

The Living Word

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

29 September 2024

First Reading Nm 11:25-29

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)

3. So in them your servant finds
instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)

4. From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 5:1-6

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:

make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!



Gospel Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

The first part of today's gospel deals with the disciples' jealousy at someone else 'cashing in' on Jesus' name and authority. It is a continuation of their limited understanding about the message and ministry of Jesus. They still cling to an idea that Jesus is going to rise up in power against the forces of Rome and, in the aftermath, they are going to be sitting pretty as associates of this powerful figure. The disciples have been blinded by their dreams of glory and forgotten that the real story is that people are being cured and having demons cast out. Rather than celebrating the healing that is occurring in Jesus' name, the disciples are jealous that it's someone else who is getting the credit. Jesus assures them, and us, that any good work being undertaken genuinely in his name is to be welcomed. It is a reminder to us that sometimes we look down on the work of others because 'they're not one of us', or 'they're not doing it our way'.

The second portion of the gospel is one of the really challenging teachings of Jesus. Drawing on the image of the community as being a whole body, the teaching suggests that it is better to remove the part of the body/community that is causing sinfulness than have the whole body/community perish. It is a concept we are familiar with in modern medicine: sometimes it is necessary to remove diseased tissue to prevent the spread of disease. We are reminded that if we surround ourselves with negative people and negative influences, we too will become negative. If we separate ourselves from negative influences and surround ourselves with positive ones then the positive aspects of our lives will flourish.

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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 Suter

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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PARISH OFFICE & PRESBYTERY

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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. Kerryn 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/

COLUMBARIUM

Please visit 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 1:00pm on Thursdays

If you would like a deceased loved one(s) prayed for on their anniversary, please contact the parish office on 5258 1673 or queenscliff@cam.org.au by 1:00pm on Thursdays.

PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THEIR BULLETINS HOME AFTER MASS

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Recently deceased: Carmen Scerri.

Anniversaries 29th September to 5th October: John Prowse, Raphael Omeaku, Anthony 'Tony' Fiteni, Arnie Bench, Frank Monahan, John Meagher and Mary Harrington.

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: 6th October at 9:00am:

(C) Maureen Earls (L) Frank Rice (SM) Judy Considine, Carmel Rice (W) Michael & Barbara Hardy.

QUEENSCLIFF: 6th October at 11:00am:

(C) Adrian Scott (L) Diana Scott (SM) Adrian Scott (W) Sam Sammut.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 1st October at 9:30am:

David Millie and Sam Sammut.

** 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.

UPDATE from the Parish Office: if you would like a deceased loved one(s) prayed for on their anniversary, please contact the parish office on 5258 1673 or queenscliff@cam.org.au by 1:00pm on Thursdays. Names will only be included if the parish office is notified.

World Day of Refugees and Migrants (Sunday 29th): <https://migrants-refugees.va/world-day-of-migrants-refugees/>.

Ladies Social Group: lunch at the Ming Terrace (62 the Terrace, Ocean Grove) on **Wednesday 2nd October** at 12 noon. RSVP text or phone Sandra 0423 047 862. All ladies in the parish most welcome.

Morning Tea at Holy Family, Barwon Heads: on **Thursday 3rd October** at 10:30am. All welcome.

Soup Night at Holy Family, Barwon Heads: on **Saturday 5th October**, following Vigil Mass. All welcome!

Hospitality Sunday: will take place on **Sunday 6th October** following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. All welcome!

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 5th 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 for catering and seating purposes. All welcome.

Geelong Catholic Diners Club: You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food & friendship. **Date:** Tuesday 7th October. **Time:** 6:00pm. **CHANGE OF VENUE:** Great Western Hotel, "Western Room" (crn Aberdeen St & Shannon Ave, Newtown). **Cost:** Purchase meals & drinks at your own cost. **RSVP** via phone or text to Joan 0429 215 111 or Michael 0431 959 584 by 4th October.

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.

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.

WHY GOD? In conversation with Fr Richard Leonard: Two Day Parish Renewal event. **Purpose:** An opportunity for spiritual growth and to activate faith-based service within our parish communities and beyond. **Location:** St. Bernard's Church, 74 Fryers Road, Belmont (<https://stbernards.org.au/>). **Dates:** Friday 11th October & Saturday 12th October. **Free event**, donation appreciated.

Bookings for Friday: <https://www.trybooking.com/cuppe>
Bookings for Saturday: <https://www.trybooking.com/cupud>

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 30th September – St Jerome (Memorial)

10:00am Funeral Prayers for Mr Jack Davin at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Tuesday 1st October – St Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
11:00am Mass with anointing at Sea Views Manor, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 2nd October – The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial)

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
11:00am Mass with anointing at Arcare, Point Lonsdale

Thursday 3rd October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 26

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

Friday 4th October – St Francis of Assisi (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 5th October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 26

5:15pm Baptism Service at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

Sunday 6th October – 27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:

Don't bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself.

- William Faulkner.

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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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