

# The Living Word

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

22 September 2024

## First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20

*Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.*

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man,  
since he annoys us  
and opposes our way of life,  
reproaches us for our breaches of the  
law

and accuses us of playing false to  
our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true,  
let us observe what kind of end he  
himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son,  
God will take his part  
and rescue him from the clutches of  
his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and  
with torture,  
and thus explore this gentleness of his  
and put his endurance to the proof.  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death  
since he will be looked after – we have  
his word for it.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6**

*(R.) The Lord upholds my life.*

1. O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayers;  
listen to the words of my mouth. *(R.)*
2. For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God. *(R.)*

3. But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good. *(R.)*

## Second Reading Jas 3:16-4:3

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

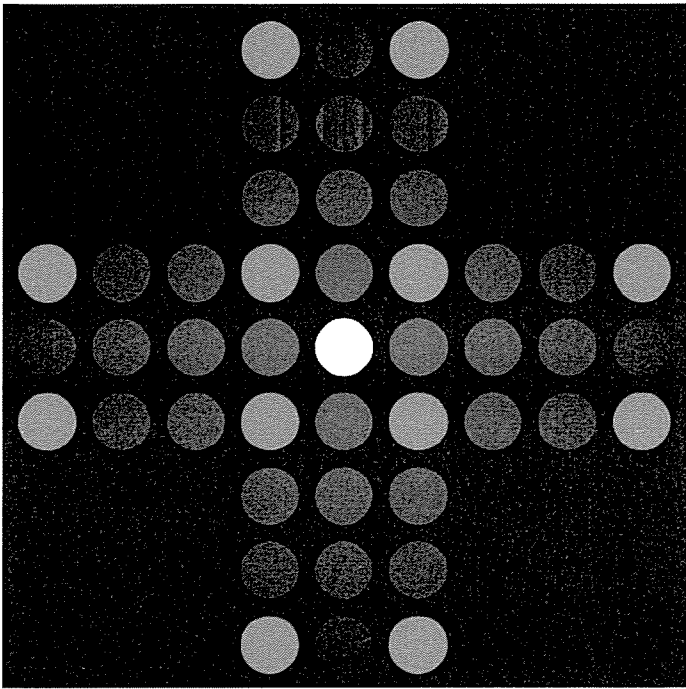
Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

## Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Alleluia!*



## Gospel Mk 9:30-37

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

## Reflection by Greg Sunter

Last week's gospel, in which Jesus asked his disciples, 'Who do you say I am?' marked a turning point in the gospel of Mark. Having established in the minds of the disciples that he is indeed the Messiah, Jesus now begins to explore with them what that really means and also what it means to be a follower – a disciple – of the Messiah who must be put to death. Having finally come to some level of understanding that Jesus is the Messiah, the disciples have latched on to a very limited understanding of Jesus' Messiahship. They have assumed that being Messiah meant that Jesus was going to lead a triumphant victory over all the woes of the Jews – it was a common understanding and expectation of what the Messiah would do. With this in mind, the disciples begin to argue amongst themselves about who will hold positions of respect and power in the aftermath of Jesus' great triumph. Despite what Jesus had just said about being put to death and rising again, the disciples simply couldn't grasp what he was saying and fell back onto a familiar picture of the Messiah.

To really shake up the disciples and try to make them pay attention to what he was saying to them, Jesus put his arms around a small child and told the disciples they had to welcome little children in his name. Like so many gospel images there is more going on here than meets the eye. Children were regarded as complete nobodies in the culture of the time. They had no status and absolutely no authority. Jesus is saying to the disciples, don't argue about who will be the greatest; this child – this nobody – is greater than anyone who lords it over others. If you treat a nobody like this with respect, you treat me with respect.

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# HOLY TRINITY

## CATHOLIC PARISH

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

*Incorporating the Mass centres and communities of*

Holy Family	Our Lady Star of the Sea	Holy Trinity
101 Hitchcock Av	68 John Dory Drive	34 Stevens St
Barwon Heads	Ocean Grove	Queenscliff

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:

[www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au)

**PARISH OFFICE & PRESBYTERY**  
34 Stevens Street, Queenscliff 3225  
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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

Please visit [www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/about-us/parish-columbarium/](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/about-us/parish-columbarium/)

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Please visit our website for all information:  
<https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program-1/>

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THEIR BULLETINS HOME AFTER MASS

**Recently deceased:** Marie Alizzi and Jack Davin.

**Anniversaries 22<sup>nd</sup> September to 28<sup>th</sup> September:** Neil Kerley, Ken Drury, Claudio German, Ruby Frances Leahy, Doreen Olsen, Patrick Delaney Snr, Norgio 'Norm' Satalich, Colleen Clarke, Terre Rossiter, Richard Stubbs and Patricia Dean.

