

**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 SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

29 SEPTEMBER 2024

## '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

## 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!'

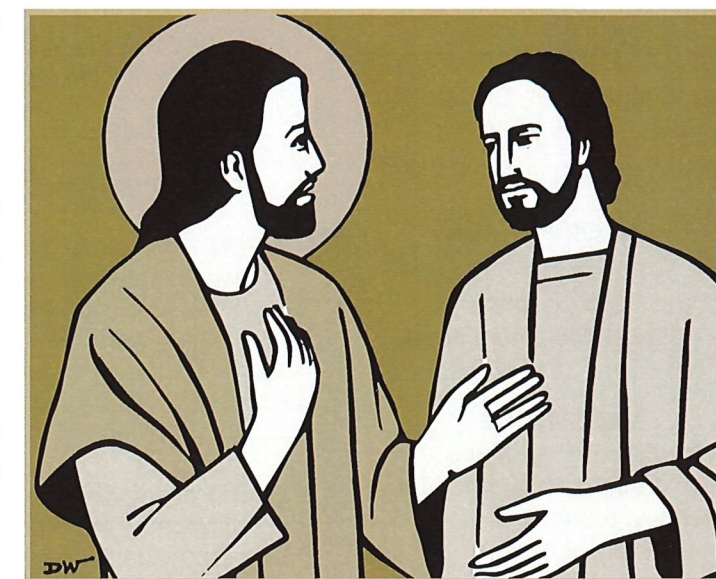
### ■ The word of the Lord.

## 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.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

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





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**MASS TIMES**

- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
- **Sun: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm**
- Tuesday: 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.45am
- Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

**26<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time YR B**  
**29 Sun:** 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday O/T  
**30 Mon:** No Mass  
**01 Oct Tues:** St Therese  
**02 Wed:** The Holy Guardian Angels  
**03 Thu:** 26<sup>th</sup> week in O/T  
**04 Fri:** St Francis of Assisi  
**05 Sat:** 26<sup>th</sup> week in O/T / Vigil 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday O/T

**SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS**


- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
- Rosary: Sat 8am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
- Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.00pm


**\*For Baptisms & Weddings\***  
Please call the Parish Office

**PARISH FAITH FORMATION**

- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.15pm.
- **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.

**PARISH SCHOOLS**

 **Notre Dame Catholic Primary**  
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**WELCOME TO MASS!** A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors. Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

**TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

*OPEN TO THE SPIRIT'S WORKINGS! The Spirit of God is active and present in the world. Wherever we see good we know that God's Spirit is at work. The Spirit works in surprising ways. It is sometimes through the least important member of a community that the spirit speaks. May bigotry and prejudice never blind to the workings of God in our church and in our world.*

**MASS COLLECTIONS**

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	First Collection EFT Details		Second Collection EFT Details	
	A/C Name: Cloverdale Presbytery		A/C Name: Cloverdale Parish	
	BSB:	086 006	BSB:	086 006
	Account #:	140 608 771	Account #:	667 172 433
	Reference:	Name	Reference:	Name

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER**

Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 6.00pm</b>	J Intervencion M Piliae		M Jackson T Hanson	M Jackson L Nguyen	A McPherson D Patrick S Lopera
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 8.00am</b>	George Sekulla	S D'Castro	J Joji M Piliae	P Subrata K Nguyen	<b>Altar Server Required</b>
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 10.00am</b>	Ashley Rebeiro	F Brown	J Branchi P Palmez	F Brown R Ratnayake	J & L Carson
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 6.00pm</b>	Pedro Borja		G Godfrey V Conier	P & J Pereyra	J Mai A P Leo

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**Parish Events**

**Masses in the Parish**

It is now coming up to Flu Season and Covid 19 is still in our community. It is your obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. However, if you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better.

**Pilgrim Statues**

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's' statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138. **28<sup>th</sup> September 2024:** T Rodrigues 365 Daly St, Cloverdale & H & V Heldt 31 Morago Cres Cloverdale.

**RCIA Commencement for 2024/2025**

If you know of anyone who would like to join the Catholic Faith Community, please contact Parish Office & details will be passed onto Ann our coordinator or see Fr Quynh after the Mass. RCIA has commenced on a Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Parish Centre. It is not too late to enrol.

**Safeguarding Story & Information Books**

We have a few copies of Story books for children & information books for teenagers & parents available in the parish office. Please see Safeguarding Notice board Wright St entrance for book titles.

**Vocations Discernment Retreat**

Fr. Joseph Laundry, Vocations Director, invites men aged 18+ to join the Discernment Retreat from **18–20 October 2024** at St. Charles Seminary, Guildford. This retreat offers spiritual formation, vocations talks, and more to help participants discern God's call. Only 3 spots remain, and registration details can be found at [vocations.perthcatholic.org.au/discernment-retreat-2024](http://vocations.perthcatholic.org.au/discernment-retreat-2024).

Please see the notice boards for further information.

**First Sunday of the Month Morning Tea & Food Stall**

Next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October in the Parish Centre after the 8am & 10am Masses. Light snack served for morning tea along with tea & coffee. Variety of delicious food items for sale. Cash & EFTPOS. All proceeds to the PBF.

**Funeral Details for the late Mr Glen Arathoon**

**Rosary** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September @ 6pm in Notre Dame Church.

**Requiem Mass** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October @ 10am followed by Refreshments in the Parish Centre.

**Cremation:** Northfolk Chapel Karrakatta @ 12.30pm.

**Meeting for the Week**

**Social Committee:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October @ 7pm in the Parish Centre.

**Parish Council:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October @ 7pm in the Parish Centre.

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Congratulations to **Joseph Tat Thang Dang & Joseph Tat Thanh Dang** who are being Confirmed on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September @ the 6pm Mass.

**Around the Archdiocese**

**Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course**

Training Level 1 is for all church workers, paid or volunteers, who have not attended the course in the last 3 years. The overview provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures. Email: [safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au) or <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>.

This is now a Self-paced online learning module that can be completed at any time. Go to the 'Training Page' on the website to check out the induction. See noticeboards for full details.

**'The Record' Magazine September Edition**

Available from both sides of the church. Good articles: Letters from Archbishop Timothy Costelloe & Bishop Don Sproston, The Record celebrates 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and many more good articles. Please take a copy.

**Notre Dame Community**

**Mary MacKillop's Story & Colouring Books**

Are available to purchase. The books are written in English & Vietnamese. Pink – colouring book \$5.00 each and the green, blue & yellow Story books - \$10.00 each. All proceeds to the PBF.

**Containers for Change**

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



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**In Our Prayers...**

**In Memoriam**

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *Augusta Clark Kessler, Peter Butcher, Sharon Fletcher, Ivy & Harry Klass, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, George & Stella Mendez, Blaga Juras, Caroline Bong, Katerina & Domenico Murace, Ernesto & Luigia Rocca, Rose & Americo Ratto, Denzil DeVisser, recently deceased Glen Arathoon and all souls in Purgatory.*

**Parishioners who are unwell:**

*Deacon Al & Aileen Atkinson, Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Allan Jones, Honey Heldt, Hanh Hoang & Helen Bertola (Coverley).*

**Baptism**

Welcome into our Catholic Faith community:  
Ava Rose Elliott

