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26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

26 SEPTEMBER 2021

107th World Day of Migrants & Refugees

Sunday 26 September 2021

Theme: "Towards an ever wider we."

Entrance Antiphon | Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

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.

First Reading | Numbers 11:25-29

A reading from the Book of Numbers.

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. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 18(19):8,10,12-14

Response: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

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.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

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.

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin.

Second Reading | James 5:1-6

A reading from the Letter of St James.

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. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation | Jn17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel | Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.'

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PARTS OF THE MASS

Gloria (in Vietnamese)

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Credo | The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from
heaven,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
'and became man', all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Orate fratres

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours...

The people will stand and reply:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Sanctus (in Filipino)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Mysterium fidei

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Libera nos

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days...

The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:

For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Agnus Dei (in Karen)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us. (2x)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

After the Lamb of God, the people kneel.

Ecce Angus Dei

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

And together with the people, the priest adds:

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my
roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.



Prayer for the Year of St Joseph



*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace,
mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.*

MIGRANTS & REFUGEES SUNDAY MULTI-LINGUAL MASS

Gloria in Vietnamese

Prayer of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading in French

Responsorial Psalm in Filipino

2nd Reading in Indonesian

Alleluia & Gospel in English

Holy, holy, holy in Filipino

Lamb of God in Karen

all other parts of the

Mass are in English

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jubilee Celebrations

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions and the possibility of further lockdowns, we have decided to postpone our Jubilee Mass and Luncheon until next year when more of us can join the celebration. Date TBA.

Parish Photos

The Jubilee Committee is interested in borrowing and copying any old photos of the Robert St Church & School from between 1961– 1981. Also any photos of Baptisms or weddings in the church from that time. Please contact the Presbytery if you can help.

Jubilee Calendar

As part of our Jubilee celebrations we are planning to create a calendar for 2022. Order forms for the Calendar will be available soon in the foyer. We are proposing that this will take the place of the Columban Art Calendar for 2022.

Collections

In the meantime while restrictions are ongoing we will be using the long handled baskets for collections during the Mass. To make it easier for Collectors we will combine the First Collection and Planned Giving and in the one basket.

Catholic Viewpoint

In January 2021 the Catholic Viewpoint returned after a 12 month hiatus triggered by the 2020 COVID lock down. The new Catholic Viewpoint is a slimmed down publication now delivered every three months and focuses on key events around the Diocese. Available online at: <https://armidale.catholic.org.au/catholic-viewpoint/>

Invitation | Taster Session

Are You Called to be a Spiritual Director? A Pastoral Supervisor? Or a compassionate listener to others? We invite you to a Taster Session (via Zoom), on Saturday 2 October 2021 at 9.30am-11am AEST to explore whether one of these ministries may be for you. Come and experience in a facilitated group via Zoom: a) the Siloam Program for the Formation of Spiritual Directors, b) the Emmaus Supervision Program, or c) Let the Heart Listen. Each of these courses is available in 2022 in-person (Covid-permitting) or via Zoom. To register for the free Taster event, please click the link on our home page at www.heartoflife.melbourne, or contact us at secretary@heartoflife.melbourne or Ph (03) 9890 1101.

TV / ONLINE MASS SCHEDULE

TV Mass - Channel 10, every Sunday 06.00am

Online:

St Mary's Cathedral (Sydney) | Sunday 10.30am

<https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>

St Patrick's Cathedral (Melbourne) | Sunday 11am

<https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/mass-online>

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Schedule of Masses & other Sacraments

Holy Mass

27/09 - 03/10

Monday	07.00am
Tuesday	09.30am
Wednesday	09.30am
Thursday	09.30am
Friday	09.30am
Saturday	05.30pm
Sunday	09.00am & 5.30pm

Confession

Saturday	04.45pm to 05.15pm
Sunday	08.15am to 08.45am 04.45pm to 05.15pm

Baptism, Wedding,
Anointing of the Sick & Funeral
by appointment

Our History, Our Story | 1981-1991

Finally, the date for the opening of our splendid new church, the 17th April, 1983 came around. Such excitement! All the hard work of recent years was forgotten as parishioners marveled at seeing the result of all the many events we had attended. The final decision was, it was worth it all! The new building was really set off by the laying of the instant lush green lawn surrounding it the day before the opening. A miracle!

The new church, dedicated to Mary Help of Christians, was opened and blessed by Most Rev. Bishop Henry Kennedy of Armidale. With Bishops and many priests from the Diocese, present and former parishioners, local Civic leaders and visitors from throughout the Diocese and State, the church was filled to capacity for the first Mass. The church lived up to expectations, beautiful, functional and well designed. The large entrance lobby opened to the main body of the church. With the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and a cry/meeting room, seating capacity was 470.

