



TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR B SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

### REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Sometimes we act and speak as though we humans have the monopoly on access to the power of God even if, in fact, we have no such monopoly. In today's gospel Jesus seems to be telling his disciples that God works through people of good will, irrespective of whether they are on the edge ("not one of us") or at the centre of the kin-dom of God movement. Much the same message is found in the first reading from the Book of Numbers which has Joshua trying, on somewhat tenuous grounds, to exclude two men from prophesying. Moses does not take Joshua's advice. On the contrary, he prays that the Spirit of God might "rest on" and, by implication, work through all of God's people. Both the gospel passage and the reading from Numbers seem to be warning against attempts to control or domesticate the Spirit of God. The second part of the gospel reading (9:42-48) brings a dramatic change of mood as it takes up the issue of scandalising the "little ones". The reference to "little ones" marks a return to the scene in the latter part of last week's gospel reading where Jesus takes a little child in his arms and instructs his disciples. The horror of harming the little ones is dramatized in a series of sayings that challenge the most vivid of imaginations. These sayings are hardly intended to be taken literally. Cutting off offending limbs only deals with the symptoms. It may, however, offer some solace to those little ones who have suffered "scandal" or worse to know that there is no stronger condemnation in the gospels than that reserved for those who bring harm to children and to vulnerable others. We are impelled to do everything in our power to heal the hurts of the past and to create conditions that ensure the protection and safety of our children. We are likewise impelled to heal the hurts affecting tiny creatures like the bees that are so crucial for life in our common home. The provision of secure and affordable housing for vulnerable families is one possible response to today's gospel challenge. The restoration of habitat where fire has ravaged the land is yet another response. As we move into the final week of the Season of Creation (September 1-October 4), we recall the 2021 theme, "A Home for All". Every creature needs a home. The escalating cost of housing and of rental properties has accelerated the problem of homelessness in the human community. The climate crisis has accelerated the loss of habitat for countless other species. To take up the challenge of addressing homelessness is to accept the invitation of Pope Francis to live the eighth work of mercy. It involves imagination and industry. It means visualising new possibilities and engaging in "daily gestures" that have the potential to bring life to the "little ones" of this world, the human and the other-than-human.



### Prayer

Holy, beloved Father,  
your Son Jesus taught us  
that there is great rejoicing in heaven  
whenever someone lost is found,  
whenever someone excluded, rejected or discarded  
is gathered into our "we",  
which thus becomes ever wider.

We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus,  
and all people of good will,  
the grace to do your will on earth.  
Bless each act of welcome and outreach  
that draws those in exile  
into the "we" of community and of the Church,  
so that our earth may truly become  
what you yourself created it to be:  
the common home of all our brothers and sisters. Amen.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 3 May 2021  
Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles*

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 27 September - St Vincent de Paul (Memorial)  
Tuesday 28 September - St Wenceslaus and St Laurence Ruiz & Companions.  
Wednesday 29 September - Sts Michael Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (Feast)  
Thursday 30 September - St Jerome (Memorial)  
Friday 1 October - St Therese of the Child Jesus (Memorial)  
Saturday 2 October - The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial)



TODAY’S LITURGY—YEAR B

Entrance Hymn CWBII 497 v.1,2,3

God has spoken by his prophets,  
spoken his unchanging Word;  
each from age to age proclaiming  
God the one, the righteous Lord!  
In the world’s despair and turmoil  
one firm anchor still holds fast,  
God is on his throne eternal,  
he alone the first and last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,  
Christ the everlasting Son,  
brightness of the Father’s glory,  
with the Father, ever one:  
spoken by the Word incarnate,  
God from God, ere time began,  
light of light, to Earth descending,  
God, revealed as Son of Man.

God is speaking by the Spirit  
speaking to our hearts again,  
in the age-long Word declaring  
God’s own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
one sure faith yet standing fast:  
God still speaks, his word unchanging,  
God the first and God the last.

Text: George William Briggs 1875-1959

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.

1st Reading Numbers 11:25-29

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!’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8.10.12-14

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 instructions;  
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.)
- 2nd Reading James 5:1-6

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.

Gospel Acclamation John 17:7  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word, O Lord, is truth  
make us holy in the truth.  
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 9:38-43.45.47-48

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.’

EXTRAORDINARY FORM LATIN MASS  
HELD IN THE CATHEDRAL EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 5.30PM  
PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO LATIN MASS  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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Your presbytery and church contribution supports the priests of the Cathedral with the running of the Cathedral parish, maintenance and operation of the day to day costs associated with the presbytery and Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity.  
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### 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, *(All bow)*  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man. **(Continue)**  
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.

