

The Living Word

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C

3 April 2022

First Reading Is 43:16-21

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done
before.

See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see
it?

Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.
The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

***(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.***

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. *(R.)*
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What
marvels
the Lord worked for them!
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. *(R.)*
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears

will sing when they reap. *(R.)*

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back,
full of song,
carrying their sheaves. *(R.)*

Second Reading Phil 3:8-14

*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in
order to gain him.*

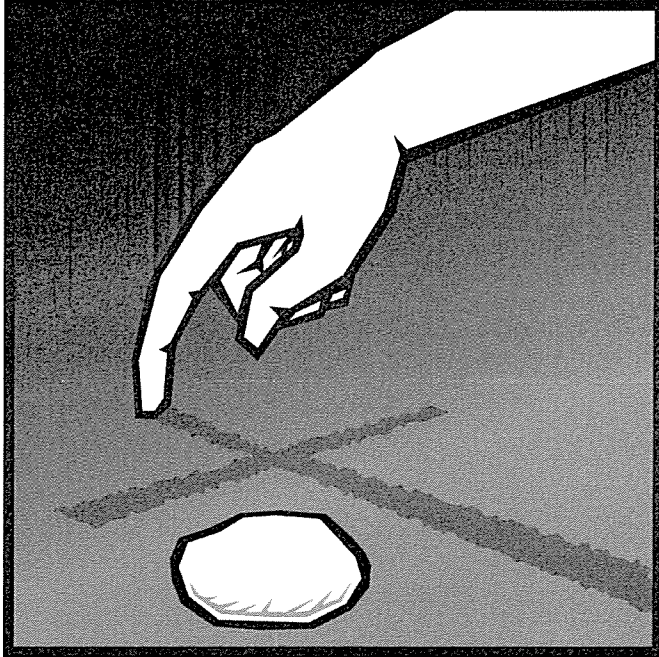
I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh
the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus
my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of
everything, and I look on everything as so much
rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a
place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection
by my own efforts, the perfection that comes
from the Law, but I want only the perfection that
comes through faith in Christ, and is from God
and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ
and the power of his resurrection and to share
his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his
death. That is the way I can hope to take my
place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that
I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won,
but I am still running, trying to capture the prize
for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure
you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I
have already won. All I can say is that I forget the
past and I strain ahead for what is still to come;
I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which
God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation JI 2:12-13

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

***With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.***

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



Gospel Jn 8:1-11

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This entire scene is a conspiratorial 'set-up' to trap Jesus. Jewish law dictated that adultery was to be punished by death for both parties. However, the Roman occupation had forbidden the Jewish authorities to carry out the death penalty. By bringing the woman to Jesus they sought to place him in a no-win situation. If he upheld the Jewish law and ordered the death penalty, then he was flaunting Roman law. If he did not uphold the law then he could be branded as a false teacher. They thought it was a perfect trap!

But where is the man with whom the woman was committing adultery? When he is not also brought forward for judgment as any legitimate accusation would demand, Jesus senses the trap being set for him. He realises that those accusing the woman must have somehow been involved in setting her up so that she could be 'caught committing adultery'. In Jewish law, accessories to a crime were equally guilty and subject to the same penalty. When Jesus says to the gathering, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned ...,' he's letting them know that he's aware of their part in this crime and what judgment is due them also! If they persist with their accusation, they'll also be tried as accessories! So they quietly walk away.

Jesus' words to the woman sum up his message throughout the gospel: 'Neither do I condemn you, go away, and don't sin any more.' As with others in the gospels, Jesus recognises that the woman has indeed sinned, but he does not condemn her for it. By telling her not to sin any more he is calling her to conversion. He is saying, yes, you've made mistakes, but you can do better and I'm challenging you to try.

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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.

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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/

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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

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C

Recently Deceased: Peter Joiner.

Anniversaries 6th April to 12th April: Michelle Williams.

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 Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Michelle Mahoney, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, 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: 13th April at 9:00am:

(C) Brenda Bissinella (L) Majella O'Connor (SM) Janine Fitzpatrick, David O'Connor (W) Jo Ballard, Catherine Hayes.

QUEENSCLIFF: 13th April at 11:00am:

(C) Roger Furphy (L) Ann-Maree Furphy (SM) Ann-Maree Furphy (W) Trish Frizza.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 8th April at 10:00am:

David Millie & 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.

