

The Living Word

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

9 February 2025

First Reading Is 6:1-8

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the
Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our
messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

*(R.) In the sight of the angels I will
sing your praises, Lord.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3. All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

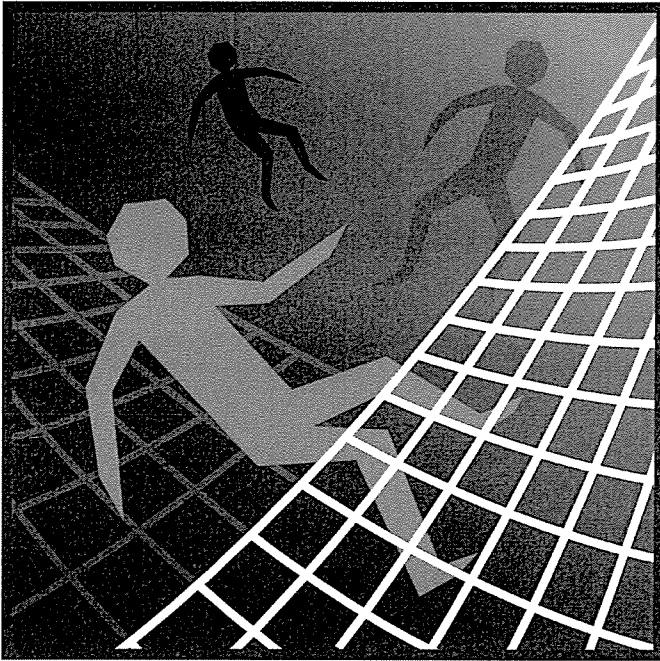
Second Reading 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11 (shorter form)

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.'



Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Lk 5:1-11

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

The theme that comes through this week's readings is one of 'being called'. The first reading is the call of the prophet Isaiah (Is 6:1-8). Isaiah experiences a vision of the glory of God and is humbly reminded of his own deficiencies: he believes himself to be 'a man of unclean lips'. As such, he is certainly unfit to speak on behalf of God as his unclean lips would taint whatever message he may speak. But his lips are cleansed by God who then asks, 'Whom shall I send?' Demonstrating a complete conversion of heart and mind, Isaiah immediately replies, 'Here I am, send me!'

This first reading provides a perfect balance to the gospel. Jesus is being closely pressed by the crowd when he asks a nearby fisherman to take him just off shore to preach without being overwhelmed by the crowd. Seemingly at random, he has selected the boat of the fisherman Peter. Having finished preaching for the day, Jesus tells Peter to set out into deeper water and pay out his fishing nets. Peter is certainly not keen on the idea! Out of some interest or good nature he had agreed to allow this preacher to use his boat for a while, but now this country bumpkin is trying to tell him how to fish! Just to prove Jesus wrong, Peter agrees to go through the futile exercise and is overwhelmed by the enormous catch of fish. Like Isaiah in the first reading, Peter is suddenly acutely aware of his own deficiencies – 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man'. Like Isaiah, he recognises that he has just seen the glory of God revealed and he feels unworthy to be part of the experience. But Jesus reassures him, 'Do not be afraid,' and calls Peter to follow.

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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 Secretary: Mrs Daniella Sutera

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

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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Visit our website for all information or contact Parish office

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Please visit our website for all information:

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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

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Anniversaries 9th February to 15th February: Mary Ross.

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, Melissa Keogh, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Michelle Mahoney, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Picc, 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: 16th February at 9:00am:

(C) Jenny Cole (L) Anthony Dowling (SM) Luci Quinn, Dan O'Meara (W) Jo Ballard, Marg Lucas.

QUEENSCLIFF: 16th February at 11:00am:

(C) Terry Philp (L) Shirley Hurley (SM) Sr Nola Morrissy (W) Mary Clare Hoare.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 11th February at 10:00am:

Dan Donovan and 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/

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

Hospitality update for Ocean Grove: due to the heat, hospitality and cups of tea will recommence after Mass on Sunday 23rd February. Packets of biscuits with long 'use by' dates welcome (a box will be left in the narthex for donations). Thank you to all. Newcomers are encouraged to make yourselves known to Josephine.

Thank you, Josephine Barnes.

The March, April and May Ocean Grove Ministry Roster is due for preparation. It will assist if volunteers would inform Monica on email: meaghermonica@gmail.com as to any Sundays you will not be available during this roster cycle. *Please note that a separate roster will issue for the Easter Triduum.* Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BAPTISM PREPARATION – the parish office and Baptism Team need your help: if you are interested in joining the Baptism Team and undertaking Baptism Preparation for families (on the first Saturday of each month), please contact the parish office.

Ocean Grove Rotary – Event Promotion: School of St Jude in Africa was started by an Australian, Gemma Sisia, about 20 years ago. It currently provides free education for about 2000 students. Gemma is speaking at a free event at Ocean Grove Bowling Club on Sunday February 23 at 5.45pm. All welcome. See flier in entry to our church.



**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, QUEENSLIFF,
A PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE FOR JUBILEE YEAR 2025**

On 24 December 2024, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St Peter’s Basilica to inaugurate the Jubilee Year of Hope for the Universal Church – a special time of prayer, reconciliation, pilgrimage, and renewal.

This Jubilee year of grace will give the faithful an additional opportunity to experience God’s compassion and love through prayers and pilgrimage.

Holy Trinity Church, in Queenscliff, has been nominated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as a Pilgrim Place for the need of faithful in our region, Bellarine Peninsula and the greater of Geelong, to visit and pray during the Jubilee year.

During this year, pilgrims visit and pray in Holy Trinity Church, either individuals or groups, could be granted the grace of the Jubilee Indulgence.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 11th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 5

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

- 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
- 11:00am Mass with anointing at Sea View Manor, Ocean Grove
- 4:00pm Sacramental Classes for Reconciliation and First Eucharist begin at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 12th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 5

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

- 11:00am Mass with anointing at Arcare, Point Lonsdale
- 4:00pm Sacramental Class for Confirmation begins at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Thursday 13th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 5

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

Friday 14th February – Sts Cyril and Methodius (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

- 12:00pm Our Lady Star of the Sea Beginning of School Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Saturday 15th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 5

3:00pm Wedding at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

Sunday 16th February – 6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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

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+ LENT 2025 +

This Lent, the Faith Development Group is sourcing the booklet: ‘START ANEW IN CHRIST,’ a new Lent and Easter resource for individuals and groups from the Diocese of Brisbane. The daily reflections will invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day.

Estimated cost per booklet is \$6.00.

We hope to run two reflection groups (one during the day and the other in the evening) during Lent. The first meetings will be held on **Tuesday 4th of March.**

If you are interested in obtaining a book for personal reflection and/or would like to join a reflection group, please contact either:

Sandra Gould (sandra@salmandra.com) or on 0418 537 941, or Kerin Fox (foxeskb@gmail.com) or on 0407 519 585.

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Thought for the Week:

*Gratitude is happiness
doubled by wonder.*

-G. K. Chesterton.

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