

The Living Word

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

3 February 2019

First Reading Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
before you came to birth I consecrated you;
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.
So now brace yourself for action.
Stand up and tell them
all I command you.
Do not be dismayed at their presence,
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.
I, for my part, today will make you
into a fortified city,
a pillar of iron,
and a wall of bronze
to confront all this land:
the kings of Judah, its princes,
its priests and the country people.
They will fight against you
but shall not overcome you,
for I am with you to deliver you –
it is the Lord who speaks.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) *I will sing of your salvation.*

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me. (R.)
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R.)
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been
my help. (R.)
4. My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13 (shorter form)

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel Lk 4:21-30

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the readings for this week we see the reaction of those who hear the word of God. Jeremiah was told that he had been called to be a prophet even before he was born. Yet he had to fight against the people to whom he was sent. Those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words and then later sought to throw him off a cliff. We too are often quite resistant to the word of God.

Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image that is placed before us as an example for us to follow.

The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love.

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Incorporating the worship communities of

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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

Anniversaries 3rd February to 9th February:

Jasper Cohan, Marie Tucker, Mary O'Loughlin, Beryl Williams, Paul Tsernjavski, Emily Duckworth, Fred Myers, Lorna Peart, Peter Goss.

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, Patricia Dean, Bill Laurie, Tracey Higgins, Trevor Rush, Phill Liakoureas, Mary Stewart.

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: 9- February at 6:00pm:

(C) T. Soppitt (L) J. Soppitt (SM) L. Mithen (W) G & D Richardson

OCEAN GROVE: 10- February at 9:00am:

(C) E. Frazer (L) N. Sadler (SM) F. Nelson, L. Horner (W) J & B Thom

SPECIAL MINISTER TO HOMESTEAD: Week 2, 10- Feb

A. Walker, P. McLachlan

QUEENSCLIFF: 10- February at 11:00am:

(C) J. Hanan (L) T. Frizza (SM) MC. Hoare (W) P. Cox

COUNTERS: Monday 4- February at 10:00am:

J. Calnin, F. Neville, E. Leahy, M. Leahy

**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

Thank you for your generosity in your donations to the Catholic Missions and Catholic Ministry for the Hearing-Impaired last weekend. We raised \$1,143.00 for these two special causes.

Community Commitment: To live our Parish Vision Prayer, over the next 2 weeks you are invited to share your "talents and resources." Forms will be available at each Mass for you to complete and return. *

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 church this weekend!

RCIA weekly sessions resume this **Tuesday 5- February**. Our participants & team look forward to Easter when, all being well, our candidates will be received into our Catholic faith community. Please pray for them as their journey towards our loving God continues.

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 Tel: Julie 0411 578 285 or Maria 0407 593 251.

Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR) will hold their first meeting for 2019 on **Wednesday 6- February from 4:30pm** at 18 Bridge Street, Queenscliff. Newcomers are welcome. The first parish grocery collection will be at Barwon Heads 16- March. In the meantime, donations can be delivered to Shirley Hurley, Tel: 0409 424 243.

Pope Francis has declared Friday 8- February as a *World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking*. A vigil Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli **7:30pm Thursday 7-**

February in St Patrick's Cathedral. ALL are most welcome. Find out more at: <https://acrath.org.au/2016-world-day-of-prayer/>

****EARTH FEST**** Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School warmly invite you to join in this new public event on **Friday 15-February, 4pm-8:30pm** at Ocean Grove Community Park. Cost: Children Free, Adults \$5. Come and enjoy a great evening with live music, delicious food, community groups, and fun for the kids!

Find out what local environmental and community groups are doing in our area. Make a connection and join a group maybe. Learn how you can be more sustainable at home and where you can recycle certain items. Let's work together to look after the Earth for generations to come! *Please see posters for more information.* Hope to see you there! Sue, Earth Fest Coordinator, earthfest@staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au

On **Saturday 23 March, from 9:30am-1:00pm**, there will be a Forum for Parishes "**Helping our Refugee Families and Friends**" at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne. The Forum will focus on enabling participants to increase or renew support in their parish, drawing on the experience of parish leaders who have already achieved lasting support. Cost: \$20, includes lunch. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZWMI>; enquiries to Adrian Foley, Adrian.foley@css.org.au, Tel: 0497 780 233.

Do you have a heart for working with young people in a rural parish? Would you like to work in a 5-hour paid capacity per week to help connect young Catholics across a wide geographical area, centred on Bannockburn and involved with the new St Mary MacKillop Primary School? Help and support is readily available. Please call Fr Charles Tel: 0417319556 or email parishofmeredith@bigpond.com

Heartfelt Congratulations to St Aloysius School who were awarded **Environment Project of the Year**, and to **Ruby Dalton, Young Citizen of the Year** in the **Borough of Queenscliffe Australia Day Awards!** Ruby is a 16-year-old former student of St Aloysius & currently in Year 11 at St Ignatius College.

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

Please contact Daniella for more information.



Love Your Glasses!

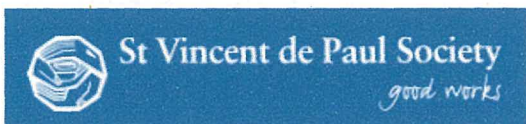
Contact Majella O'Connor and the Team for an appointment, service or advice.

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Plenary Council 2020:

What is God asking of Us in Australia at this time?

What is the Plenary Council all about?

Please visit www.cam.org.au/plenary/ for more information.

Have your say by Wednesday 6th March.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 4th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 4

Tuesday 5th February – St Agatha

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

Wednesday 6th February – St Paul Miki

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 7th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 4

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

Friday 8th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 4

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 9th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 4

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

Sunday 10th February – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

*** This week, Reconciliation will be available after week day masses upon request ***

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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 Agatha has been honoured since ancient times, although very little is known about her other than legend. Early tradition describes her as a young, wealthy virgin who was devoted to Christ. During times when Christians were persecuted, she refused the advances of the consul Quintinian, who threatened to have her charged. Agatha held firm to her beliefs and was subsequently tortured and martyred. In the early church, St Agatha was invoked against fire, particularly the volcanic eruptions of Mt Etna. She is also a patron against breast cancer.



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

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| cut | found | manure |
| dig | gardener | master |
| down | growing | vineyard |
| figs | leave | year |

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When Jesus began teaching at the Jewish meeting places, people started talking about Jesus and were amazed at the wonderful things he said. Complete the sentences of things that Jesus said during his ministry.

Thy _____ come, thy _____ be _____.

A good _____ cannot produce bad _____.

I am the _____ of life, he who _____ to _____ shall not _____.

Blessed are the meek, _____ inherit the _____.

I am the light _____.

