

The Living Word

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

27 January 2019

First Reading Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)
4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 (shorter form)

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would

you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In both the reading from Nehemiah and the Gospel passage, we see the dynamic power of the word of God. Paul's teaching originated as oral proclamation, and like the texts read by Ezra the priest and the one interpreted by Jesus himself, it was first proclaimed aloud. Only later were these proclamations written and handed down from one community to another, from one generation to the next.

The word of God elicits various responses. In the first reading, the people cried out in response: 'Amen, amen! So be it! We hear and we will obey!' From the verses contained in today's gospel, we do not know how those who heard Jesus' interpretation reacted to it. We do know that both audiences listened intently to the sacred words of Scripture. Can we do less? Are we eager to obey? Do we view the law as a treasure, as life-giving? Have we learned to live with each other as members of one body, each member being important and contributing to the total health of the entire body?

Both Ezra and Jesus proclaimed the word of God within the context of a liturgical celebration, a setting similar to the ones wherein most people today hear God's word proclaimed. According to the teaching of Vatican II, the liturgy is described as the source and summit of our lives, and the liturgy of the word is an essential part of that celebration. With the people of Ezra, we are invited to respond: 'Amen, amen! Thanks be to God!'

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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.

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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 note: times may be subject to change from week to week.

OCEAN GROVE: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15am
QUEENSCLIFF: Wednesday & Friday 9:15am
GEELONG: St. John of God Hospital Thursday 11:30am

MASS TIMES IN THE GEELONG REGION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please see below: 'Liturgy in our Parish this week.'

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS BY APPOINTMENT

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries 27th January to 2nd February:

Brian Naulty, Angela Buckle, Hillary Smurthwaite, Elaine Tabone, Christine James, Faye Scott, Roy Hawkins, Betty O'Connor, Jim Clarke, Heidi Kohler, Jim Peart and Gratton Lure.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Jack Davin, 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 and Patricia Dean.

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)

BARWON HEADS: 2- February at 6:00pm:

(C) F. van Wegen (L) S. Casey (SM) L. Frances (W) K & J Constable

OCEAN GROVE: 3- February at 9:00am:

(C) J. Fitzpatrick (L) G. Rainey (SM) D. O'Meara, N. Ansell (W) F & K Nelson

SPECIAL MINISTER TO HOMESTEAD: Week 1, 3- Feb

G. Malone, J. Altamore

QUEENSCLIFF: 3- February at 11:00am:

(C) MC. Hoare (L) M. Scott (SM) S. Gould (W) M. O'Neill

COUNTERS: Tuesday 29- January at 10:00am:

J. Calnin, K. Caffyn, F. Neville, P. Robinson

**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

Special Collection this weekend: Contributions will go towards Catholic Ministry for the Hearing Impaired and Catholic Missions.

Community Commitment: Our three communities of Holy Family, Our Lady Star of the Sea and Holy Trinity are "committed to praying and growing together". To build community "we recognise and trust in each other's spiritual and temporal gifts." To live our Parish Vision Prayer, over the next 2 weeks you are invited to offer your "talents and resources." Forms will be available at each Mass for you to complete and return. *Quotes from our Parish Vision Prayer.

2019 Columban Calendars are now on sale: \$9.00 each.

Sacramental Program for 2019... Information & Interest Day will be held on **Tuesday 12- February at 4pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church** Ocean Grove. Enquiries Lyne Horner Tel 5251 5819.

Knights of the Southern Cross "Wally Higgins Memorial Scholarship Raffle." Final tickets available at each Mass centre this weekend!

Assumption College (Kilmore) will be holding their annual "South of the Bay" reunion for ex-students, staff and their partners at Queenscliff Bowling Club on **Wednesday, 13- February, 2019, at 12pm.** RSVP Ron Forbes, Organiser, Email: randgforbes@bigpond.com.au or Tel 5258 2480 by 11- February, 2019.

Ladies Group meet on **Wednesday 6- February** at 'The Heads' car park, Barwon Heads. **Bluff walk** at **7pm** and **coffee** at 'The Heads' at **8pm.** All ladies welcome to either or both. Enquiries phone Julie 0411 578 285 or Maria 0407 593 251.

Palms Australia information session to be held on **Saturday 2- March from 10:30am-12pm.** Please see posters for more details.

Give Your Spiritual Life a Boost! With a course, seminar or reflection day at **Heart of Life**. See what's on offer at www.heartoflife.melbourne and go to our Seminars & Courses tab. You can book & pay online or email us at holsc@bigpond.com for more information and bookings. Spiritual direction is also available at any time. Tel: 9890 1101.

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

Please contact Daniella for more information.



Love Your Glasses!

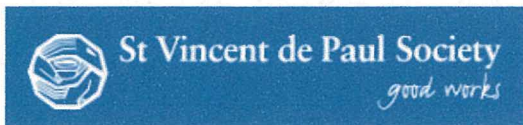
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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 28th January – Memorial, St Thomas Aquinas
**** Public Holiday – Parish Office closed****

Tuesday 29th January – Weekday, Ordinary Time 3
 9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at
 Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 30th January – Weekday, Ordinary Time 3
 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 31st January – Memorial St John Bosco
 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 1st February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 3
 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 2nd February – Feast
The Presentation of the Lord

10:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation

at Holy Family, Barwon Heads, followed by Mass at 10:30am

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

Sunday 3rd February – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
 11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

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"I Am Australian"

I came from the dream-time

From the dusty red-soil plains

I am the ancient heart

The keeper of the flame

I stood upon the rocky shores

I watched the tall ships come

For forty thousand years I've been

The first Australian.

