

The Living Word

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C

22 December 2024

First Reading Mi 5:1-4

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.
The Lord is therefore going to abandon
them
till the time when she who is to give birth
gives birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers will
come back
to the sons of Israel.
He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on he
will extend his power
to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4

*(R.) Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall
be saved.*

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
3. May your hand be on the man you have
chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon
your name. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 10:5-10

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in holocausts or
sacrifices for sin;
then I said,
just as I was commanded in the scroll of
the book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey
your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.



Gospel Acclamation Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:39-45

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

The gospel passages of the second and third weeks of Advent this year featured John the Baptist in his role of preparing the way for the coming of Jesus; the one who announces the arrival of the Christ. In this week's passage, which goes back to an earlier point in the gospel of Luke, we might say that the as yet unborn John is already recognising the presence of the Christ. When Mary goes to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, the child within Elizabeth's womb – John – leaps for joy. At the time of the Annunciation, when Mary was told by the angel Gabriel that she was to give birth to a child, Mary is also told that Elizabeth and Zechariah, although very old, were to also give birth to a child. Mary rushes to visit Elizabeth, not to make sure that the angel was telling her the truth but because the fact that Elizabeth was also pregnant was a sign of confirmation to Mary that she had indeed made the right decision. Elizabeth's unlikely pregnancy confirms for Mary the even greater truth of her own pregnancy. These two women, separated by age and distance, share a common experience of God acting in their lives to bring about unlikely events. The lives of their two children will be inextricably linked such that the one who leapt for joy in his mother's womb will eventually baptise the other and announce the arrival of his ministry to the people of Israel.

The joy expressed by Elizabeth and her child reflects the joy of all people of faith as we draw so close to the celebration of Christmas and the greatest expression of God's love – to enter into the world as one just like us and share our experience.

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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.

PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Linh Pham
Parish Secretary: Mrs Daniella Sutera
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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Principal: Ms. Miriam Leahy, Tel: 5258 1736
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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:
<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 by 1:00pm on Thursdays.

PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THEIR BULLETINS HOME AFTER MASS

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Anniversaries 22nd December to 28th December: Maria Danzi, Wendy O'Sullivan and Rita Tennant.

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 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 Koertjes, 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: 29th December at 9:00am:

(C) Maureen Earls (L) Catherine Hayes (SM) Janine Fitzpatrick, Marg Lucas (W) Jo Ballard, Bev O'Meara.

QUEENSCLIFF: 29th December at 11:00am:

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

COUNTERS: Monday 23rd December at 10:00am:

Greg Carey and Sam Sammut.

** 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 from
12:00pm 24th December 2024 (Christmas Eve) and
reopening 10:00am Tuesday 7th January 2025.**

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE AVAILABLE:

www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/mass-times/advent-christmas-2024/.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES WITH CAROLS:

Christmas Carols will begin 30 minutes before each Mass. Children are welcome to come dressed as angels and shepherds.

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:

- Sunday 5th 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 (2nd Feb).

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.

An amazing effort from our Parish with contributions to the following appeals. Thank you for your generosity!

Catholic Mission: *World Mission Day Appeal 2024* = \$708.00 (total amount).
Archbishop's Campaign 2024: \$4165.00 (total amount).

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal – January 12 2025: SVDP conducts an annual Christmas Appeal to raise funds to help those who are in need. In the Holy Trinity Parish this year (2024) we have provided over \$15,000 worth of support to those who are “doing it tough”. Your generosity enables us and other Conferences to continue this good work. You can make this difference - \$74 provides clothing for a child; \$137 can provide food hampers for a hungry family for a week; \$220 can go towards utility bills and \$1257 can help keep the roof over the heads of a struggling family. Any support you can provide will be very much appreciated. You can use the envelopes provided or provide cash to the collectors after Mass. Many thanks, Shane McKinley (President SVDP).

Vanuatu Earthquake Appeal: Vanuatu has experienced two earthquakes within 24 hours impacting over 116,000 people and causing significant damage to buildings and infrastructure. The main hospital in Port Vila has sustained extensive damage and is overwhelmed by the mass casualties. There are hundreds of people who have been injured or trapped under rubble and at least 14 people deceased with the death toll expected to continue to rise. People remain fearful of further disaster, as Vanuatu is one of the most susceptible countries to natural disasters such as earthquakes, storm damage, flooding, and tsunamis. This appeal will provide support to our on the ground partners who are ready to respond to the humanitarian requirements by providing emergency shelter, food and other essentials, psychosocial support, and recovery efforts. Please donate today: <http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu>

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 24th December – Tuesday of the 4th week of Advent

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00pm Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

6:00pm Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

8:00pm Mass at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Queenscliff

Wednesday 25th December – The NATIVITY of the LORD

(Christmas, Solemnity with octave)

9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Queenscliff

Thursday 26th December – St Stephen (Feast)

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

Friday 27th December – St John (Feast)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 28th December – The Holy Innocents (Feast)

Sunday 29th December – The HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH (Feast)

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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.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office:
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Thought for the Week:

In order to be irreplaceable
one must always be different.

- Coco Chanel.

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