

The Living Word

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

16 February 2025

First Reading Jer 17:5-8

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust
in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the
wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.
'A blessing on the man who puts his
trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) *Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

1. Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the
wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and
night. (R.)

2. He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to
doom. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

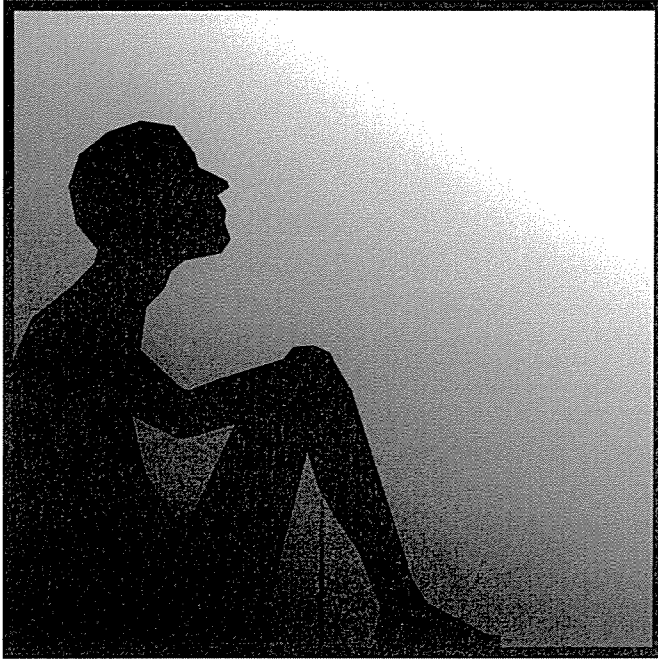
Gospel Acclamation Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!



Gospel Lk 6:17. 20-26

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

‘Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

Reflection by Greg Sunter

We are perhaps more familiar with the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew in which the kingdom of heaven is promised to those who are ‘blessed’ because of their afflictions. Rather than the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel of Luke presents the same event and teaching as the sermon on the plain as it occurs on ‘a piece of level ground’. This version may appear a little more confronting than the Matthew version. Rather than the afflicted being ‘blessed’, they are to be ‘happy’. It seems odd that anybody should be happy to be poor, hungry, mourning or reviled and we would certainly regard these as states of sadness and difficulty; not times for rejoicing at our good fortune! However, this gospel in particular frequently reminds us that God does not think, feel and behave as we might expect. God’s actions are frequently contrary to the expectations of society. The Gospel of Luke makes it plain that the reign of God will upend the structures of society. The lowly will be raised and the mighty will be brought low. It is in this context that the poor, the hungry and the outcast are regarded as happy. Their happiness comes from the reassurance that although they are rejected and dismissed by society, they are indeed the most favoured of God. Whatever the world dishes up to such as these, they can rejoice in the knowledge that in the reign of God their fortunes will be reversed and they will be favoured. However, just as the fortunes of the poor and afflicted will be reversed for the better, those who are rich, well fed, happy and well regarded will also have their fortunes reversed. Alas to them! Their comfort and joy leaves no room for the generosity of God!

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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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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/

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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 16th February to 22nd February: Stephen Merriman and Peter Maloney.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Naomi Bianco, Frances Blaine, 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, Michelle Mahoney, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Pic, 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: 23rd February at 9:00am:

(C) Peter Dickinson (L) Gerry Rainey (SM) Sr Nola Morrissy, Jo Ballard (W) Dawn Dalton.

QUEENSCLIFF: 23rd February at 11:00am:

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

COUNTERS: Tuesday 18th February at 10:00am:

David Millie 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.

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, 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.

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.

*Together we pray for the children receiving
the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.*

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Thought for the Week:

Love is the soul's embrace of eternity; even
when we are gone, love remains.

-Anonymous.

+ 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.

There will be three reflection groups as follows:

1. Tuesday evenings, 7:30pm in Ocean Grove
2. Tuesday mornings, 10:30am in Barwon Heads
3. Thursday evenings 7:30pm in Point Lonsdale

If you are interested in obtaining a book for personal reflection and/or would like to join a reflection group (commencing the 4th/6th March), please contact:

- Sandra Gould, Ocean Grove: sandra@salmandra.com or 0418 537 941.
- Kerin Fox, Barwon Heads: foxeskb@gmail.com or 0407 519 585.
- Sue Hanley, Point Lonsdale hanleysusan6@gmail.com or 0408 809 636.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 18th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 6

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
11:00am Mass with anointing at TLC Homestead, Wallington

Wednesday 19th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 6

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

Thursday 20th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 6

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove with Geelong Network Principals (Jubilee 2025) attending

Friday 21st February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 6

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 22nd February – The Chair of St Peter (Feast)

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

Sunday 23rd February – 7th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Our Parish Council met for the first time (in 2025) this week. Among considerations were our regular meetings to occur on the second Tuesday monthly, with agenda being accepted by the last Friday of each month. Also, we plan to publish a Parish Report during the year, which will give all a chance to find some more about the many activities in our parish.

The big news was that Holy Trinity is a place of pilgrimage in 2025. This Jubilee designation enabled us to hear excellent reports from our schools on their planning for their activities this year.

We hope that many in our parish will take the opportunity provided to be involved.

Frank Rice, PPC Chairperson

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WHAT DOES A JUBILEE YEAR MEAN?

A young Kansas girl who dreams of a better life 'over the rainbow' is caught in the eye of a tornado and lands in the fantasy world of OZ.

An old man gets out of his wheelchair and opens a door that has been shut for fifty years.

Lucy, in the story the Lion, the Witch and the wardrobe by C.S Lewis, walks through a wardrobe into a new story that is old as the Gospels.

Alice follows a rabbit in a blue coat down a rabbit hole to a wonderland of dreams where she is reunited with her friends who make her realise her true identity.

Open the door... to love, to possibilities... to forgiveness... to a new life all use the common metaphor of a door. Are brides still carried over the threshold by the groom?

The old man who gets out of his wheelchair is of course, Pope Francis and the door is the Holy Door that brings the year of jubilee.

What does a Jubilee Year mean?

As we know the Sabbath was the seventh day of the week when God had a rest. In Scripture seven is the perfect number.

In the Old Testament book of Leviticus, God speaks to Moses about a new idea called Jubilee. Jubilee is not only for humans but for all the farm and wild animals, climate systems, oceans and mountains enjoy a fallow of rest.

Rather like a Gap Year for a young person, Jubilee is a taste of freedom, of doing things differently. For example, in the Old Testament mortgages were cancelled, people could choose not to work for a year, everyone returned to their home country and reconnected, crime rate reduced, and people did not cheat one another.

Jubilee means Seven years multiplied by seven years equalling forty-nine years. The next year is the fiftieth year, named as a year of Jubilee.

In the church today a jubilee year has at least three characteristics.

1. It is more about recreation (re- create) than our work.
2. It is innovative and fun.
3. It is for the whole world.

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