

# The Living Word

**Second Sunday of Advent, Year C**

**8 December 2024**

## **First Reading Bar 5:1-9**

*Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,  
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,  
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,  
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:  
since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven,  
since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.  
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east:  
see your sons reassembled from west and east  
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.  
Though they left you on foot,  
with enemies for an escort,  
now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.  
For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,  
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level  
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.  
And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade  
for Israel at the command of God;  
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory  
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 125. R. v.3**

*(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

## **Second Reading Phil 1:3-6. 8-11**

*Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.



## Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4. 6

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make  
straight his paths:*

*all people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!*

## Gospel Lk 3:1-6

*All people shall see the salvation of God.*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.  
And all mankind shall see the  
salvation of God.

## Reflection by Greg Sunter

The second and third weeks of Advent this year focus particularly on the role of John the Baptist as the one who prepared the way for Jesus and announced his coming. It continues the theme of preparation that was begun last week, but still, rather than preparing for the birth of Jesus, we are exploring the wider theme of preparation. The gospel writer includes a quote from Isaiah in which the prophet says, 'Prepare a way for the Lord.' (Often translated as 'Prepare the way of the Lord'.) The application of this passage to John the Baptist is a logical one. This gospel emphasises that John was preaching 'a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins'. Throughout the gospel of Luke, the recognition of sinfulness and the desire to repent and seek forgiveness is the prelude to receiving God's favour.

This gospel makes it clear that one way in which we can prepare a way for the Lord is to recognise our faults and failings and to seek forgiveness. It is only through such repentance that we can make ourselves receptive to the love of God. The only preparation of the way that is necessary for the Lord is a personal preparation to be receptive. We are absolutely assured of God's love. The problem is that we often feel that we are undeserving of that love or are unable to receive it. When we are called to 'Prepare a way for the Lord' it is a call to prepare a way in our own hearts – to break down the barriers that we have put up; to clear the obstacles that we have placed in the path. God's love will find a way! We simply make the way easier for ourselves to recognise God's love if we 'Prepare a way'.

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# HOLY TRINITY

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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  
Parish Secretary: Mrs Daniella Sutera  
Parish Mission Ambassador: Ms Josephine Barnes  
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:*

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

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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**

## Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

**Anniversaries 8<sup>th</sup> December to 14<sup>th</sup> December:** Hilda Denneman.

**Please pray for those who are Sick:** John Anwyll, Naomi Bianco, Jacqueline Blake, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Sue Casey, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Nell Faigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Margaret Gladstone, Mary Gladwin, Martin & Mary Grundy, Justin Hanan, Stephen Hanan, Susan Hardy, Peter Harrington, Jeanette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Michelle Mahoney, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Pic, 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: 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9:00am:**

(C) Anthony Dowling (L) Luci Quinn (SM) Jenny Cole, Marg Lucas (W) Dawn Dalton, Catherine Hayes.

**QUEENSCLIFF: 15<sup>th</sup> December at 11:00am:**

(C) Terry Philp (L) Shirley Hurley (SM) Sr Nola Morrissey (W) Marie Clare Hoare.

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

Remo & Naomi Bianco.

### \*\* 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.*

### Congratulations to Clarel & Florise Duhau

of Ocean Grove on your 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Warm wishes and blessings to you on your marriage milestone.

### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE NOW AVAILABLE!

A copy of the timetable was emailed to Parishioners. Alternatively, the timetable is available on the parish website: [Advent & Christmas 2024 – Holy Trinity Parish Queenscliff](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/) and limited printed copies are available at each Mass centre.

**Christmas Rosters:** if you are available on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and wish to participate in a ministry, please place your name on a clipboard located in the narthex of each church. Volunteers must have a current WWCC, signed Code of Conduct and completed Safeguarding Essentials Training.

**St Vincent de Paul Society meeting** will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December following 9:15am Mass at Ocean Grove.

**COUNTERS WANTED!** If you are interested in joining the counters team, please contact Daniella at the parish office.

**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.

**Traditional Nine Lessons & Carols:** St George's Anglican Church, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm. 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 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 2:30pm followed by afternoon tea at 3:30pm. Please RSVP to Sr Lizzie Finnerty RSM on 0418 194 261 or email [santacasa@ismapng.org.au](mailto:santacasa@ismapng.org.au) for catering and seating purposes. All welcome.

**Faith and Light Friends Geelong Community:** our Christmas gathering will be on Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup>. Venue: St Mary's Yarra Street (Geelong) rooms downstairs. Friendship & sharing; Gospel activity, songs and shared prayer. Shared festive Afternoon tea and small gifts. Community for those with Disabilities, family, carers and friends. New members always welcome.

Theme: Leading up to welcome The Nativity. RSVP essential to Tricia O'Keeffe 0414 672 267. [www.faithandlight.org](http://www.faithandlight.org).

#### Music at the Basilica – upcoming events:

- **Christmas Concert:** you are invited to our annual Christmas Concert at 5pm on Sunday 15 December at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, Geelong. This year the combined Windfire and Vox Angelica choirs, conducted by Tom Healey will present John Rutter's beautiful *Magnificat* for choir, soprano solo and orchestra, and *In Terra Pax (Christmas Scene)* by Gerald Finzi for choir, baritone and soprano solo and orchestra. Our special guests will be the Geelong Youth Choir. Tickets from [www.trybooking.com/CQYBA](http://www.trybooking.com/CQYBA).
- **Free Lunchtime Organ Recitals for Advent:** 12:30-1:15pm on Mondays at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, Geelong. Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: Rhys Boak, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: Rhys Arvidson, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec: Frank De Rosso.

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#### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

##### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent

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

10:30am Mass with anointing at TLC Homestead, Wallington

##### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Wednesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent

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

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

##### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Thursday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent

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

##### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – St Lucy (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

11:45am Our Lady Star of the Sea School End of Year Mass  
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

##### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December – St John of the Cross (Memorial)

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December -THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

12:30pm Baptism Service at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

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## Thought for the Week:

If you have knowledge, let others light  
their candles in it.

- Margaret Fuller.

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#### \*\* YOUR SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY \*\*

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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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