

The Living Word

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C

23 December 2018

First Reading Mi 5:1-4

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.
The Lord is therefore going to abandon
them
till the time when she who is to give birth
gives birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers will
come back
to the sons of Israel.
He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on he
will extend his power
to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4

*(R.) Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall
be saved.*

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. *(R.)*
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. *(R.)*
3. May your hand be on the man you have
chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon
your name. *(R.)*

Second Reading Heb 10:5-10

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or
sacrifices for sin;
then I said,
just as I was commanded in the scroll of
the book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey
your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:39-45

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

There is always excitement at this time of the year. It is as if everything is filled with promise. Animosities are set aside; estrangement dissolves into reconciliation; the whole world seems gentler; and we are filled with the spirit of generosity. In the days just before Christmas, the possibility of newness is almost palpable. The spirit of the season has caught hold of us even before the actual day has arrived. Today we stand on the threshold of fulfilment. The future that God has prepared for us is open before us, even though we have not yet stepped out into it.

The incarnation takes place in human history, thus affirming the fundamental goodness of human life and concerns, and sanctifying them even further. The child comes from simple people, from a place that is relatively insignificant, thus underscoring God's preference for what is ordinary. The body that was offered for our salvation, the body that consecrated us through having been offered up, was the body that grew in the womb of Mary. The extraordinary salvific deed of God was accomplished through his coming into the world as one of us. The obedience that Christ played out through his body fulfilled for us the promises made by God.

We stand on the threshold of fulfilment, the fulfilment of an event that has already taken place. We ritually reenact it so that we never take it for granted, so that we never forget that it is in and through human history that the marvellous deeds of God are accomplished.

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Incorporating the worship communities of

Holy Trinity Our Lady Star of the Sea Holy Family
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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

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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 – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

OCEAN GROVE: Tue & Thu 9:15am
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: Pina Liistro, Sr Bernadette Fox (Good Shepherd Sister)

Anniversaries 23rd December to 29th December:

Joe Ambrose, Patrick Kane, Jean Fauvel, Jack Allison, Rose Mary Lorenz, Michael Gillian, Dulcie Duffy.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Mavourneen Ray, Jeanne Ross, Sharon & Gary Kingsbury, Ross Gilham, Lorna Taylor, Peter & Maris Williams, John Poullos, 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: 29th December 6:00pm:

(C) M. Rossiter (L) M. Rossiter (SM) X. Kenworthy
(W) K & J Constable

OCEAN GROVE: 30th December 9:00am:

(C) N. Sadler (L) P. Dickenson (SM) M. Meagher, B. Thorn
(W) B. Bissinella, L. Conquit

SPECIAL MINISTER TO HOMESTEAD: Week 5, 30th Dec

L. Horner, J. Considine

QUEENSCLIFF: 30th December 11:00am:

(C) T. Frizza (L) T. Philp (SM) J. Altamore (W) P. Robinson

COUNTERS: Monday 24th December 10:00am:

M. Sullivan, R. Bianco, N. Bianco

***** PLEASE SEE SPECIAL ROSTERS FOR CHRISTMAS
EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY *****

***** NEWS & EVENTS *****

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

The Parish office will be closed from
12pm on Monday 24th December 2018
and re-opening from
10am on Monday 7th January 2019

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

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.

After school care program will be going ahead in 2019; for grades 3-6 state school students receiving sacraments within our Parish. Any further queries, please contact Lyne Horner on 5251 5819.

The Bellarine Ecumenical Choir are holding a Fresh Produce Stall on Sunday 6th January after 11am Mass in Queenscliff. All homemade/grown produce at very reasonable prices.

Knights of the Southern Cross "Wally Higgins Memorial Scholarship Raffle." Tickets available at each Mass centre this weekend and every weekend till the first weekend in February.

Queenscliff 21st Sand Sculpture Contest on Thursday 3rd January from 4-6pm and Pilot's Jetty Beach (Tobin Drive). Organised by Queenscliffe Neighbourhood House. For more information, contact Carolyn on 5258 3367.

Dear Parishioners, Christmas is nearly here and 2018 will soon come to a close, so all of us at CatholicCare would like to wish you a fun, festive and blessed time these holidays! You have helped us to achieve so much for the families, individuals and communities who have come to us for support. Thank you so much for your generosity and support throughout 2018 - we pray that 2019 will bring you and your family peace, love and happiness, along with many new and exciting beginnings.

The CatholicCare team

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

Please contact Daniella for more information.



Love Your Glasses!

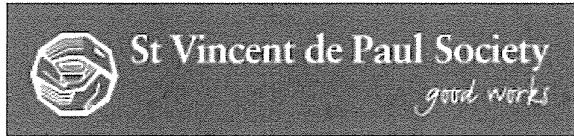
Contact Majella O'Connor and the Team for an appointment, service or advice.

