

The Living Word

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

15 September 2024

First Reading Is 50:5-9

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against
me?

Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

*(R.) I will walk in the presence
of the Lord,
in the land of the living.*

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. (R.)

2. They surrounded me, the snares
of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me! (R.)
4. He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 2:14-18

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'



Gospel Acclamation Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 8:27-35

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

'But you, who do you say I am?' This would have to be one of the most powerful questions of the gospels. It echoes down the centuries and is just as relevant today as it ever was. 'Who do you say I am?' Our answer to that question is perhaps the most revealing statement of our faith. Our answer no doubt changes over time as we grow in understanding and as we experience the ups and downs of life, but nonetheless, just like Peter in the gospel passage, our answer remains a clear statement of our faith. 'Who do you say I am?' Just a good guy who lived 2,000 years ago? A role model? A friend? God made flesh? The Word come down from heaven? Nobody? Everybody? Our saviour? An inspired man of God? The Messiah?

Perhaps you've never tried to actually answer the question yourself. It is a confronting question, 'Who do you say I am?' It's confronting because, as Christian people, we believe that our actions are a reflection of our beliefs and values. It's confronting because whatever we say in answer to that question has implications for the way we live. 'Who do you say I am?' You see, the question is in the present tense, not the past. It doesn't ask 'Who do you say I was?'; it asks, 'Who do you say I AM?' The very question asks us to recognise that Jesus was not just some guy who lived 2,000 years ago but rather someone who continues to be a presence in our lives today. And he stands before each and every one of us today and asks that same, demanding, confronting, purposeful question: 'Who do YOU say I am?'

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Holy Family	Our Lady Star of the Sea	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.

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PARISH OFFICE & PRESBYTERY
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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.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS
Visit our website for all information or contact Parish office
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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Anniversaries 15th September to 21st September: Sadie Johnston, Mary Egan, Dawn Benham, Tony Joiner, June McClelland, Vincent Lynch and Damian Tobin.

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 Piec, 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: 22nd September at 9:00am:

(C) Monica Meagher (L) Anne Bourke (SM) Jo Ballard, David O'Connor
(W) Marg Lucas, Margaret Donovan.

QUEENSCLIFF: 22nd September at 11:00am:

(C) Terry Philp (L) Shirley Hurley (SM) Sr Nola Morrissy (W) Mary Clare Hoare.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 17th September at 10:00am:

Judy Compton and 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:

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 children receiving
the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.
Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.*

Sunday 15 September 2024 marks Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised. We acknowledge with gratitude all of Catholic Social Services Victoria's 40 member organisations, their 7,000+ staff and 15,000+ volunteers and the important work that they do to serve over 300,000 people. At this challenging time of a cost of living and housing affordability crisis, the Gospel message of love, care and welcome is needed more than ever. We can all play a role in building a more just and compassionate society.

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Social Services Sunday

What does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and
to walk humbly with your God

- Micah 6:8



Watch the video

Saint Vincent de Paul Conference: September is St Vincent de Paul Revitalisation month across Australia. In our Parish we celebrate our continued existence, our hard work and our achievements. To ensure further growth we continue to invite new members to join with us to walk alongside those in our community who are marginalized and who require a "hand up".

What is your commitment?

- A one-hour meeting once a month on the second Thursday at 10am at the Ocean Grove Church – following 9:15am Mass.
- Completion of some modules – child safety, privacy and work health and safety – as well as a Police check and Working With Children Check. We can help you do this. It does not cost you anything.
- On completion of the above, you along with another member, may be asked occasionally to visit someone in need of help. This usually takes about 15 minutes of your time.
- Helping to distribute Christmas hampers prepared by Star of the Sea students.

The following is some examples of the work of our conference:

- We distribute hampers at Christmas each year
- We visit those needing assistance – food, fuel, etc. Approximately 10-15 visits per month distributed among all members.
- We refer people to food relief agencies.
- We refer people for no interest loans for smaller purchases.
- We manage a holiday house in Point Lonsdale for those in need of a week's break. People come from across the State.

Where do I find information and who do I contact?

- Brochures will be available at the Parish Churches.
- Contact our President, Shane McKinley on 0419345990 if you need further information or would like to come along to a couple of meetings before making your decision.



September is **St. Vincent de Paul** Revitalisation Month across Australia, backed by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Here in Shepparton our St. Brendan's SVDP Conference is celebrating our existence, our hard work and our achievements. To ensure further growth we continue to invite new members to join us in walking alongside those in our community who are marginalised and are requiring a "hand up." Over the month St. Brendan's Conference will share our story and our good works.



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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 16th September – Sts Cornelius and Cyprian (Memorial)

Tuesday 17th September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 24
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 18th September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 24
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 19th September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 24
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 20th September – Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions (Memorial)
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 21st September – St Matthew (Feast)

Sunday 22nd September – 25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME


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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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