

# The Living Word

**First Sunday of Lent, Year C**

**9 March 2025**

## **First Reading Dt 26:4-10**

*The confession of faith of the elect.*

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15**

*(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.*

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)

4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

## **Second Reading Rom 10:8-13**

*The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.*

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

## **Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4**

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

*No one lives on bread alone,*

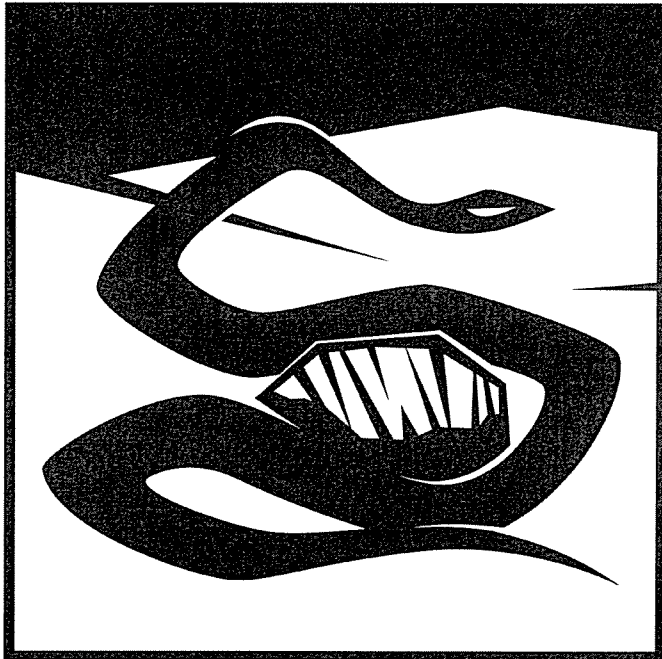
*but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

## **Gospel Lk 4:1-13**

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'



## Reflection by Greg Sunter

The wilderness, or desert, is used repeatedly throughout the Bible as a place of special encounter with God and preparation for a new direction or a new ministry. The 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness immediately followed his baptism in the Jordan where his status as the beloved of God was confirmed. He is led by the Spirit to go out into the wilderness for a period of fasting, prayer and preparation before entering into his public ministry. In fact, the event that immediately follows this passage is the episode in Nazareth where Jesus reads from the scroll of Isaiah and declares the intent of his ministry. It is presented as if, having spent his time in preparation and overcoming the temptations before him, Jesus strode out of the wilderness and laid out what he had decided.

The episode of the temptations is a clear indicator of the humanity of Jesus – he experienced doubt, uncertainty and fear just as we do. If the gospel intended to emphasise the divinity of Jesus, none of these temptations would have been an issue. We are told that Jesus was indeed tempted, not just pestered by the devil. The opportunities laid before Jesus were actually tempting to him. They challenged his resolve. They made Jesus question the sort of Messiah that he was to be: the all-conquering, powerful Messiah that the people expected; or the servant to the poor who will be tortured and put to death. Jesus is tempted to use his power to make his task easier or to display his authority to others. Had he chosen to do this, surely it would have been easier to get people's attention – and that was the temptation: to take the easier path or stick to the more subtle, more personal, more difficult path.

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,  
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you  
to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands  
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

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Parish Secretary: Mrs Daniella Sutera

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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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Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

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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.

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Visit our website for all information or contact Parish office

[www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/)

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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](mailto:queenscliff@cam.org.au) by 1:00pm on Thursdays.*

**PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THEIR BULLETINS HOME AFTER MASS**

## First Sunday of Lent, Year C

**Anniversaries 9<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> March:** Ian Neville, Giovanni Danzi and Vincent Ross.

**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 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: 16<sup>th</sup> March at 9:00am:

(C) Anthony Dowling (L) Luci Quinn (SM) Jenny Cole, Janine Fitzpatrick (W) Jo Ballard, Dawn Dalton.

### QUEENSCLIFF: 16<sup>th</sup> March at 11:00am:

(C) Tony Frizza (L) Roger Furphy (SM) Lisa Piasente (W) Maureen Baglieri.

### COUNTERS: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 10:00am:

Carmen Buhagiar and Daniella Sutera.

### \*\* 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:

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

### Message of Thanks

This past Sunday, March 2nd, Bishop Martin Ashe, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne and Western Region Episcopal, joined our community in Queenscliff for the inauguration of Holy Trinity Church, the pilgrim place for Jubilee Year 2025. In this beautiful, reverent Mass, Bishop Martin Ashe encouraged us to live out the Gospel through the example of our lives, in line with Jubilee Year 2025 "Pilgrim of Hope." Our celebration would not have been possible without the commitment, hard work, and generosity of so many parishioners in our community. Thank you for all your generous support to the hospitality group, welcomers, music ministry, florists, sacristans, cleaners, and those who have worked behind the scenes.

**Spare palms fronds/branches for Passion (Palm) Sunday, if anyone can spare, please contact:**

- Ocean Grove: Cathy Hayes on 0409 021 149.
- Queenscliff: Von Philp on 0438 191 196.
- Barwon Heads: Maureen Rossiter on 0439 541 942.

### St Vincent De Paul Society Meeting

The next meeting of the SVDP Conference will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March after 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove. New members are most welcome to attend.

**+ 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 4<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> March), please contact:

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

**St Joseph's Parish (Meredith) 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass**

you are invited to the Anniversary Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 11:00am at Holy Eucharist (28 Lawler Street, Meredith) followed by a fellowship lunch. Celebrant is Archbishop Peter Comensoli. All welcome. To register: <http://forms.gle/nBGqASYQjzpvtsaw8>.

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**LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday of the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent**

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

11:00am Mass with anointing at Sea View Manor, Ocean Grove

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday of the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff, followed by Exposition (until 11:00am)

11:00am Mass with anointing at Arcare, Point Lonsdale

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday of the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent**

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

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Friday of the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff, followed by Confession after Mass and Exposition (until 11:00am)

3:00pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Saturday of the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent**

11:00am Baptism Service at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

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**Thought for the Week:**

*Peace begins with a smile.*

*- Mother Teresa.*

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