

# The Living Word

**Third Sunday of Advent, Year C**

**15 December 2024**

## **First Reading Zep 3:14-18**

*With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.*

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your  
midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to  
Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with a joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Is 12:2-6 R. v.6**

*(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness:  
for among you is the great and  
Holy One of Israel.*

1. Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. *(R.)*

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to  
his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the  
peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. *(R.)*
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One  
of Israel. *(R.)*

## **Second Reading Phil 4:4-7**

*The Lord is near.*

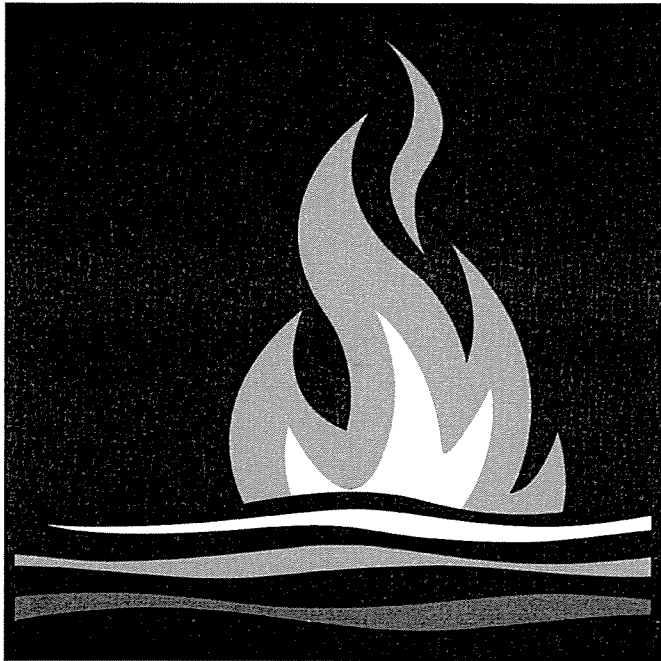
I want you to be happy, always happy in  
the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your  
happiness. Let your tolerance be evident  
to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is  
no need to worry; but if there is anything  
you need, pray for it, asking God for it with  
prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of  
God, which is so much greater than we can  
understand, will guard your hearts and your  
thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

## **Gospel Acclamation Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News  
to the poor.***

***Alleluia!***



## Gospel Lk 3:10-18

*What, then, must we do?*

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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## Reflection by Greg Sunter

Is it any wonder that there was a growing sense among the people that John might be the Christ? His teaching in the first part of this week's gospel might just as easily have come from the mouth of Jesus. It demonstrates for us just how much John was preparing the way for Jesus: even his teaching was in line with what Jesus would later say. In this instance, the people gathered around John (presumably having been baptised by him) are asking how they should live out their new-found conversion of heart. John's response to the three groups is about the need for generosity and justice. It is about not taking more than your share when someone else does not have sufficient. To the crowd of people, he instructs them to give away a second tunic to someone who doesn't have one at all and to share their food with those who are hungry. To the tax collectors, he cautioned them to collect no more than what they were supposed to. Tax collectors made their profit by overcharging taxpayers. Together with the fact that they worked for the Roman occupiers, this made tax collectors one of the most despised groups in society. John's caution to them is to be just in their dealings. He also cautions the soldiers against intimidation and extorting money from the people to supplement their pay. The themes of justice and hospitality that will echo throughout the gospel of Luke are clearly evident in this episode with John. When the people start to talk about him being the Christ, John is quick to point them to the one who is still to come; the one who will share with them more fully the love of God and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

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**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,  
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*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**

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**Recently Deceased:** Nathan Lowry.

**Anniversaries 15<sup>th</sup> December to 21<sup>st</sup> December:** Johanna Koster and Lisebie Hector.

**Please pray for those who are Sick:** John Anwyl, Naomi Bianco, Jacqueline Blake, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Sue Casey, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Nell Fraiseux, 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: 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 9:00am:**

(C) Monica Meagher (L) Frank Rice (SM) Carmel Rice, David O'Connor (W) Marg Lucas, Diane Gent.

**QUEENSCLIFF: 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 11:00am:**

(C) Bob Merriman (L) John Hanan (SM) Eva Millie (W) Rosemary Vaughan.

**COUNTERS: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 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.*

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.*

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE AVAILABLE:**

[www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/mass-times/advent-christmas-2024/](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/mass-times/advent-christmas-2024/).

**We wish the principals, staff, students and families a happy and restful summer holiday break, as they prepare to finish the school year for 2024.**

**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.

**Barwon Heads News:** Parishioners are invited for cake and a cuppa following 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass at Holy Family Church. All welcome.

**Ocean Grove News:**

- Christmas Eve: there will be carols for all to join in at 5:40pm prior to 6:00pm Mass. Children are welcome to come dressed as angels and shepherds for Christmas Eve Mass.
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025: as we celebrate the arrival of the kings or wise people, children are welcome to come dressed as Kings or members of their caravan to join in the celebration.
- The morning teas after Mass at Ocean Grove will go into recess until the first Sunday of February (2<sup>nd</sup> Feb). **Thank you** to all who have helped with the morning teas. In 2024, we have especially enjoyed welcoming new parishioners to our parish. There has been very positive feedback for this activity. – Josephine.



### Queenscliff News:

- Christmas Eve: there will be carols for all to join in at 7:30pm prior to 8:00pm Mass. Children are welcome to come dressed as angels and shepherds.
- Christmas Cards from St Aloysius Year 5-6 students: available on Sunday for parishioners to take home. You are welcome to write back to the students.

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.

**Faith and Light Friends Geelong Community:** our Christmas gathering will be on Wednesday December 18th. 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.faihandlight.org](http://www.faihandlight.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 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 17<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
11:45am St Aloysius School End of Year Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff  
7:00pm Advent Penance Service at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Wednesday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff  
10:30am Funeral for the late Mr Nathan Lowry at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
7:00pm Ecumenical Readings (Traditional Nine Lessons) and Carols Service at St George's Anglican Church, Queenscliff

#### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Thursday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent

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

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Friday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent

9:15am Mass with anointing at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff  
2:00pm Wedding at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

#### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Saturday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent

6:00pm Vigil Mass with anointing at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

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## Thought for the Week:

## Differences can be a strength.

- Condoleezza Rice.

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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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