

# The Living Word

Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

9 December 2018

## First Reading Bar 5:1-9

*Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

## 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 1:3-6. 8-11

*Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

## Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4. 6

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:*

*all people shall see the salvation of God.*

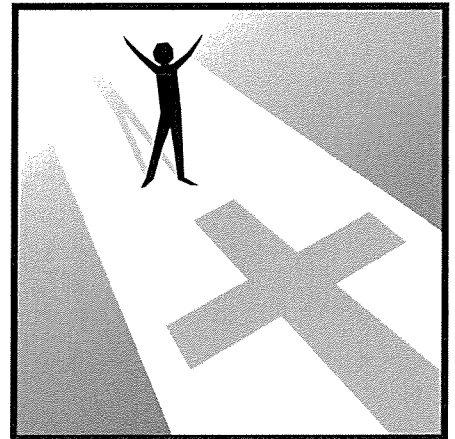
*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Lk 3:1-6

*All people shall see the salvation of God.*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.



## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The advent of God's coming with its promise of fulfilment happens within world history. The first reading locates God's act of restoration in the city of Jerusalem. The gospel situates the ministry of John within a particular period of world history. They point us to historical experience as the place and the time of restoration, of incarnation, of redemption. They show us that God works within everyday life, in conventional places, during regular time. In fact, from a human point of view, the extraordinary events of salvation took place within what was quite ordinary.

John proclaims the kind of transformation that results in a change of heart. Reversals characterise such transformation: the robe of mourning is replaced by the splendour of glory; tears are turned into rejoicing; those led away by enemies are brought back by God; valleys are filled, mountains are levelled, winding roads are made straight; even nature offers itself as shelter for the people of God. Those who are shamed and discarded are made glorious; those who suffer are comforted; the oppressed are freed; all of life's obstacles are removed; the way to God is made straight; the natural world enjoys peace and harmony.

The transformation or repentance of heart takes place within human life, within relationships of justice between people and with the earth, in right living, in genuine unselfish love. It produces the fruits of righteousness of which Paul speaks. Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for this.

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# HOLY TRINITY

## CATHOLIC PARISH

Incorporating the worship communities of

Holy Trinity      Our Lady Star of the Sea      Holy Family  
34 Stevens St      68 John Dory Drive      101 Hitchcock Ave  
Queenscliff      Ocean Grove      Barwon Heads

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land of 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

Rev Fr Darien J Stickden

Sr Nola Morrissy RSM

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Star of the Sea Ocean Grove

Principal: Ms. Rhonda Boyd Tel: 5255 4308

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

OCEAN GROVE: Tue 10:30am; Thu 11:00am

Sat 9-10am (Reconciliation)

QUEENSCLIFF: Wed & Fri 9:15am

GEELONG: St. John of God Hospital Thu 11:30am

MASS TIMES IN THE GEELONG REGION

<http://geelongdeanery.cam.org.au>

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
PLEASE SEE BELOW.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS BY APPOINTMENT

THANK YOU to everyone for your help as we continue to update our parish records to ensure we have the most up-to-date contact details and addresses for everyone.

*With gratitude – Fr Darien and Daniella*

**Recently Deceased:** Michael John Beavis O.A.M, Denise Catherine Love, Maureen Richards (relative of Geraldine Richards)

### Anniversaries 9<sup>th</sup> December to 15<sup>th</sup> December:

Bonnie Ryan, Olive Hutchins, Margaret Tighe, Beatrice Watt, Frank Duffy, Kevin O'Louchlin, Dulice Hume, Jack Meredith, David Peace, Kathleen Kelly, Phyllis Pritz, Hilda Denneman, Ollie Bernes, Robert Morton.

### Please pray for those who are Sick:

Mavourneen Ray, Jeanne Ross, Sharon & Gary Kingsbury, Ross Gilham, Lorna Taylor, Peter & Maris Williams, John Poulos, Bill & Betty Rushton, Mary Jo Robinson, Laurance Hodgkinson, Belinda Monterosso, Joan Glen, Steve Retallick, Adam Wilde, Declan Shine, Cheryl Leonard, Arnie Bench, Nell Fraigneux, Willow Hanan, Mary Pace, Josh Walsh, Rev Deacon Allan Ansell, Denise Johnston, Lorraine Lang, Ian Briggs, Jill Hamblin, Bob & Kay Freyne, Vera Pollard, Susan Gibson.

### ROSTERS

*If you are unable to meet your obligation on your day,  
please arrange a substitute. Thank you!*

COMMENTATORS (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM),  
WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)

### BARWON HEADS: 15<sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm:

(C) F. van Wegen (L) P. Exell (SM) J. Hodgkinson  
(W) M & M Sullivan

### OCEAN GROVE: 16<sup>th</sup> December 9:00am:

(C) M. O'Connor (L) M. Meagher (SM) S. Duggan, D. O'Connor  
(W) F & K Nelson

### SPECIAL MINISTER TO HOMESTEAD: Week 3, 16<sup>th</sup> Dec S & B Condon

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

(C) P. Callahan (L) M. Scott (SM) E. Millie (W) MC. Hoare

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

J. Calnin, J. Lally

### **\*\* NEWS & EVENTS \*\***

Expressions of interest for counters: any Parishioners interested in assisting our current counting teams on Mondays, please email Daniella.

