

# The Living Word

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**17 November 2024**

## **First Reading Dn 12:1-3**

*When that time comes your own people will be spared.*

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1**

***(R.) Keep me safe, O God:  
you are my hope.***

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion  
and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall  
stand firm. (R.)
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is  
glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among  
the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

3. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)

## **Second Reading Heb 10:11-14, 18**

*By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.*

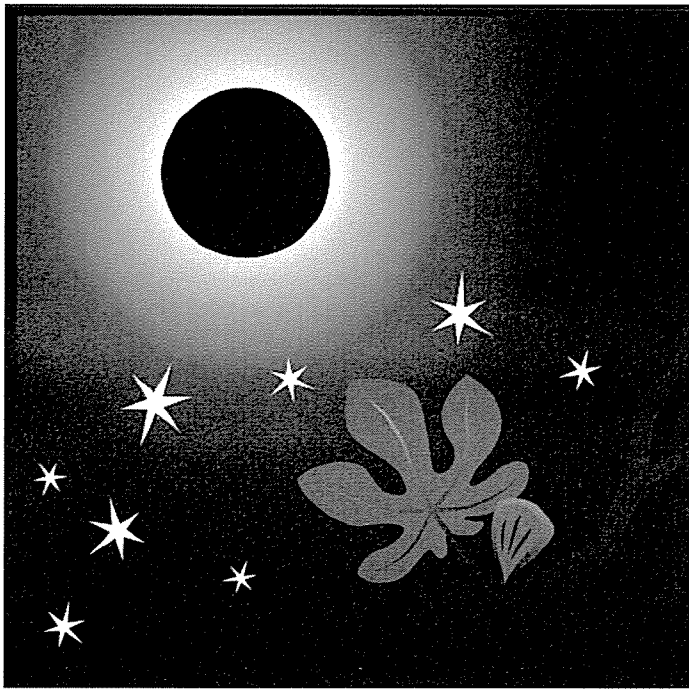
All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

## **Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:36**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Be watchful, and pray constantly,  
that you may be worthy to stand before  
the Son of Man.***

***Alleluia!***



## Gospel Mk 13:24-32

*He shall gather his elect from the four winds.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

## Reflection by Greg Sunter

The whole of chapter 13 in the Gospel of Mark is devoted to a discourse about the future. In the section preceding this week's passage, Jesus has foretold the destruction of the Temple and the fall of Jerusalem. He has also predicted war on a massive scale and the persecution of his followers. Now, in this passage, Jesus predicts the return of the Son of Man and the fulfilment of the kingdom of God.

Why does the gospel include such an extended description of the collapse of the world as it was? Because that's exactly what was going on around the community of this gospel writer! This gospel is understood to have been written somewhere in the period 70-75 CE. In the year 70 CE the city of Jerusalem was besieged by Roman troops who stormed the city and destroyed it. As a sign of complete disdain for the people of Jerusalem and a mark of overwhelming victory, the Romans burnt and completely destroyed the Temple in the heart of Jerusalem. For the entire Jewish community, this was absolute devastation. The destruction of the Temple surely marked the coming of the end times – the day of judgment and completion of this world. The community gathered around this gospel writer were no less affected. On top of this, the Roman Emperors were reaching new heights (or depths) in their persecution of the followers of Jesus.

In the midst of this despair and fear, the followers of Jesus are challenged to remember the teachings of the one they follow. This passage is written for them as an encouragement to not give up in the face of what appears to be overwhelming odds. It is a call to hope. Although we can understand the context in which it was originally written, we are also challenged to apply its message of hope and perseverance to our own lives.

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*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

Parish Priest: Fr Linh Pham  
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Pastoral Care Coordinator: Sr Nola Morrissey 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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### 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://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**

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

**Recently Deceased:** Mervyn Byrne, Joseph Caruana and Patrick O'Dowd.

**Anniversaries 17<sup>th</sup> November to 23<sup>rd</sup> November:** Kenneth Stout, Maris Williams and Kaye Nelson.

**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 Koerntjes, 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: 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9:00am:

(C) Peter Dickinson (L) Gerry Rainey (SM) Sr Nola Morrissey, Marg Lucas  
(W) Catherine Hayes, Ben O'Meara.

