

The Bulletin Board

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Scripture theme

The community is always in danger from the corruption of pride and avarice. We must be prepared to listen to all prophetic voices in the Church that keep calling us back to purity of religion. Each baptised member is in some sense prophetic

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:25-29

Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets.

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 these 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.

Response :

The precepts of the Lord gladden 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. *Response*

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

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. *Response*

4. From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin.

Response

SECOND READING

James 5:1-6

Your wealth is all 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

Jn 17: 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us 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.'

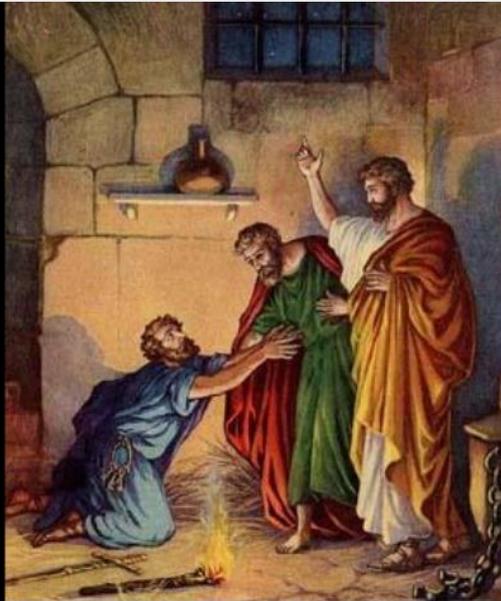
'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, 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.'



You are either a **missionary** or a **mission field**.

You cannot be *neutral* in missions.

Walking by on the other side of the road is **not an option for Christians**.



Reflection on the Gospel "Tribalism"

By - Eleonore Stump

It is part of Christian doctrine that only Christians can be saved. No one comes to the Father except by Christ (Jn 14:6).

This is a view that can encourage tribalism. In the Gospel Reading, the apostles see someone who is not among the group of Christ's disciples but who is casting out demons in the name of Christ anyway. When the apostles see the man who is doing a miracle in Christ's name,

they tell him to stop it. As the apostles look at it, unless a person is a member of their group, their tribe, he is an outsider; and, as an outsider, he is not among the saved. In the view of the apostles, that is why there is something wrong about that outsider's using God's power to do miracles.

In response, Jesus defends the outsider and rebukes the tribalism of his apostles. "Whoever is not against us is for us," he tells the disciples. The outsider has not joined the disciples, and he doesn't know the doctrines or customs the apostles are learning. But, in the view of Jesus, he is still one of his own.

So it is true that no one comes to the Father except by Christ. But this requirement makes Christ the one necessary and sufficient condition for salvation. It doesn't say anything about any of other tribal ways by which members of a group usually identify themselves. As Christ sees that outsider, he meets the one requisite condition for salvation: he is for Christ. And so, for Christ, that outsider counts as one of those who come to the Father by Christ, even if he is not an official member of Christ's disciples.

But then, you might say, who doesn't count as one of Christ's own? Who actually is against Christ?

In effect, Christ answers these questions by giving an example of a group destined for perdition. It is the group of those who draw children away from the Lord or who make the vulnerable and helpless worse than they otherwise would be. Those in that group would be better off being dropped into the sea with millstones around their necks, Christ says.

So here is what we need to remember. Even Judas was a member of the official tribe of Christ's disciples; but in the end Judas was not one of Christ's own. Real membership in the group of those who are Christ's own depends on being for Christ, and for those he loves.



Please remember to keep the following people and their families in your prayers, Val Boothey, Valda Hogan, Maurie Smith, Chrissa Dickinson, John McIlvenna, Gilian Stewart, Flo O'Hara. Julian Insall, Sr Joyce Stewart, Celestine Ressia, Gabrielle Herrin, Terence Rahill, Janet Dent, Klara (1 year old suffering from Leukemia), Nicki Fabro, Pietrina Pergreffi, Peter Woods, Marj Bateson, Michael Pucella

Confirmation – 2015



**Sacrament of Confirmation – Sts Peter and Paul's -
Wednesday 11th November 7.00pm**

Parent Information Session 7.00pm - Wednesday 14th
October, 2015 in the Sts Peter and Paul's Parish Hall,

Saturday 17th October - 4.45pm Preparation Session in the Parish Hall - Upper Room
above the Café, followed by 6.00pm Ritual Mass

Saturday 24th October - 4.45pm Preparation Session in the Parish Hall - Upper Room
above the Café, followed by 6.00pm Ritual Mass

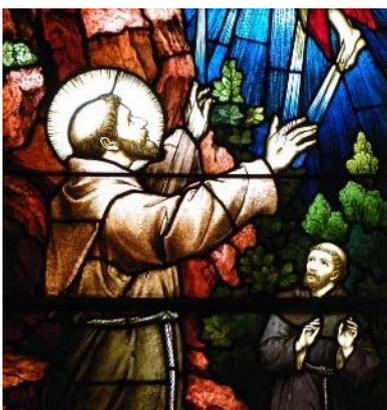
Saturday 31st October - 4.45pm Preparation Session in the Parish Hall - Upper Room
above the Café, followed by 6.00pm Ritual Mass

Wednesday 4th November 7.00pm Rehearsal followed by meeting with Bishop
Peter Elliott at 7.30pm

Saturday 7th November - 4.45pm Preparation Session in the Parish Hall - Upper Room
above the Café, followed by Confessions at 5.15pm and 6.00pm Ritual Mass



Please remembers those who have died recently Ursula
Milligan, Wim Wubben **and all those whose anniversaries
occur about this time** Gregory Abdilla, Frances O'Kane,
Mavis McCormack, Charles Neander, Joseph Casserly, Rita
O'Connor, Arthur McArdle.



Sunday 4th October – Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Celebrate the Feast Day with the Friars

Sunday Mass -10.00am

Followed by a cuppa and cakes

In the "Open House" area

Prayer for Peace

All Night Prayer
Vigil for Peace



Sat 3rd Oct, 7:30pm -
Sun 4th Oct, 9:30am

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