### HYMN AFTER COMMUNION /RECESSIONAL CWBII 489 v.1,2,5

#### Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.

King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
Kingship with him his servants gain;  
With Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

We are the Church; Christ bids us show  
That in his Church all nations find  
Their hearth and home where Christ restores  
True peace, true love, to humankind.



#### Catholic Theological College

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation *free* Zoom  
Information Session -

Date & Time: Saturday 12 October 7.00pm – 7.30pm

Presenters: Rev. Assoc. Prof. John Dupuche and Dr Chris Morris.

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### MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday 11.00am Mass

Organist: Dion Henman

Entrance Hymn	CWBII 497 v.1,2,3 God has Spoken
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 18 CWB 425 The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b> Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. <b>Alleluia!</b> (Colin Mawby)
The Lord's Prayer	CWB 14a & 15
Setting of the Mass	Missa Corona Dolorum Roger Heagney
Communion Motet	CWBII 611 Taste and see the goodness of the Lord Christopher Willcock
Hymn after Communion/ Recessional	CWBII 489 v.1,2,5 Forth in the peace

#### 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](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), or contact us at [secretary@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel (03) 98901101

#### PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

TO THE SON Lord Jesus,  
You grew in wisdom and  
maturity as you lived in the  
family of Nazareth in daily  
communion with St Joseph  
and Mary your mother.  
From St Joseph you learned  
the dignity of human work.  
Give parents the wisdom to  
support their children and to guide them in the way  
and work of your Kingdom.  
St Joseph, faithful parent and diligent worker,  
pray for us.

*St Joseph, man of dreams and trusting steward,  
pray for us.*



Image: Saint Joseph and the Christ by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (1617–1682)



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Email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au) or call Christine on 02 9560 5331 professions and trades are called to assist this mission placement by Friday October 29.



A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown...

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

#### **PODCASTS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING**

*Quality podcasts navigating marriage and family life*

##### **Parents of the Saints: How Did They Do It?**

In this podcast, Jason Evert speaks with Patrick O'Hearn about his new book 'Parents of the Saints: The Hidden Heroes Behind Our Favourite Saints', offering key insights into the families of popular saints. Listen at [www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving4](http://www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving4)

#### **GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE**

*Resources to help you explore the Bible*

##### **Praying with Scripture: How can we use the Bible in our prayer?**

Getting started: In this short video, Fr James Martin SJ introduces us Lectio Divina—a way of praying with the Bible that helps us listen to God. Watch at [www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted4](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted4)

Going deeper: Pray as You Go is an online prayer tool that provides a guided contemplation of each day's Gospel passage. Set aside 10-15 minutes, find a comfy space and visit [www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper4](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper4)

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### **'Treasuring Our Later Years' (Reflection series via ZOOM), 6 x Wednesdays, 22 September to 27 October 2021, 12.45pm– 3pm.**

Facilitated by Nicole Rotaru rsm, this series offers participants the opportunity to explore new possibilities that ageing offers daily. It will include input, conversation and the opportunity to depth and integrate reflections and learnings through personal reflection and creative expressions.

Topics covered include: ageing; spirituality; relationships; meaning; gratitude; death. Cost \$180 for the series, or \$30 per session. Bookings and payment via Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation website at [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)

For more information, contact email: [secretary@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne) or telephone: (03) 9890 1101.

### **ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL FOR MASSES.**

Please note that the Cathedral will remain closed until Covid Restrictions allow us to welcome worshippers.

Thank you for your patience.

#### **MASS TIME TABLE (in lockdown)**

Monday to Friday 1.00pm Mass  
- live streamed on CAM

Saturday 8.00am - live streamed on CAM

Sunday 11.00am - televised Mass on C31 and live streamed on CAM. Link:

[www.youtube.com/user/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb)

We look forward to welcoming you back to the Cathedral as soon as possible.

With warmest regards,

Fr Werner Utri.

Dean

St Patrick's Cathedral.

### **St Patrick's Cathedral Gift Shop**

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**<https://www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards/Statements>**

### **INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

**We pray for the sick and for all who have asked for our prayers.**

**We pray for all who have died recently, especially Alton Santos, Frank Bonnici, Josephine Calleja, Lorna Carthy, Anna Carthy and Karla Muirhead and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Laurie Haber, Angelo Bonnici, Emanuel Attard and Carmen Cutajar.**

**May they be welcomed to the heavenly banquet of God's promise.**

HOLY HOUR HELD IN THE  
CATHEDRAL

EVERY THURSDAY AT 6.30PM  
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FURTHER NOTICE.**