

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!'

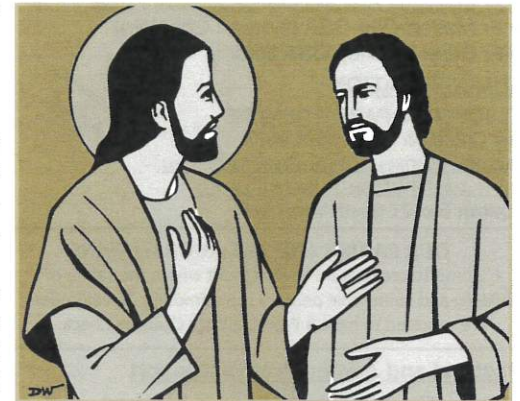
■ The word of the Lord.

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.

■ 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!



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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th Sept 2024)
 St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
 St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Matteo Cho OSA (Korean Chaplain)
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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant)
- ▶ Juliet Oei (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Bernadette Dennis (St Joseph's Outreach Services)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, by appointment or before/after Weekday Mass

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ RCIA Thursday 7pm Parish Centre
- ▶ Finance Committee Tues October 8th 4pm
- ▶ Parish Council Wednesday October 9th

AUGUSTINE 'WHAT OF TOMMOROW?'



"Take a look at anyone
 What are they today? They hardly know themselves. They have some slight idea, perhaps, of what they are today, but as for tomorrow – nothing. So the Lord feeds us all with good judgement, distributing what is appropriate to each of us: this to one person, that to others, to each what they ought to have, one thing to one and another to another. For the Lord knows what he is doing. He feeds us with judgement, we whom he redeemed after he had himself been judged. So he feeds us all with good judgement."
 (Sermon on the Shepherds)



COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS 2025

Are available for purchase from the parish office. \$10 each. Be sure to receive your copy by contacting us.

PARISH BAPTISMS

We welcome the family and friends of Isabella Mazzetti who is to be baptised in our parish this weekend.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Robert Huggins, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Ronald Seaman, Mito Gloudemans, Anne Rigg, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe and Christine Rodriques. Janine Forster.

MASS COLLECTIONS 22/09/2024

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.	\$ 913.95
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 421.55
Envelopes	\$ 330.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards \$	485.60
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 570.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

BECOMING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN



We invite anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic faith, or adult Catholics yet to receive the

Sacraments, to an information evening on Thursday 26th September 7pm. Please contact the Parish office for more details. 9826 9677

COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9.00AM MASS

After mass at St Thomas Aquinas this Sunday 29th September, join us for coffee at Botanical Hotel, 169 Domain Road. All welcome!

IN LOVING MEMORY

Recently Deceased

✦ Julie Primrose

Anniversaries

✦ Evelyn Pereira ✦ Sheila Brody
 ✦ Fr Gabriele Muratore ✦ Chaiel Balcombe
 ✦ Michelle Benson ✦ Kathleen Dennis

HEALTH OUTREACH CLINIC



Melbourne University Community Health Alliance and SJOS will hold a Preventative Health Outreach Clinic this Sunday 29th Sept 2-5pm in the meeting room of the parish centre. Free screenings available include Medicine, Dentistry, Audiology & Optometry.

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 29th September 2024

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 28th September	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 29th September 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 30th September St Jerome		
Tuesday 1st October St Therese of the Child Jesus	10.00am Anointing Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 3rd October 26 th Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 4th October St Francis of Assisi	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 5th October 26 th Week in Ordinary Time	9.00am Mass	



110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees - Sunday 29 Sept.

The theme of Pope Francis' Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "God Walks With His People." The Holy Father reminds us that all of us, God's people, are migrants on this earth, on our way to the "true homeland", the Kingdom of Heaven.