### QUEENSCLIFF: 24<sup>th</sup> November at 11:00am:

(C) Michael Scott (L) Maria Sammut (SM) Terry Philp (W) Roger Furphy.

### COUNTERS: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00am:

Dan Donovan & Des Harris.

### \*\* 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/](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.*

**Expressions of Interest – timbers pews:** there are a number of old timber church pews (approx. 1.4m and 2.4m) in the parish hall which are surplus to our requirements and need to be removed. Each pew is solid timber, and would make ideal seats for indoor/outdoor or verandah use. Asking price \$300 each or by negotiation. If you are interested, speak to or contact Tony Frizza (0400 091 946).

**CatholicCare Pastoral 2024 Appeal 2024:** this weekend is CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal (previously known as Chaplaincy Appeal). Donations from our parish community will support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Prison Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria. The presence of Catholic Chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call 03 9967 2515.

**Welcome to the St Ignatius College Year 10 students!** On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, the Year 10 students are going on a pilgrimage from Point Lonsdale and finishing at Queenscliff, with a school liturgy and activities at Holy Trinity Church.

**Combined Churches Advent Service** on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November, at 5:00pm, followed by a shared meal at the Uniting Church Barwon Heads. All welcome.

**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.



Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR) seeks your support. A short, personally worded letter to Home Affairs Minister, Tony Burke, can be effective in preventing Refugee families, who have been here for 12 years, being rejected for permanency under the 'Fast Track' process. Ask that permanent visas be reconsidered because of the close and positive connections the families and individuals have developed within Australian communities, including work related contributions, for example, in the Aged Care Sector. For more information contact Shirley [hurleyshirley8@gmail.com](mailto:hurleyshirley8@gmail.com) or 0409 424 243. (Hon. Tony Burke MP, Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration & Multicultural Affairs, PO Box 6022. House of Representatives, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600).

**St Aloysius Primary School – Christmas Tree Sale:** order by Wednesday 4 December via <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1304461>. Cost: Tree \$75, delivery \$10 (to Queenscliff or Point Lonsdale only). Trees between 5.5ft-6.5ft. Pick up from St Aloysius School, Bethune St entrance, on Saturday 7 December between 1pm-2:30pm, deliveries between these times also.

**Peter Kearney Concerts (17-24 November):** for full details and list of concerts: <https://holyltrinityqueenscliff.org.au/news-events/events/>.

**Caritas Australia Lebanon Crisis Appeal:** Lebanon is currently facing a dire crisis, and the need for your support has never been greater. Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability, leaving countless families without access to basic needs like food, water, and medical care. Our Caritas Australia partners on the ground are doing everything they can, but they desperately need your help. Please donate today: [www.caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon)

**Caritas Australia Global Gifts are Christmas Cards with purpose!** Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty. By putting your compassion into action, you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities. View the range of Global Gifts: [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au)

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### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 33**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 33**

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
11:00am Requiem Mass for the late Mr Mervyn Byrne  
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 33**

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

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)**

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
with Our Lady Star of the Sea Year 5 students attending  
11:00am Funeral Prayer Service for the late Mr Patrick O'Dowd  
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – St Cecilia (Memorial)**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 33**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE (Solemnity)**  
World Youth Day

### FAITH DEVELOPMENT GROUP – ADVENT NEWS!

This Advent, the Faith Development Group (FDG) Advent reflection group meetings will be using 'Hope Reigns' from the Diocese of Brisbane. FDG's two weekly small reflection group meetings commence on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of November** and run for 4 weeks.

- **The morning reflection group in Barwon Heads** commences at 10.30am at the home of Kerin Fox.
- **The evening reflection group in Ocean Grove** commences at 7.30pm at the home of Sandra Gould.

Thank you to all those who have already ordered 'Hope Reigns'. Our supply has all been sold. If you are still looking to purchase a book, you can do this by purchasing directly from the Archdiocese of Brisbane: [www.adventplus.com.au](http://www.adventplus.com.au).

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

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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.

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