*(Faith of Our Fathers, Living Still...
Recounted and written by Kitty Thomas)*

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION

First Collection	\$ 863.80
Planned Giving	\$ 1,277.10
Loose Collection	\$ 50.00

**Please consider EFT
in making donation:**

To support the priests (1st collection):

*Priest's monthly stipend, food,
housekeeping & annual retreat*

Account Name: St Edwards Presbytery

BSB: 082 105 **Acct. No.:** 001023592

Reference: First + last name

To support the Church (PGP envelope):

*repairs & maintenance, insurance,
church requisites, utilities, etc.*

Account Name: St Edwards Suspense

BSB: 082 105 **Acct. No.:** 001002950

Reference: Envelope Number + last name

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'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. *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Communion Antiphon | Cf. Ps 118: 49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.

In your charity, please pray for

our sick

Fr John Willis	Shelly Howlett	Frances Cartwright
Barry Winning	Sally Shrago	Eduardo Morales
Harryson Rits	Angela Allan	John Green
Chris Fardy	Narelle Albans	Julien Ryan
Petrina (Fardy) Keys	Jay Peachy	Addison Peachy

health & safety of

Anthony Shwe Hla Paw Ginavis Naw Pha Day

our deceased

- + Simon Cartwright
- + Ted Owen
- + Faye Marciante
- + George Benning
- + Kevin Conroy
- + Sr Claire Burgess, RSJ
- + Maurice Halloran, *anniversary 26/09*
- + Kevin Gorman, *anniversary 27/09*

Roman Martyrology

27/09 St Vincent de Paul, *priest*
28/09 St Lawrence Ruiz & companions, *martyrs*
29/09 Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, *archangels*
30/09 St Jerome, *priest & doctor*
1/10 St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, *virgin & doctor*
2/10 The Holy Guardian Angels

Omnes sancti Mártyres, oráte pro nobis

IN CASE OF FUTURE SNAP LOCKDOWNS

In the event of further lockdowns, please know that our priest & deacon are available to provide for your spiritual needs:

- home communion, confession, anointing of the sick, holy viaticum & the last rites - (*request through email or phone*);
- weekly parish bulletin is available on the parish website and is also emailed to our subscribers (*send us an email if you want to be on our mailing list*);
- printed bulletins are available in front of the church on Saturday (12pm to 5pm) and Sunday (9am to 5pm);
- Mass on Demand (*recorded on Saturday afternoon*) - *link is emailed on Sunday morning and is available from 7am to 6pm.*

THE WORD IN OTHER WORDS

First Reading | Commentary

This is a curious little scene, and the corresponding scene in the gospel is no less curious. It is part of the story of Israel's wanderings in the desert. Moses' father-in-law wisely suggests the Moses to appoint assistants to deal with all the complaints, quarrels and lawsuits among the people. So some of the divine spirit of judgement which was on Moses descends upon these seventy elders. However, there seems to have been some sort of irregularity in the appointment of Eldad and Medad, which leads to objections even by Joshua, Moses' faithful servant and successor. Nevertheless, the message finally given is that the Spirit of God is to be welcomed wherever it may be found. It is a valuable reminder that the Spirit of God is greater than human regulations and crosses human boundaries. The wisdom of God may be found beyond the organisation of the Church. Genuine holiness may be found also beyond the limits of the Church. We must respect the freedom of God to give what he wills where he wills it, and we must be prepared to learn from those who do not belong to our own tradition.

Second Reading | Commentary

This is a denunciation of the selfishness of the rich in the style of the Old Testament prophets, with a wealth of daunting imagery. This strength of expression is somewhat surprising in the early decades of Christianity, for it seems that wealth was not one of the temptations to deflect the early Christians. There do seem to have been rich Christians in the community at Corinth, but on the whole the Christians seem to have belonged to the lower classes and slaves. James, the presumed author of the letter, was the leader of the Jerusalem community. The Church at Jerusalem seems to have been in chronic financial difficulty: Paul was asked to help it out, and took a collection from the gentile Churches up to Jerusalem. In the early second century the pagan Celsus denounces Christians as ignorant and ill-educated. However, these warnings are still relevant today. It is still tempting to ease cash-flow by postponing payment of bills! The power and immunity given by wealth can still have a corrosive influence which blinds the owners to the needs and susceptibilities of others.

Gospel | Commentary

The gospel gives us a rich insight into two entirely separate matters, for this part of Mark is a collection of sayings about discipleship. The first little story tells us that we must accept good wherever we can find it, not only in our own group and where we expect it to be. It is the same lesson that came in the first reading. The Spirit of God is at work not only in Catholics, not only in Christians, not only even in explicit believers. As Vatican II teaches so strongly, the Holy Spirit is at work even in those who are seeking the Kingdom under signs and symbols. They can be better people and better Christians than those who sit back and do nothing, secure in the belief that they are members of the Church!

Secondly, the gospel gives some dire sayings about 'scandals'. The word so translated means not stories about evil people or evil doings, but a trip-stone which makes people fall over. The dire sayings are about leading other believers into evil and about the trip-stones in ourselves, the disordered desires, that lead us into evil. Jesus sayings here must be taken with the utmost seriousness, but perhaps not literally to the extent of self-mutilation.

Daylight saving begins at 2am,
Eastern Standard Time
on Sunday 3 October 2021.

