

The Living Word

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

3 November 2024

First Reading Dt 6:2-6

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.
(R)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. (R)

Second Reading Heb 7:23-28

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

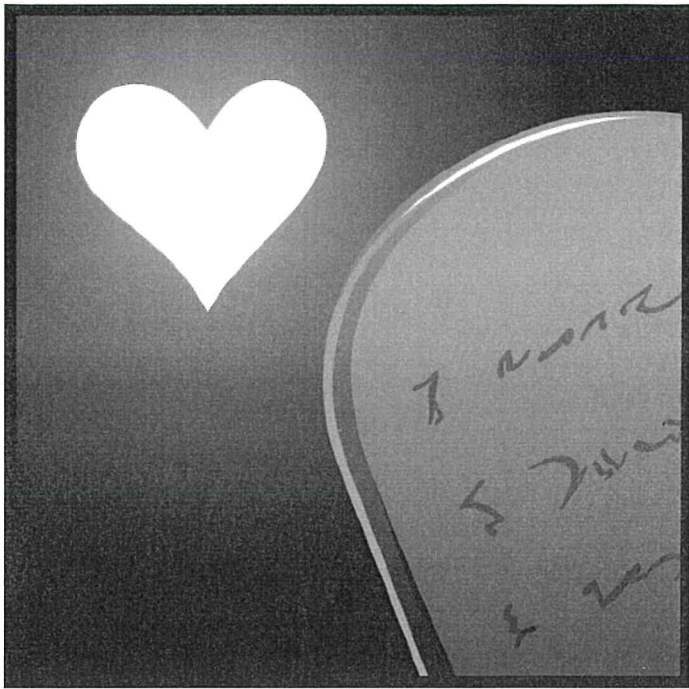
To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

***All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.***

Alleluia!



Gospel Mk 12:28-34

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

Generally, in the gospels, the scribes are shown as antagonistic towards Jesus and when we begin this passage we may be expecting a trap being laid by the scribe. In Jewish tradition, a lot of teaching occurs through a question and answer style and often the question is related to a particular teaching from Torah. Here, the scribe approaches Jesus as a teacher, a rabbi, and poses a question just as he would to any other worthy teacher. He asks which of the commandments Jesus regards to be foremost. This could be an opening question to any teacher and one would expect it to be the start of a long conversation. Neither of the commandments Jesus quotes come from the Ten Commandments with which we are most familiar, but, rather, they come from other parts of Torah (the Law). His qualification of the first commandment – to love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength – is a way of capturing the whole person. What Jesus is saying is to love God completely and utterly with your whole person. Then he follows up and adds another commandment – 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' The scribe agrees with Jesus' teaching and adds that these are far more important than offering sacrifice. This is a pretty controversial statement from a scribe! Sacrifice has been the official form of prayer practised in the Temple for a very long time and he suggests that love of God and love of neighbour are far more important! It is because of this understanding about the priority of love over religious practice – the hallmark of the kingdom of God that Jesus proclaims – that Jesus pronounces the scribe to be 'not far from the kingdom of God.'

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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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Rev Fr Geoff Baron (priest in residence)
Parish Secretary: Mrs Daniella Sutura
Safeguarding & Admin Support: Ms Jennie Ryan
Parish Mission Ambassador: Ms Josephine Barnes
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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

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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/

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:
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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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Please pray for those who are Sick: Naomi Bianco, Jacqueline Blake, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Sue Casey, Tom Connellan, 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 Koertjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Michelle Mahoney, 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: 10th November at 9:00am:

(C) Frank Rice (L) Maureen Earls (SM) Marg Lucas, Janine Fitzpatrick (W) Remo Bianco, Brenda Bissinella.

QUEENSCLIFF: 10th November at 11:00am:

(C) Bob Merriman (L) John Hanan (SM) Lisa Piasente (W) Paul Doolan.

COUNTERS: Wednesday 6th November at 10:00am:

Ken Caffyn & Emanuel Baglieri.

** NEWS & EVENTS **

If you need Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office.

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.

The Parish Office is closed on Tuesday 5th November.

