



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

29 SEPTEMBER 2024

FIRST READING

Num 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers.

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14. R. v. 9

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

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 fear of the Lord is holy, / abiding for ever. / The decrees of the Lord are truth / and all of them just. **R.**
3. So in them your servant finds instruction; / great reward is in their keeping. / But who can detect all his errors? / From hidden faults acquit me. **R.**
4. From presumption restrain your servant / and let it not rule me. / Then shall I be blameless, / clean from grave sin. **R.**



SECOND READING

James 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James.

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!



OUR LADY of MT CARMEL PARISH BULLETIN

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REFLECTION: Why is Jesus a Carpenter? Carpentry is a strange profession. A carpenter would take a tree and intentionally destroy its natural beauty. A carpenter will hack away at the trunk of the tree, removing its defensive layer through the use of axes, saws, chisels and planes. In fact, if you did not understand what the carpenter was doing, you would think that the person simply delighted in doing violence to a piece of wood. But it is through this violent action that the inner beauty of the wood is revealed. A master craftsman not only shapes the wood for a useful purpose but also allows the true colour and grain of the wood to be seen. At this point we need to ask the question, “Was it purely an accident that Jesus was a carpenter?” “Was it a simple random chance that the Saviour of the world would take on this profession?” “Or “Was God trying to reveal something about how He works with His people?” The Scriptures often describe the purifying work that God does through the image of refining gold or cleaning dirty clothing but maybe the best image is that of a carpenter. It could be often hard to understand what God is doing in our lives particularly when it seems that good things are being stripped away from us. We need to trust as He cuts away all our defensive layers. He will be revealing our true inner beauty.

SCHOOL CARPARK: The school carpark is out of bounds from Monday 30th September until

Tuesday 1st October 2024 due to the relining-marking of the carpark bays. Thank you. Fr Michael.

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION for all CHURCH WORKERS: The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened the scope of safeguarding of children to include adults at risk. This induction provides an overview of the: • Catholic Safeguarding Standards, Policies and Procedures. • Understanding Abuse, Grooming and Prevention. • Reporting of concerns. • Role of the Safeguarding Officer. • Collective Responsibility and Care... ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is **anyone** in the Archdiocese in **any role** – paid or voluntary. Please register for the upcoming session if you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years. The upcoming session is as follow: **Date:** Saturday, 19 October 2024. **Time:** 10-11 am. **Venue:** Our Lady of Fatima, 10 Foss Street, Palmyra. **Registration:** <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#online-training>.

CATHOLIC DEAF SOCIAL NIGHT: On the **last Friday of the Month**, 6pm to 8pm, at 450 Hay Street in the City, the Catholic Deaf Ministry run a social night for the Deaf. An Auslan interpreter is provided. The venue is wheelchair accessible. Parking is available in the carpark next door and is free from 6pm. Light dinner, tea and coffee are provided. For more information;

emmanuelcentre@perthcatholic.org.au.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT: Join us for a Vocations Discernment weekend retreat to help guide God's call for your life. Fr Joseph Laundy, Vocations Director, invites men aged 18+ to join our Discernment Retreat from **18-20 October 2024** at St Charles Seminary, Guildford. This retreat offers spiritual formation, vocation talks and more to help participants discern God's call. Cost is \$50. Only 3 spots remain. To register call 9220 5901 or email vocations.perthcatholic.org.au/discernment-retreat-2024.

BJ HICKEY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN: The Centre for Faith Enrichment is once again calling for applications to the **BJ Hickey Scholarship!** The scholarships are for Biblical studies of any length and at any level. You don't need to be an academic – just someone with a desire to further their knowledge of Scripture and to help others with that knowledge. To access the scholarship application details and the new digital Scholarship Application Form, please visit the [Scholarships page](#) on the Centre for Faith Enrichment website: www.cfe.org.au. Please note that applications close at **5pm on Friday, 1 November 2024**. These will be considered in November 2024 and applicants will be notified in December 2024. For all related enquiries, please email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au or call 9278 0261



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MASS TIMES WEEKENDS: Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 7.30am & 9am.

MASS TIMES WEEKDAYS: Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 9am, Thursday 9am, Friday 9am & Saturday 9am.

RECONCILIATION - Saturday's: 9.30-10am and 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm & Friday 9.30 – 10.30am.

MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 28 to Friday 4 October 2024
Saturday 28 September
9am Mass: Feliz Namora (Anniversary)
6pm Mass: Connie Minervini (Anniversary)
Sunday 29 September
7.30am Mass: Marcus You (RIP)
9am Mass: Giovanni Di Stefano (Anniversary)
Tuesday 1 October
9am Mass: Jennifer Derrell (Anniversary)
Wednesday 2 October
9am Mass: Beatrice Di Tullio (Anniversary)
Thursday 3 October
8.30am Mass: Anna Jurica (Anniversary)
Friday 4 October
10am Funeral Mass: Anthony Fobrogo (RIP)
10am Holy Communion Service at Hilton Park Aged Care

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS: Christine Rhow, Veronica-Marie, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Martin-Joseph, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Damien-Ivan, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Zoe-Anne, Elisabetta Paddon, Edward Fortune, Kiara-Eve, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Anne & Justine Tonti, Greenville Paul, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Anibal Da Cunha, Peter Scanlan, June McGinnity, John Brackovich, Alison, Sofia, Rebecca, Fr Liam Keating SMA, Fr Francis Sundararajan, Fr Greg Carroll, Fr Wilson Donizzetti, Bill Watkins, Daniel DiMarco, Joshua Oorschot, Fr John Piumatti, Fr Don Kettle, Mila Hogan, Mara Ravlich, Fr Vittorio Ricciardi, Lloyd Smith.

VOTIVE CANDLES: Please be aware that Votive Candles are 30 Cents each. Thank you.

HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Monday night's 7-9pm.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are Baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you to choose from the families of our Parish many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Meet every Monday, except for public holidays, between 7 and 8 pm in the first meeting room to the left of the Church. New members are always welcome. Please contact Ian (President) on 0428 121 152 for further information.

2025 COLUMBAN CATHOLIC ART CALENDARS: Are on sale for \$10 each from the Parish Office. The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar.

LOST PROPERTY: Dear Parishioners, please do not leave personal affects unattended during Mass and ensure that you collect all your items before leaving the church building.



GOSPEL

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

'THE LITTLE ONES'

You may recall from last week's passage from the Gospel of Mark that Jesus placed a child among them. The child exemplifies others who believe in Jesus and are open and receptive to learning more. In today's passage, among a series of instructions, we hear of 'these little ones who believe in me.' The instruction is a continuation of the teaching to the failing disciples about how to receive Jesus.

John, who is one of the leadership group of the Twelve, addresses Jesus as 'teacher' and asks a question that reveals his own misunderstanding. Having seen someone casting out demons in Jesus' name, he says 'we tried to stop him, because *he was not following us.*' Jesus responds to refocus them to him. Their proclamation of the good news is not about gaining followers of the Twelve but inviting followers of Jesus. In this context the further instruction of not putting stumbling blocks in front of 'the little ones who believe' makes more sense.

The language that follows seems strange to us, yet the negatives are graphically pointing to the real goal of entering the fullness of life in the kingdom of God. This is the reward for all who might offer even a cup of water to one in need. As we reflect on the readings today, take time to think who 'the little ones who believe' are among us. How do we see our role in encouraging others to join us as disciples and servants of Jesus, and acting in his name?

Dr Rosemary Canavan