MASS TIME CHANGE AT HOLY FAMILY, BARWON HEADS

From Saturday 26th April 2025,

Vigil Mass at Barwon Heads will commence at 5:00pm during the winter season. The 6:00pm mass time may return in October, when daylight savings begins for the summer season.

Daylight Savings ends overnight this Sunday morning (6th April) at 3:00am. Remember, clocks "fall" back one hour.

Jubilee 2025: Holy Trinity Church Queenscliff welcomes pilgrims to reflect on rich history and heritage (article via Melbourne Catholic)

Queenscliff, the picturesque seaside location of Holy Trinity Church, the Archdiocese's newest Pilgrim Place this Jubilee Year, has witnessed some extraordinary moments in Australia's history, including the first shot fired in World War I. Pilgrims can immerse themselves in this fascinating history when they visit Holy Trinity Church to pray, reflect and get their Jubilee passports stamped.

Continue reading: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/holy-trinity-church-welcomes-pilgrims-to-reflect-on-history-and-heritage>

Hospitality Sunday: Taking place this Sunday, 6th April, following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. All welcome!

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

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

We wish the principals, staff, students and families a happy and restful school holiday and Easter break.

This weekend, we welcome families preparing for Baptism, and together, we pray (*Prayer for Baptism Families*): *Dear Parents, as you prepare for your child's Baptism, the people of Holy Trinity Parish rejoice that you have chosen to baptise your child, and we pray that in the coming years, you and your family will continue to know and grow in the love of God that is everlasting.*

Practices for Holy Thursday: following on from a group discussion with Fr Linh, the Holy Thursday practice sessions will commence on Sunday 6th April at 4pm - finish 5pm in Holy Trinity church. 'The Order of Service' is similar to 2024 and music will be available. For more details: Von Philp 0438191196.

Working Bees at Ocean Grove Church: As all Ceremonies for the Easter Triduum are to be held at Ocean Grove Church, many areas of preparation are needed. Working Bee 1, on Wednesday 9 April at 1.30 pm. Working Bee 2, on Wednesday 16 April at 1.30 pm.

Upcoming Irish Music Concert, Ceili & Workshops in Queenscliff

- Friday April 4th: Irish music concert at Queenscliff Uniting Church at 7:30pm, featuring some of the very finest Irish musicians and singers in Victoria.
- Saturday 5th April, there is a Ceili at the town hall at 7:30pm, with music provided by live musicians. This event is family friendly, suitable for all ages and no previous dancing experience required. There will be an experienced dancer calling the dances and keeping everyone on track.
- Irish Music, dance and singing workshops: throughout the weekend, in several venues around Queenscliff, there will be workshops on various Irish instruments, including tin whistle, fiddle, bodhran, flute, tenor (4 string) banjo, harp, uilleann pipes, ballad singing, concertina, DADGAD guitar, and set-dancing- with beginners and improvers of all ages warmly welcome. If you'd like to register for workshops, there is still some availability- check out the [booking link here](#).

Our Catholic brothers and sisters are invited to join us to make palm crosses at the vicarage (1 Albert Street, Point Lonsdale) on Wednesday 9th April 2.30pm. Instruction about making palm crosses will be offered. Afternoon tea will be provided. Please bring scissors.

Mother Jo, Anglican Reverend.

Taizé Pray | Lenten Peace Gathering: People in the Bellarine Peninsula and beyond are invited to gather to pray and worship at Santa Casa (33 Flinders Street, Queenscliff) on Saturday 12th April at 2:30pm followed by afternoon tea at 3:30pm. Please RSVP to Sr Lizzie Finnerty RSM on 0418 194 261 or santacasa@ismapng.org.au for catering and seating purposes. All welcome.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 8th April – Tuesday of the 5th 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 9th April – Wednesday of the 5th week of Lent

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff, followed by Exposition (until 10:30am)

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

7:00pm Second Rite of Reconciliation (Service) at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Thursday 10th April – Thursday of the 5th week of Lent

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

Friday 11th April – Friday of the 5th 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 12th April – Saturday of the 5th week of Lent

Sunday 13th April – PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD
Holy Week

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A STEP BACK IN TIME...

In April 1884 it was reported that 'The Rev. Father Carroll has procured a handsome set of Stations of the Cross for the church at Queenscliff. They will be placed in position on Sunday next, with great ceremony. Father Carroll now wants a bell and a set of vestments at that favourite watering place'.

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EASTER 2025 TIMETABLE

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

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Thought for the Week:

If you really want something you can figure out
how to make it happen.

Cher.