

# The Living Word

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

6 October 2024

## First Reading Gen 2:18-24

*They were two in one flesh.*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,  
and flesh from my flesh!  
This is to be called woman,  
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 127. R. v.5**

*(R.) May the Lord bless us  
all the days of our lives.*

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. (R.)

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed  
he man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!  
May you see your children's children.  
On Israel, peace! (R.)

## Second Reading Heb 2:9-11

*He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified  
have one origin.*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

## Gospel Acclamation 1 Jn 4:12

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*If we love one another,*

*God will live in us in perfect love.*

*Alleluia!*



**Gospel Mk 10:2-16**  
**or (shorter form Mk 10:2-12)**

*What God has joined together, no one must divide.*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

**Reflection by Greg Sunter**

In the Western world today, somewhere between one-third and one-half of marriages end in divorce. It's a statistic that we hear wheeled out as a sign of the collapse of family values in our society. However, the reverse statistic is also true: somewhere between one-half and two-thirds of marriages are lasting ones. In the last 30-40 years, divorce has transformed from being a shameful scandal to an accepted, even commonplace, fact of life. It would be uncommon not to know someone affected by divorce. Despite those who argue that divorce is too 'easy', it is an emotional and difficult decision for couples to reach and has rippling impacts on children, extended families and friends.

When the Pharisees in the gospel asked Jesus about the law regarding divorce, they really weren't interested in divorce; they wanted to check Jesus' orthodoxy – how he stood in relation to traditional teaching. Rather than respond to them directly, Jesus asks them first of all to name the teaching to which they refer. He then explains that Moses only ever wrote the instruction because the people were so unwilling to listen to God's way.

For the second time in the last few weeks, the gospel shows Jesus welcoming children and praising their attitude as the way to the kingdom of God. Children of the time had no status and were regarded as literally the property of their father. When Jesus laid his hands on the children and gave them his blessing, this was the action of a father 'claiming' the child as their own. To welcome the kingdom like a little child is to enter into living the kingdom of God without any claim to position or status; to recognise our complete dependence on others; to let go of our ideas of who is important and who is not; to allow ourselves to be 'claimed' by Jesus.

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| 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 Sutera

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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Email: [queenscliff@cam.org.au](mailto:queenscliff@cam.org.au)

### 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/](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://www.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](mailto:queenscliff@cam.org.au) by 1:00pm on Thursdays.*

**PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THEIR BULLETINS HOME AFTER MASS**

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

**Anniversaries 6<sup>th</sup> October to 12<sup>th</sup> October:** John Tigh, Antonietta Bencich, Hugh Tighe, Ian James, Samuel Farrugia, Adrian Hurley and Nancy Kennedy.

**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 Faigneux, 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 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: 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9:00am:

(C) Catherine Hayes (L) Majella O'Connor (SM) Dan O'Meara, David O'Connor (W) Jo Ballard, Bev O'Meara.

### QUEENSCLIFF: 13<sup>th</sup> October at 11:00am:

(C) Michael Scott (L) Ellen Bourke (SM) Lisa Piasente (W) Tony Frizza.

### COUNTERS: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 10:00am:

John & Nan Calnin.

### \*\* 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.*

**Daylight Savings ends overnight this Saturday evening / Sunday morning (6<sup>th</sup> October) at 2:00am. Remember, clocks "spring" forward one hour.**

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

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

**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](mailto:queenscliff@cam.org.au) by 1:00pm on Thursdays. Names will only be included if the parish office is notified.

**St Vincent de Paul Society meeting** will be held on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** following 9:15am Mass at Ocean Grove.

**We wish the principals, staff and students a wonderful, joyous Term 4 as students return to school next week.**

### 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.



**Trinity Singers:** an invitation is extended to all parishioners interested in joining our group - more details to follow.

**UPDATE from the Safeguarding Committee:** Reading and signing **Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct** is a mandatory requirement for all parishioners that are engaged in Parish Ministries. Volunteers are required to re-sign the Code of Conduct every three years. For many volunteers that time frame has expired, and we ask that you collect a copy of the Code of Conduct today and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can access the document on the Parish Website. Thank you for your co-operation.

**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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### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial)**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 27**  
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 27**  
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff  
11:00am Mass with Anointing at Arcare, Point Lonsdale

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 27**  
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 27**  
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 27**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October – 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

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### Thought for the Week:

The question isn't who is going to let me; it's who is going to stop me.

- Ayn Rand.

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

As we await Fr Linh Pham's arrival as our Parish Priest in November, our Archdiocesan Vicar General, Very Rev Tony Kerin has appointed an Administrator for our Holy Trinity Parish with its three churches.

We are pleased to report that that Administrator is Fr Jim Clark, Parish Priest of St Mary's, Geelong. Already Fr Jim has convened an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council to enable us to have already for a smooth transition and welcome to Fr Linh Pham.

Fr Geoff Baron, of course, continues his great service to our Parish as Priest-in-residence, mainly concerned with Pastoral and Liturgical matters.

### FAITH DEVELOPMENT GROUP – ADVENT NEWS!

This Advent, the Faith Development Group (FDG) is sourcing the book, 'Hope Reigns' from the Diocese of Brisbane. Here are some details about this Advent's resource:

*This year's Advent resource, "Hope Reigns" invites us to explore more deeply what it means to have eyes to see and ears to hear Emmanuel, God with us. It will clarify our vision, so that we can welcome anew the wonder of the Christ child who brings heaven to earth and opens the door to the extraordinary gift of life everlasting.*

**Approximate cost \$6.00 each (to be confirmed).**

The FDG is expecting to offer at least **two weekly small reflection group meeting**. At this stage, one morning session in Barwon Heads and one evening group in Ocean Grove – both on a Tuesday commencing **Tuesday 26/11/2024**. If you are interested in obtaining a booklet for personal reflection and/or would like to join a discussion group (let us know which one!), **please contact either:**

- Sandra Gould via [sandra@salmandra.com](mailto:sandra@salmandra.com) or 0418 537 941, or
- Kerin Fox via [foxeskb@gmail.com](mailto:foxeskb@gmail.com) or via 0407 519 585.

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