

The Living Word

The Baptism of the Lord, Year C

12 January 2025

First Reading Is 42:1-4. 6-7

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul
delights.

I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the
nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.

He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the
cause of right;

I have taken you by the hand and formed
you;

I have appointed you as covenant of the
people and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the
dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

*(R.) The Lord will bless his people
with peace.*

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)

2. The Lord's voice resounding on the
waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)

3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood:
the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Acts 10:34-38

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'



Gospel Acclamation See Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

***The heavens were opened and the
Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Alleluia!***

Gospel Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

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.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

Today's gospel begins with a level of expectancy among the people that John the Baptist may be

the Christ; the Messiah. This seemingly throw away introductory comment confirms the fact that the Jewish expectation of the Messiah was particularly heightened at the time of John and Jesus. At the time of the ministries of John and Jesus, the Romans had been the occupying force in Judaea for about 80 or 90 years. Throughout most of their lives the infamous Galilee area had been relatively peaceful and free of revolutionary activity but that changed from about 26 CE. With the anti-Roman sentiment on the rise, the ancient yearning for a Messiah resurfaced.

This Messianic expectation stretched back hundreds of years and was richly associated with the sovereign line of King David. The Davidic line ruled for more than 400 years until it was ended in the early 6th Century BCE by the Jewish people being exiled in Babylon for about 50 years.

The term, Messiah, literally means anointed one. In ancient Israel, the king was designated by being anointed with oil on his head. Following the exile in Babylon, the people longed for another great king, in the style and from the line of David. Over time, this expectation grew into an ideal that one day a perfect king would rise up again and be the anointed one; the Messiah. As the years grew into decades and centuries, this expectation took on more and more significance. When the Messiah came, the whole world would be put to right; a period of justice and peace would prevail; the oppressed would be liberated.

Whilst the people longed for the Messiah to appear, the gospels reveal that they had difficulty believing Jesus was the one for whom they hoped.

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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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Parish Mission Ambassador: Ms Josephine Barnes
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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

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is available prior to each weekend Mass,
and before or after weekday Masses if needed.

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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**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Year C

Recently Deceased: Robert Hurley and Ray Whiting.

Anniversaries 12th January to 18th January: Bethany Merriman, Jeanne Duhau, Lucy McDonald, Ray Leschke and Anthony Iannetta.

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 Fraigneux, 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, Melissa Keogh, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Michelle Mahoney, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Mavourneen Ray, 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: 19th January at 9:00am:

(C) Gerry Rainey (L) Peter Dickinson (SM) Marg Lucas, Jo Ballard
(W) Dawn Dalton, Judy Considine.

QUEENSCLIFF: 19th January at 11:00am:

(C) Roger Furphy (L) Ann Maree Furphy (SM) Ann Maree Furphy
(W) Trish Frizza.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 14th January 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/

*We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply
with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.*

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas & Summer Appeal – 12th January 2025: SVDP conducts an annual Christmas and Summer 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).

THANK YOU! A big thank you to the children who volunteered to the liturgies over Christmas and The Epiphany at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove. You all did a marvellous job.

Josephine Barnes.

A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Mr Robert Hurley will be held in the Queenscliff Community Hall, Symonds Street (near the railway station), at 2pm on Monday 20th January.

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.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 14th January – Weekday, Ordinary Time 1

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

Wednesday 15th January – Weekday, Ordinary Time 1

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

Thursday 16th January – Weekday, Ordinary Time 1

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

Friday 17th January – St Anthony (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 18th January – Weekday, Ordinary Time 1

Sunday 19th January – 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

Thank you to those who regularly support our parish by making donations online or by thanksgiving envelopes. If you are not a current contributor and would like to join the thanksgiving program, please visit the parish website, or call the parish office.

There will be the usual two collections at Mass.

- The 1st Collection is for parish expenses such as wages, utilities, insurance, maintenance, etc.
- The 2nd Collection is for the support of the Parish Priest, retired and sick priests, priests in needy parishes and the Archbishop.

Direct credits can also be made to:

Parish Church Account (our 1st collection)

BSB: 083-347

Acct No.: 530 502 075

Parish Presbytery Account (our 2nd collection)

BSB: 083-347

Acct No.: 931 706 909

There is a tap and go terminal in the foyer of the church.

The parish deeply appreciates your support.

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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.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office:

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Thank you, OH&S Committee.

Thought for the Week:

Courage is like a muscle.

We strengthen it by use

-Ruth Gordon.

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