Hospitality Weekend (9-10 November): next weekend, parishioners are invited to attend hospitality following weekend Masses to welcome Fr Linh Pham as Parish Priest and farewell Fr Geoff Baron.

Morning tea at Holy Family, Barwon Heads: Thursday 7th November at 10:30am. All welcome.

Ladies Social Group: lunch on Wednesday 6th November, 12 noon at the Ocean Grove Bowling Club. Please text or call Julie 0411 578285 to book. All ladies of the parish welcome.

Ocean Grove Ministry Roster: a new roster is scheduled to issue soon. It would be helpful if Ministry Volunteers would inform Monica by (meaghermonica@gmail.com) as to any Sundays you will not be available during roster cycle December to February inclusive. Thank you.

CatholicCare Pastoral 2024 Appeal 2024 (9/10 November): each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Catholic Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in prisons, to help them journey towards a brighter future. Envelopes will be available at each church next weekend.

Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR) is supporting Queenscliff Rural Aid for Refugees (QRAR) in aiding our refugee friends still seeking a permanent visa. For all information to write to Home Affairs Minister Tony Burke and/or to donate to the fund for the legal appeals, please visit: <https://hollytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/news-from-trinity-aid-for-refugees-tar-queenscliff-rural-aid-for-refugees-qrar/>.

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.

NOVEMBER is the month when we traditionally pray more earnestly for those who have died. "November Mass Envelopes" are available if you would like a special Mass to be offered for your loved ones; an offering may be made, if you so choose, but it is not necessary.

Catholic Chaplaincy at University Hospital Geelong (Barwon Health): on any given day, there is an average of 100 patients identifying as Catholic in the hospital. Around half of all patients identify with some religious tradition. St. Mary of the Angels parishioners provide for the services of a chaplain at the hospital as part of the Spiritual Care department. Our chaplain provides Spiritual Care by supporting patients and families through access to the Sacraments, Holy Communion, coordinating a priest to visit, and End of Life care. The chaplain supports patients and families through prayer, and compassionate listening. If you or someone you love is to be admitted to hospital and would appreciate a visit and Spiritual Care from the chaplain, Peter can be contacted either on 4215 0627 or through St Mary's Parish office on 5222 1977.

Sacred Heart College Alumni Centenary Event: the Sacred Heart College Alumni Association extend a warm invitation to anyone who is a past student of Sacred Heart College Geelong to come and celebrate our Centenary Tea Party on Sunday November 10 2024 at Sacred Heart College Geelong. 11am Mass in Sacred Heart College Chapel, 12noon to 3.00pm Centenary Tea Party in Atrium. Tickets are \$30. RSVP by 25 October 2024 to Alumni & Development Officer Jo Welch on 5222 0464 or book online here: <https://www.trybooking.com/CSHTK>. If anyone hasn't received an invitation as former students of SHC please contact Jo Welch if you are interested in attending.

Advent Reflection featuring Maria Forde: St Michael's Parish invites you to an evening of Advent reflection with Maria Forde on Thursday 14th November, 7:00pm at Holy Family Church, Bell Park. Free admission!

Geelong Catholic Diners Club: You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food & friendship. **Date:** Tuesday 12th November. **Time:** 6:00pm. **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 8th November.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 4th November – St Charles Borromeo (Memorial)
Anglican-Roman Catholic Reconciliation

Tuesday 5th November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 31
Parish Office Closed

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

Wednesday 6th November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 31
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff with St Aloysius Senior School students attending

Thursday 7th November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 31
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 8th November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 31
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
9:15am Our Lady Star of the Sea School Mission Day Liturgy at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove (school only)

Saturday 9th November – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)

Sunday 10th November – 32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:

I am not afraid of storms for I am learning
how to sail my ship.

~ Louisa May Alcott.

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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. **Approximate cost \$6.00 each (to be confirmed).** If you are interested in obtaining a booklet for personal reflection and/or would like to join an upcoming discussion group, please contact either:

- Sandra Gould via sandra@salmandra.com or 0418 537 941, or,
- Kerin Fox via foxeskb@gmail.com or via 0407 519 585.

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 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.

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