of welcome for all God's people including the wounded, outcast and forgotten. Our parishes ought be places of refuge from the stress of the world but also communities where we gather with our brothers and sisters. However, our parishes do not exist to serve our parishioners; they exist so that our parishioners might serve God. Discipleship is not a spectator sport; we are all called to service."

– Very Rev Tony Kerin JCL VG.

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### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 23**

12:00pm Funeral Prayers for the late Mrs Mary Davin at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 23**

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

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 23**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff  
with St Aloysius School Junior students attending  
11:00am Mass with anointing at Arcare, Point Lonsdale

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 23**

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

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September – St John Chrysostom (Memorial)**

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff  
9:15am Star of the Sea Whole School Mass (and Feast Day) at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September – 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

*Social Services Sunday*  
12:30pm Baptism Service at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

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### \*\* YOUR SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY \*\*

1. If an emergency occurs near you, please raise your hand or stand up and speak out to alert the Emergency Wardens. Directions as to what to do next will then be given and assistance rendered.

2. If it is necessary to evacuate the building, the Chief Emergency Warden or other nominated Safety Wardens will take control. The Chief Emergency Warden will be identified by the wearing of a yellow Hi Vis vest.

Please remain calm and in your seats etc until you are directed by the Chief Emergency Warden as to what to do next. You will be advised as to which exit/s to use and the location of the Assembly Point. Please remain at the Assembly Point until you receive further advice.

3. In an emergency, our first priority is your safety, so please remain calm & follow all directions of the Emergency Wardens.

Thank you, OH&S Committee.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office:

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### Is your Working with Children Check (WWCC) and Code of Conduct up to date?

We value and appreciate the support of our volunteers however we need to ensure that you all have:

- up to date WWCC Cards;
- added Holy Trinity Parish as an organisation on your WWCC card;
- have signed a Code of Conduct;
- have a current Police Check if you are a counter, a member of the RCIC team or undertake home or care home visits; and,
- have undertaken the Safeguarding Essential Training module.

The Parish covers any costs associated - all we need from you is a few minutes of your time to get everything up to date. Please check your email inbox (or Junk folder) and respond to messages requesting updated documentation. You can email Jennie Ryan at [Queenscliff.Safeguarding@cam.org.au](mailto:Queenscliff.Safeguarding@cam.org.au) or contact the Parish Office to arrange assistance.


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