

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

## 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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# Reflections on the Gospel



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

30 SEPTEMBER 2018

## REJOICE IN GOODNESS WHEREVER IT BE

The disciples are disturbed when they see someone using Jesus' name—and hence his authority—to cast out demons. They try to curtail his activity because, they explain, he is "not one of us".

This over-zealous action on the part of the disciples earns rebuke rather than approval from Jesus. He does not mind his name being used for good. The main thing is that, whatever the means, human beings are set free from the power of Satan and reclaimed for the fullness of life. The disciples, on the other hand, are less focused upon the objective good done and more upon an outsiders use of what they see as their own prerogative and possession.

Jesus drives home the point by speaking about outsiders who give members of the community (possibly travelling missionaries) a cup of water to drink because they belong to Christ. Such outsiders show the kind of service to others that ought to be a hallmark of Jesus' followers. What determines the reward one will receive (at the judgement) is not whether one is inside or outside the community but whether one has performed the service to fellow human beings expected of the community.

Both instructions, taken together, show remarkable openness on Jesus' part to goodness and effective ministry outside the community of believers, strictly defined.

The second part of the Gospel takes up what really *is* to be feared and addressed: scandal *inside* the community. In language of prophetic exaggeration, not to be taken literally, Jesus makes clear the need for vigorous action in this regard.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

## 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14. R. v. 9

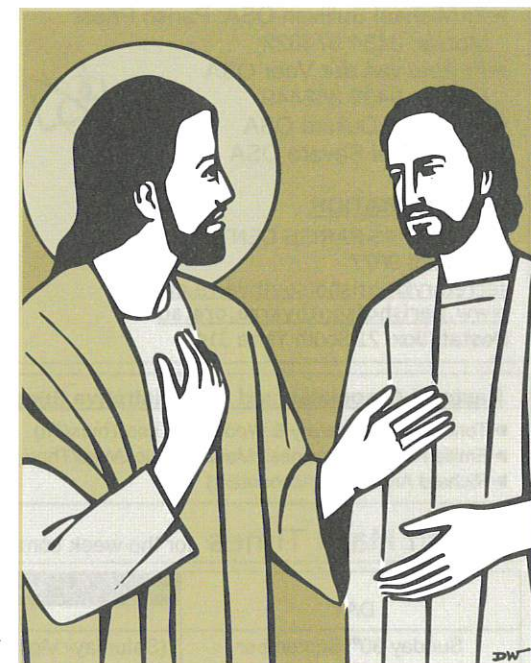
**R.** The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

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.

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**CHILDRENS' LITURGY**

St Joseph's • 10.30am Mass  
 First & third Sundays of the month  
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

St Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm  
 (or by request)

**ANOINTING / HEALING MASS**

First Tuesday of the month 10am at  
 St Joseph's Church  
*(Senior parishioners, those with ongoing  
 sickness, those with mental illness, may all  
 receive the Sacrament of the Sick )*

**Pastoral Associates and Administrative Support**

- ▶ Toni Stuart (Secretary & Weddings: Tues/Thurs/Fri)
- ▶ Yvonne Bolland (Weddings: Tues 10am-12noon)
- ▶ Emilie Rousset (Business Manager: Tues/Wed/Thurs)
- ▶ Diane Brebner (Alfred Hospital Liaison)
- ▶ Richard Anderson (Accountant)

**Parish Mass Times for the week commencing weekend 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	(Saturday- Vigil 6pm) 10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October <b>St Therese of Child of Jesus</b>		
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October <b>Guardian Angels</b>	10.00am Mass Anointing/Healing Mass	12.45pm Communion Service
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October <b>St Francis of Assisi</b>	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Communion Service
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am Mass 10.30am Christian Meditation	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> October <b>St Bruno</b>	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	

**LITURGY ROSTERS** have been sent via email or printed copies are available from the sacristy today.

**PARISH CHRONICLE** The 2018 Spring edition of the Parish Chronicle has been posted and emailed this week. It is also available on the parish website: [www.parishofsouthyarra.org.au](http://www.parishofsouthyarra.org.au)

**ANOINTING/HEALING MASS** The Anointing/Healing Mass will be at St Joseph's 10am Mass this Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October for senior parishioners, those with ongoing illness, those with mental illness.

**EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- ▶ Christian Meditation: Fridays 10.30am
- ▶ Praise & Worship: Sun 7 October 6.30pm in St Joseph's church followed by coffee & cake.
- ▶ Comedy Night: Sat 20 Oct 7pm




**PRAYER REFLECTION FROM ST AUGUSTINE**

"Because sometimes injustice and the night of evil prevail within the Church and suffocate love, Christians themselves can become the worst enemies of the church."

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS' SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT**

This Sunday is Social Justice Sunday. The Australian Catholic Bishops have registered their deep concern over the alarming growth in the problem of homelessness and insecure housing in Australia today. In their Social Justice Statement 2018-19, *A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land*, the Bishops call on Australians to look beyond the immediate challenges of the average household budget, to consider those who are homeless or facing housing stress because of skyrocketing rents and property prices. There are some copies of the statement in both churches or it can be downloaded at [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

**WORKING BEES – HELP NEEDED!**

On Sat Oct 6 at St Thomas' and Sat Oct 27 at St Joseph's  working bees to clean the church, make small repairs and tidy the garden will be held from 9am-12pm. If you can spare some time on either day your help will be much appreciated. Any cleaning supplies or equipment you are able to bring will be helpful. Sign up sheets are at the entrance to both churches.

**RCIA**

The parish RCIA program for 2018-2019 will commence at St Joseph's in October. This year the meetings will be held on Tuesdays from 7 - 8.30pm, commencing on October 9 with a meeting of the new candidates. If you are interested in joining the program, or learning more about the Catholic faith, we invite you to contact Fr Michael Sullivan, or the RCIA team leaders: Di Brebner, Ann Marie Pagon or the Parish Office: 98269677

**IN LOVING MEMORY**



**Recently Deceased**  
 ✦ Frank Eggington

- Anniversaries**
- ✦ Brian Quealy
  - ✦ Jock Chappel
  - ✦ George Clifford
  - ✦ Jeanne Augusta Jose
  - ✦ Ypke van der Veer
  - ✦ Kathleen Huggins
  - ✦ Cynthia McMaster
  - ✦ Margaret Coleman
  - ✦ Anastassios Vergados
  - ✦ Pietro & Rosa Taranto
  - ✦ Benedict James Boudville
  - ✦ Savirumuthu Anthony Alfred
  - ✦ Andrew Feely
  - ✦ Nea Raos
  - ✦ Shimon Perez
  - ✦ Mary Lennon
  - ✦ Geoff Hammet
  - ✦ Carmelina Parisi
  - ✦ David Moroney
  - ✦ Anselma Dime
  - ✦ Betty Pethebridge
  - ✦ Amanda Domingo
  - ✦ Zilla Fay

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

June Cochrane, Des White, Beb Larsen, Chael Balcombe, John & Rose Ignace, Ronald Seaman, Aristotle Pamintuan, Therese Phillips, Mitos Gloudemans, Socorro Severe, Dolores Hogan, Frank Muratore, Maurice Wallin, Alex Walisz, Margaret Greene, Elaine Dennis, Spiros Layla, Emma Kirk, Chris 'Smith', Jean de Campo, Jacinta Severe, Gus Carter, Socrates Baroutas, Anne Rigg, Tony McNamara, Sergio Fassio, Anthony Alfred, Brendan Taylor, Djohan Gunarta Kurniawan, Mary Gaynor, Joan Heyhoe, Madeleine Anderson, Ronald Blun, Wally Devisser, John Cedric, David Velten, Julie Mahoney.

**REMINDER**

Daylight Saving starts next weekend. Move your clock forward one hour at 2am Sunday morning 7<sup>th</sup> October.



**COMEDY NIGHT**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
 7.30pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall  
 30 Fitzgerald St, South Yarra  
 Come along and be entertained by comedians Dave O'Neill, Monica Dullard and Brad Oaks.

Tickets \$45 available from:  
[trybooking.com/421526](http://trybooking.com/421526) or  
 from the Parish Office or  
[info@sjos.org.au](mailto:info@sjos.org.au)

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS 23/09/18**

Thanking you for your continuing support!  
 Please contact the parish office if you wish to contribute via Direct Debit or Credit Card

- 1<sup>st</sup> Collection (Clergy/Priory a/c) ..... \$ 739.40
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll. (Planned Giving Church a/c) \$712.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll. (Loose Money Church a/c)..... \$388.85