

The Living Word

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

2 March 2025

First Reading Sir 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

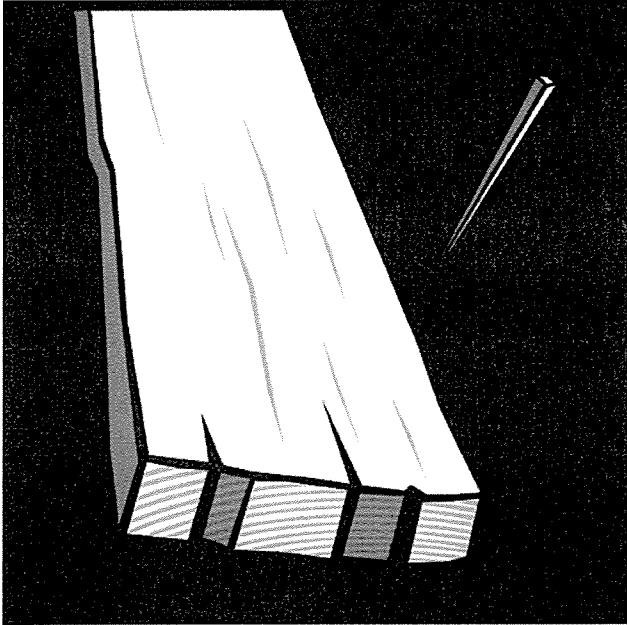
***Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.***

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the



splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbour's eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally. We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticised because one person's opinion is just as good as the next person's. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an overarching view of the world or a meta-narrative – an underlying 'big picture' story for life.

On the surface, the idea that one person's opinion is as valid as any other's seems very democratic and sociable. However, it is fundamentally not true. Someone who has spent a lifetime studying and practising in a particular field of endeavour cannot be lightly dismissed as 'that's just your opinion'. Yet, all too often, such learned knowledge and experience is given the same weight as ill-informed and sometimes mischievous opinion – frequently in the name of 'balanced' discussion.

For some people immersed in the post-modern culture this wash of opinion dressed up as fact is not only confusing but sometimes dangerous. Social norms and even laws can be seen as just another opinion that differs from my own. The opinions of friends and complete strangers on the internet or social networks are held with the same level of legitimacy as established sources of social, moral, legal and religious authority. Whilst it is proper to question established authority and require accountability and justification, the absence of universal truths and meta-narratives lead us back to the proverb that begins today's gospel: the blind leading the blind.

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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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PARISH OFFICE & PRESBYTERY
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OFFICE HOURS
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PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS
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Principal: Ms. Miriam Leahy, Tel: 5258 1736
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
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://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**

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Recently Deceased: Rick Bult

Anniversaries 2nd March to 8th March: Ron Macpherson and Sharon Mills (Climie).

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 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: 9th March at 9:00am:

(C) Catherine Hayes (L) Brenda Bissinella (SM) Jo Ballard, Dan O'Meara (W) Nan Calnin, Sr Nola Morrissy.

QUEENSCLIFF: 9th March at 11:00am:

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

COUNTERS: Tuesday 4th March at 10:00am:

Remo & Naomi Bianco.

** NEWS & EVENTS **

Welcome Bishop Martin Ashe: we warmly welcome Bishop Martin Ashe as he celebrates Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Queenscliff this Sunday, at 11:00am to launch the Jubilee Year for pilgrims. All are welcome to join us for Mass and hospitality.

LADIES LUNCH is at Ocean Grove Hotel (175 Bonneyvale Road, Ocean Grove), on Wednesday 5th March at 12:00pm. RSVP to Sandra text or phone 0423 047 862. All ladies in the parish most welcome.

JOIN US FOR A CUPPA

This Sunday, 2nd March, is the hospitality Sunday of the month. All are welcome to join us after the 9:00am Mass in Ocean Grove and after 11:am Mass in Queenscliff.

Thursday 6th March at 10:30am.

Morning Tea at Holy Family Church, Barwon Heads: All welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES on Friday 7th March:

- 10:00am Holy Trinity Church, Queenscliff, followed by refreshments
 - 10:30am Uniting Church, Ocean Grove
 - 2:00pm Anglican Church, Barwon Heads
- The country featured this year are the Cook Islands.
All are welcome.

*Together we pray for the children receiving
the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.
Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.*

St Joseph's Parish (Meredith) 150th Anniversary Mass: you are invited to the Anniversary Mass on Sunday 16th March 2025 at 11:00am at Holy Eucharist (28 Lawler Street, Meredith) followed by a fellowship lunch. Celebrant is Archbishop Peter Comensoli. All welcome.

An elderly Ocean Grove parishioner is seeking transport to Sunday Mass at Ocean Grove. If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office.

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.

**** 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: 5258 1673 | queenscliff@cam.org.au | www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au

Thank you, OH&S Committee.

+ LENT 2025 +

This Lent, the Faith Development Group have sourced the booklet: 'START ANEW IN CHRIST.' Unfortunately, our stock has sold out, however, if you are interested, you can order directly from the Diocese of Brisbane, as follows:

<https://archdiocesanministries.org.au/lent-resource/>.

There will be three reflection groups as follows:

- Tuesday evenings, 7:30pm in Ocean Grove
- Tuesday mornings, 10:30am in Barwon Heads
- Thursday evenings 7:30pm in Point Lonsdale

If you 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 - 4th March

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

ASH WEDNESDAY - 5th March

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff,

with St Aloysius Years 3-6 students attending

12:00pm Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove, with Our Lady Star of the Sea Years 3-6 students attending

Thursday 6th March – Thursday after Ash Wednesday

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

Friday 7th March – Friday after Ash Wednesday

World Day of Prayer

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 8th March – Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Sunday 9th March – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Pope Francis' Lenten message 2025

In his Message for Lent 2025, Pope Francis invites the faithful to "journey together in hope," urging them to embrace the Lenten season as a time for conversion and spiritual renewal.

The central theme, "Let us journey together in hope," aligns with the message of the Jubilee Year "2025— "Pilgrims of Hope."

The pope highlights three key dimensions of this journey: the importance of **JOURNEYING, JOURNEYING TOGETHER, AND JOURNEYING WITH HOPE.**

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Thought for the Week:

The secret of getting ahead is getting started

Mark Twain

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