Ocean Grove Carols in the Park will be held this Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Students from Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School will be performing.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December: The Society of St Vincent de Paul meet after 9.15 Mass in Ocean Grove

2019 Columban Calendars & Christmas cards are now on sale: Calendars \$9.00 each; Christmas Cards \$7.00 for packet of 10.

Children's Liturgy will be held each Sunday during Advent at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Ocean Grove.

Calling all musicians! Do you play a musical instrument? Would you like to share your talent with our community? There is no age barrier, so if you are learning to play the piano, guitar, etc, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact the Parish office.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

- **Christmas Eve, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December:**
- 5:30pm Carols followed by Vigil Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Queenscliff
- 6:30pm Carols followed by Vigil Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove
- 8:30pm Carols followed by Vigil Mass at Holy Family Church, Barwon Heads
- **Christmas Day, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December:**
- 9:00am Mass with Carols at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove
- 10:30am Mass with Carols at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove
- 11:00am Mass with Carols at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Queenscliff

Interested in advertising your business or services in our weekly bulletin?

Please contact Daniella for more information.



Love Your Glasses!

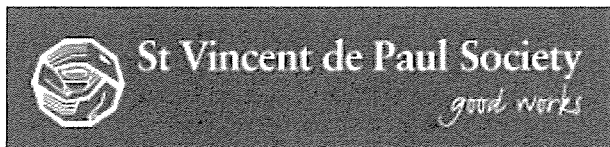
Contact Majella O'Connor and the Team for an appointment, service or advice.

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**LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – FERIA**  
*Tuesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent*  
10:30am Requiem Mass – Denise Love  
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
5:30pm Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School  
Christmas Concert in the Park

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – FERIA**  
*Wednesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent*  
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff  
11am Healing Mass with Carols at Arcare, Point Lonsdale

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Memorial**  
*St Lucy*  
11:00am Requiem Mass – Michael John Beavis O.A.M.  
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Memorial**  
*St John of the Cross*  
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

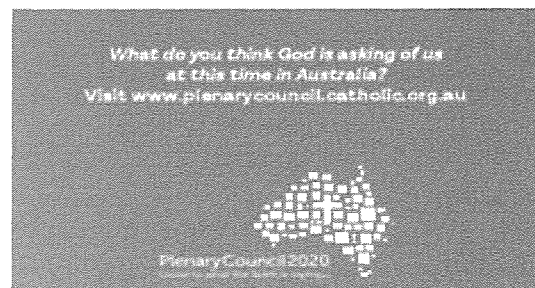
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December – FERIA**  
*Saturday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent*  
9:00am Reconciliation at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
6:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

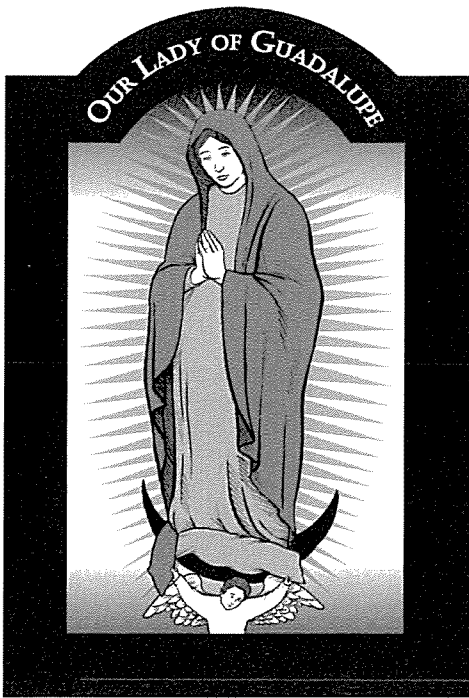
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*  
9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

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**ADVENT PRAYER**

Be still  
Be still and know  
Be still and know that I am  
Be still and know that I am your God.  
God of this Advent time  
As we watch, wait, long and hope,  
Awaken our hearts to your presence  
Encourage us in our efforts to listen humbly  
to each other  
Inspire in us the words to speak boldly  
with each other  
Create within us a spirit of discernment  
Give us hopeful hearts as we continue our  
journey to the Plenary Council.  
We ask this in the name of Emmanuel—  
God-with-us. Amen.





# Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

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| crooked  | mountain | rough    |
| desert   | prophet  | shouting |
| emperor  | ready    | sins     |
| forgiven | road     | valley   |

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**I**n 1531, Juan Diego, a peasant convert was walking in the hill country of central Mexico. A woman, surrounded by bright light, appeared and introduced herself as the Virgin Mary. She requested that a church be built in the place where they stood. The first chapel was built in about 1533. A new basilica was constructed in 1964.

Help John the Baptist prepare the way for the Lord by finding the straightest path to Jesus