**Please pray for those who are Sick:** Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Margaret Borg, Peter Bourke, Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Sue Casey, 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: 29<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00am:**

(C) Brenda Bissinella (L) Sr Nola Morrissy (SM) Janine Fitzpatrick, Marg Lucas (W) Jo Ballard, Diane Gent.

**QUEENSCLIFF: 29<sup>th</sup> September at 11:00am:**

(C) Bob Merriman (L) John Hanan (SM) Maria Sammut (W) Rosemary Vaughan.

**COUNTERS: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 10:00am:**

Emanuel Baglieri & Ken Caffyn.

### \*\* 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.

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

We wish the principals, staff, students and families a happy and restful school holiday Spring break.

**Taizé Pray | Peace Gathering:** people in the Bellarine Peninsula and beyond are invited to gather to pray and worship at Santa Casa (33 Flinders Street, Queenscliff) on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 2:30pm** followed by afternoon tea at 3:30pm. Please RSVP to Sr Lizzie Finnerty RSM on 0418 194 261 or [santacasa@ismapng.org.au](mailto:santacasa@ismapng.org.au) for catering and seating purposes. All welcome.

**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". **Continue reading and for additional information:** <https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/saint-vincent-de-paul-conference-news/>

**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.



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.

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### UPDATE FROM PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL by Frank Rice, Chair

The Parish Pastoral Council met, designated positions were outlined, and we are preparing for the arrival of our new Parish Priest, Fr Linh Pham, in early November.

The Council is very appreciative of the efforts put in by so many individuals and groups to make our Faith Community as strong as it can be, while trying to address needs from many perspectives.

It is our hope that each of our three churches maintains their special identity, as well as taking opportunities to join in activity as Holy Trinity Parish.

To encourage our Council to be responsive to the needs of parishioners, all are encouraged to contact us with ideas for making improvement or maintaining strengths. We have met with some Parish groups to increase our understanding of their work and will continue on this part of our journey.

We will be setting up support for the welcome to Fr Linh Pham, mindful of his needs as he assumes his role, as well as the time of the year bringing its own pressures.

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### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – St Pius of Pietrelcina (Memorial)**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 25**

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

11:00am Requiem Funeral Mass for the late Mrs Marie Alizzi at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 25**

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

11:00am Mass with anointing at Arcare, Point Lonsdale

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 25**

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

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – St Vincent de Paul (Memorial)**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 25**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September – 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

*World Refugees & Migration Day*

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### CHARLIE'S MAINTENANCE CO

General maintenance, gardening, cleaning and tiling. Servicing the Bellarine and Geelong areas. Contact Charlie on 0413 609 170 or email [charlie.sutera76@gmail.com](mailto:charlie.sutera76@gmail.com).

### A NOTE FROM FATHER DARIEN

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This coming week I commence my new post as Parish Priest of Ashburton. At that time, under church guidelines, my duties and responsibilities as parish priest for Holy Trinity Parish then come to an end.

May I again express my deep gratitude to Father Geoff Baron, and more recently Father Barry Hughes, for their Pastoral Care of you all during these past weeks.

At the same time, I've continued to work behind-the-scenes with our newly refreshed Parish Pastoral Council, our ever-reliable Finance Committee, Occupational Health and Safety, Safeguarding, and other ministries, and to communicate on a daily basis with our wonderful Parish Secretary Daniella, to ensure that everything is as well prepared as possible for the arrival of Father Linh Pham in November.

It's also been a joy to lead 4 wonderful celebrations of First Eucharist with our parish primary schools in August and September.

Again, heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your extraordinary generosity, kindness, goodness and commitment to our parish.

I leave you with these words from one of the great Australian hymns written in the years following the second Vatican Council:

"And so when we are gathered here as one,  
Let quarrels die and envious rancour cease;  
Be our resolve all bitterness to shun,  
And in our midst be Christ, his love and peace.

"Where there is charity and love,  
There the God of love abides."

Please know of my deep pastoral love for you all, and that I continue to hold you in my heart and in my prayers.

With every good wish and blessing,  
Darien

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