

## OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 - 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

**Migrant & Refugee Sunday**

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Ron Broadbent, Laurie Hannebery, Noel Gustus, Joyce Baker, Hazel Hayes, Bernie Duffy, John Jess (Glenorchy), Bill McPherson, Mervyn Roxburgh & Lucy Leitch.

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Dennis Davies (Genevieve's brother), Pat Byrne, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan, Mia Hanrahan, Colleen Hains, and all those in need of prayer.

### **ROSTER:**

#### ***Introduction & Reading***

Today: Bernadette Franc

October 6<sup>th</sup>: John Jess

#### ***Prayers of the Faithful***

Today: Therese Jess

October 6<sup>th</sup>: Carita Clancy

#### ***Assembly Leaders***

Today: Angela Gerrard & Carita Clancy

October 6<sup>th</sup>: Sue Mahony & Genevieve Johnston

#### ***Special Minister***

September 29<sup>th</sup> & October 6<sup>th</sup>: Gail Hall

#### ***Music***

Sue Mahony

#### ***Church Cleaning, Linen, Flowers***

September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 6<sup>th</sup>: Carmel Milenkovic & Judy Franc

#### ***Church Grounds***

September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 6<sup>th</sup>: Peter Milenkovic

#### ***Newsletter***

October – Angela Gerrard – 0439 565 468

### **MASS TIMES**

October 6<sup>th</sup>: **LLA 10.00am**

27<sup>th</sup> *Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Diocesan e-News see the below link:

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news>

### **A Prayer for this Week:-**

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

### **TODAY IS MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY**

The theme of Pope Francis' Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "God Walks With His People."

#### ***Pope Francis' Prayer for the 110th World Day of Migrants & Refugees 2024***

*God Almighty Father, we are your pilgrim Church journeying towards the Kingdom of heaven.*

*We live in our homeland, but as if we were foreigners.*

*Every foreign place is our home, yet every native land is foreign to us.*

*Though we live on earth, our true citizenship is in heaven.*

*Do not let us become possessive of the portion of the world you have given us as a temporary home.*

*Help us to keep walking, together with our migrant brothers and sisters, toward the eternal dwelling you have prepared for us.*

*Open our eyes and our hearts so that every encounter with those in need becomes an encounter with Jesus, your Son and our Lord. Amen.*

#### ***Ordination to the Priesthood Mass & Thanksgiving Mass: Cay Trinh***

Deacon Cay Trinh will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.30am. All welcome to attend. A light lunch will follow in the Hall. For those not able to attend, the Mass will be livestreamed. People of the Diocese of Ballarat are invited to form the choir for this Mass (further details to come).

Cay will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 24, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral at 5.00pm. All welcome to attend. A light supper will follow in the Hall.

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!