

The Living Word

Second Sunday of Lent, Year C

16 March 2025

First Reading Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? *(R.)*

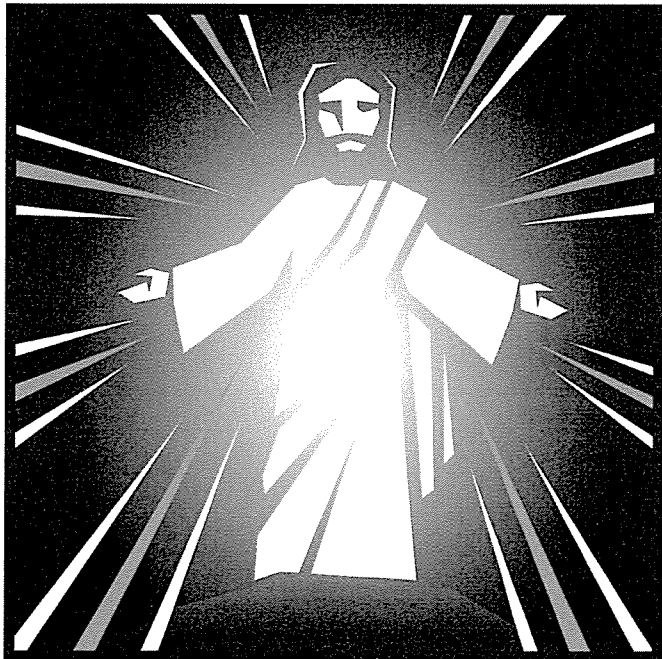
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' *(R.)*
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. *(R.)*
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's
goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! *(R.)*

Second Reading Phil 3:17 - 4:1 or Phil 3:20 - 4:1 (shorter form)

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.



Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice
is heard:*

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Lk 9:28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

In all three versions of this Transfiguration event that appear in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the context in which the event occurs is identical. That's a little unusual with these three gospel writers who like to put their own spin on events and often play with the chronology or settings of events. However, in this case, all three writers report the Transfiguration event as taking place immediately after a particular sequence of events. Jesus has asked the disciples who they think he is and Peter has made his confession of faith by declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration is followed by Jesus teaching about the demands of discipleship and then the account of the Transfiguration. Furthermore, all three versions are directly followed by an account of a man who brings his possessed son to Jesus for healing after the disciples have tried and failed to cast out the demon.

When all three of the synoptic gospels use the same story with little variation and all three retain the same context around the event then there are some pretty clear signals that this was a commonly accepted sequence of events and their sequence holds significance. The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. Whilst Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don't really yet know what this means. In the Transfiguration, they are given the clearest possible indication of Jesus' identity and yet they're half asleep and we're told Peter doesn't know what he's saying when he starts talking about building tents. The following failure by the disciples to cast out a demon shows that they still haven't understood fully who and what Jesus is. What a great reading for the season of Lent!

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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
Pastoral Care Coordinator: Sr Nola Morrissy RSM

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Principal: Ms. Kerryn 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://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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Recently Deceased: Peter Williams.

Anniversaries 16th March to 22nd March: Vincent Ross, Simone Valadon and Pierre Duhau.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Naomi Bianco, Frances Blaine, Jacqueline Blake, Matthew 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 Koertjes, Margaret Lomas, Michelle Mahoney, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Pic, Mavourneen Ray, Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Kevin Teasdale, Deanne Warren and Cathy 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 March at 9:00am:

(C) Maureen Earls (L) Monica Meagher (SM) Jo Ballard, David O'Connor (W) Margaret Donovan, Diane Gent.

QUEENSCLIFF: 23rd March at 11:00am:

(C) Tony Frizza (L) Roger Furphy (SM) Adrian Scott (W) Maureen Baglieri.

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

John & Nan Calnin.

** 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.

Spare palms fronds/branches for Passion (Palm) Sunday

Thank you for the palms we have been offered. We are still happy to accept more, if available. 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.

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

Ocean Grove Liturgical Coordinating Team

The parishioners who volunteered, or would like to join, to be part of the above team are invited to an information session meeting to be held at Ocean Grove Church on Tuesday 18 March, 1.30pm to 2.30pm. You will be rostered on every four weeks, creating a team of three, whose duties will include setting the Altar for Sunday Mass. If available to attend the information session, please contact: Rhonda Boyd 0428 933 673 and/or Maureen Earls 0407 513 856.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 17th March – St Patrick (Solemnity)

Tuesday 18th March – Tuesday of the 2nd week of Lent

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

11:00am Mass with anointing at TLC Homestead, Wallington

Wednesday 19th March – ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Solemnity)

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

Thursday 20th March – Thursday of the 2nd week of Lent

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

Friday 21st March – Friday of the 2nd 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 22nd March – Saturday of the 2nd week of Lent

3:30pm Wedding at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

Sunday 23rd March – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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EASTER 2025

Easter Ceremonies for 2025 were discussed at the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting last Tuesday. The pastoral notes around The Sacred Pascal Triduum state that unity is expressed by the whole community coming together to participate in the Paschal Triduum celebrations.

All our Sacred Paschal Triduum celebrations, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil will be celebrated at Our Lady Star of the Sea, in Ocean Grove.

WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL

7:00pm SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION - Ocean Grove

HOLY THURSDAY, 17 APRIL

6:00pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - Ocean Grove

GOOD FRIDAY, 18 APRIL

10:00am STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Ocean Grove

3:00pm THE PASSION OF THE LORD - Ocean Grove

HOLY SATURDAY, 19 APRIL

7:00pm EASTER VIGIL - Ocean Grove

EASTER SUNDAY, 20 APRIL

9:00am - BARWON HEADS

9:00am - OCEAN GROVE

11:00am - QUEENSCLIFF

Please note:

1. The Queenscliff community will look after the Holy Thursday Mass of The Lord's Passion liturgy.
2. The Barwon Heads will look after Good Friday – Passion of the Lord liturgy.
3. The Ocean Grove community will look after the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil liturgy.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FROM PARISH OFFICE

Over the next several weeks, volunteers who need to update/renew their Working With Children Check, National Police Check, Safeguarding Essentials Training and/or Parish Code of Conduct, will be notified via email.

Please keep an eye on your Junk Folder.

We thank you for volunteering in the parish; we

appreciate your cooperation and support.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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Thought for the Week:

Judging others makes us blind, whereas love is illuminating.

By judging others, we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

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