I came upon the prison ship

Bowed down by iron chains

I cleared the land, endured the lash

And waited for the rains

I'm a settler, I'm a farmer's wife

On a dry and barren run

A convict, then a free man

I became Australian.

I'm the daughter of a digger

Who sought the mother lode

The girl became a woman

On the long and dusty road

I'm a child of the Depression

I saw the good times come

I'm a bushie, I'm a battler

I am Australian.

We are one, but we are many

And from all the lands on earth we come

We'll share a dream and sing with one voice

"I am, you are, we are Australian"

I'm a teller of stories

I'm a singer of songs

I am Albert Namatjira

And I paint the ghostly gums

I'm Clancy on his horse

I'm Ned Kelly on the run

I'm the one who waltzed Matilda

I am Australian.

I'm the hot wind from the desert

I'm the black soil of the plains

I'm the mountains and the valleys

I'm the drought and flooding rains

I am the rock, I am the sky

The rivers when they run

The spirit of this great land

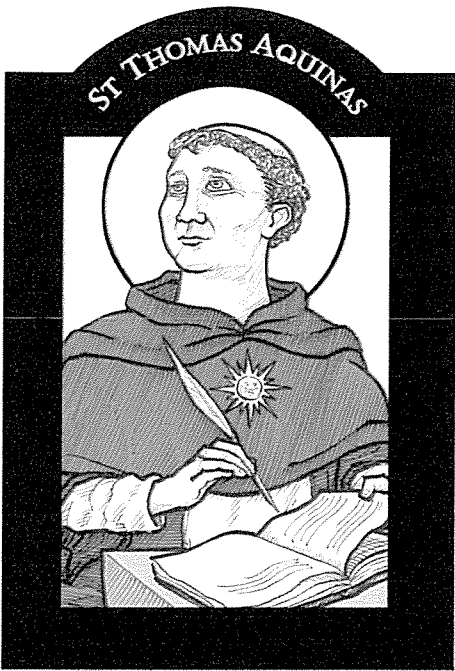
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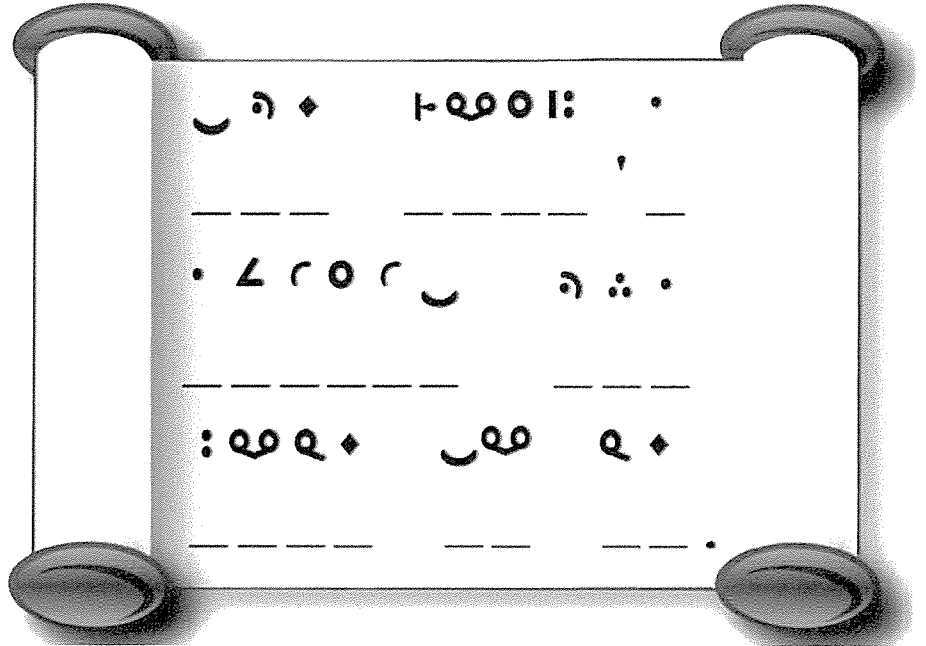


St Thomas Aquinas was born in c.1225 and was one of the many children of the Count of Aquino. He was educated by Benedictine Monks, but eventually joined the mendicant Dominican friars in 1244, much to the shock and anger of his family. His brothers kidnapped and imprisoned Thomas in an attempt to change his mind, but after a year he was released. He went on to study under St Albert the Great and took a degree of master in theology. He devoted his life to teaching, preaching and especially writing; his philosophical and theological works have become integral to the thinking of the church. He experienced a divine revelation which led him to abandon his writings, claiming that they were but straw in the wind when compared to the reality of the divine glory. He died four months later due to poor health. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1567.

DECODE THE PROPHECY

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Wordsearch

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