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IT'S A FLETCHERS THING

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 24th December

Monday of the 4th week of Advent – Christmas Eve

The Parish Office closed from 12pm

5:30pm Carols followed by Vigil Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

6:30pm Carols followed by Vigil Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

8:30pm Carols followed by Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

Tuesday 25th December – Solemnity

The BIRTH of JESUS CHRIST

9:00am Mass with Carols at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

10:30am Mass with Carols at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

11:00am Mass with Carols at Holy Trinity Hall, Queenscliff

Wednesday 26th December – Feast

Feast of St Stephen

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 27th December – Feast

Feast of St John the Apostle the Divine

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

Friday 28th December – Feast

Feast of The Holy Innocents

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 29th December – FERIA

6:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

Sunday 30th December – Feast

Feast of the HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

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PARISH VISION PRAYER

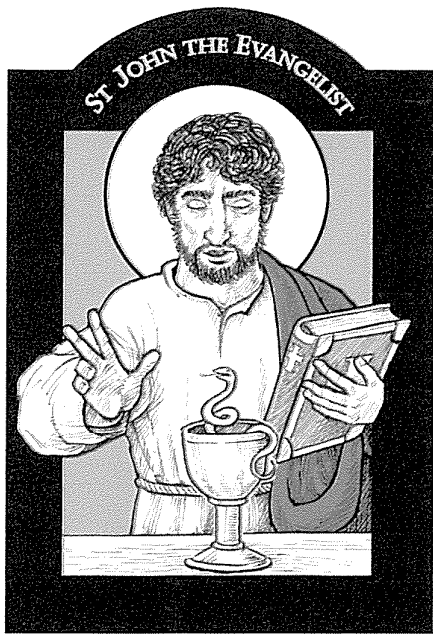
Heavenly Father, Holy Trinity Parish is your family committed to praying and growing together as we build on the gifts of our past, the living of our present and our hopes for the future.

Lord Jesus, we are nourished by prayer, the word and sacraments especially the Eucharist. We recognize and trust in each other's spiritual gifts. We will strive to be a visible sign of God's love for the world.

Holy Spirit, baptized in your name, we accept the challenge to live as Jesus did. We will celebrate our lives and gifts in service to others, welcoming all people and sharing our talents and resources. As a parish we will endeavour to make present the Kingdom of God,

here and now.

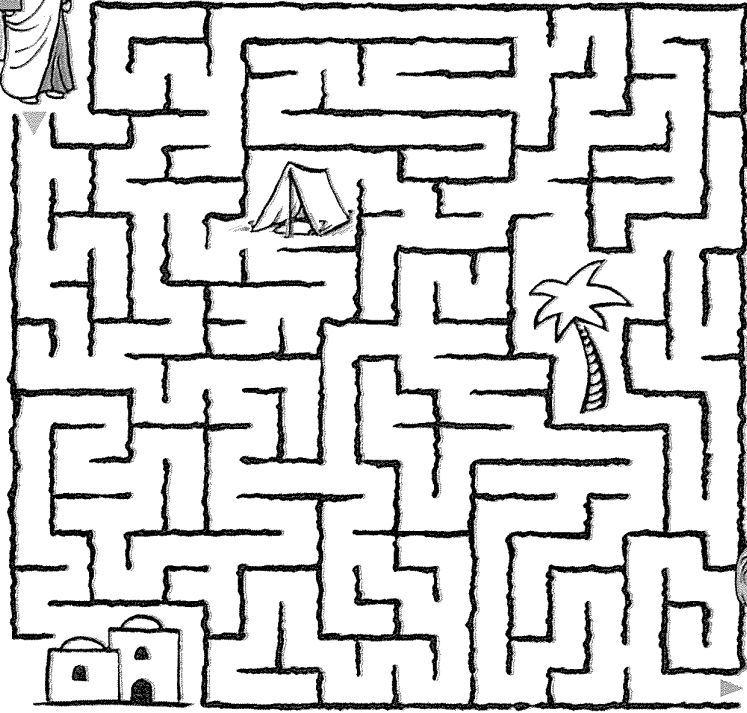
AMEN



St John the Evangelist was a son of Zebedee and brother of James. John and James (the Greater) were apostles of Jesus, who referred to them as the 'sons of thunder'. He was a witness to many events including the Transfiguration, the raising of Jairus' daughter and the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. As he stood at the foot of the cross, John was told by Jesus to accept Mary as his adopted mother. John was the first to reach the tomb when told of the resurrection and the first to recognise the Risen Lord when he appeared to them at Lake Tiberias. Towards the end of his life, John wrote the fourth Gospel as a witness to the Divinity of Christ. He also wrote three epistles contained in the New Testament, and is traditionally, though perhaps not correctly, identified as the author of the Book of Revelation.



When Mary heard that her much older cousin Elizabeth was with child, she hurried to Elizabeth and Zechariah's house in the hills of Judea. Can you help Mary find the correct path to her cousin Elizabeth?



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



- baby
- believed
- blessed
- Elizabeth
- greeting
- happy
- heard
- hurried
- loud
- Mary
- moved
- woman

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