

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

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thank you, Fr Mark

St Patrick's Cooma Mass
Mass Sunday's at 10am
Cooma Reconciliation available as
requested following Mass
Adoration - Fridays 5.30-6.30pm

St Patrick's Weekday
Mass: ~~Mass~~ Thu, Fri 10am
Except Third Friday of Month for
Nursing Home Masses
9.30am Yallabee Lodge
11am Sir William Hudson

Adaminaby -No mass during Oct
Resume on the 10th Nov at 9am

Nimmitabel
Mass 3rd & 5th Sunday
*5pm Sat Vigil Mass
1st 2nd, 4th Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm

Numeralla
Mass 4th Sunday at 5.00pm
LITURGY 2nd Sunday 5.00pm

Berridale
Mass 2nd & 4th Sunday of month
Vigil Mass Saturday's at 3.30pm
1st 3rd & 5th Sunday Liturgy
of the Word 10am Sunday

Jindabyne
1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th =Vigil Mass 5pm Sat
5th Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat

Please Pray for our Recently Deceased,

Betty Mattner – requiem Mass date tba; Anna Vincent, Franco" Mondolo, Fr. Brian Ebert,
George Barry, Hedwig "Heidi" Kovacevic, Lorraine Ryan nee Byrne

Anniversaries & Special Intentions: "In loving memory of our departed family
and friends: Cathy Ffrench, Pauline Taffa, Bill Smith, Rosina Patat, Norma Shorten,
Michelle O'Neill, Ugo Patat, Yarra Gregor,

Prayers for our Sick: "We pray for all who are sick: may they
feel the healing power of Christ and find comfort and hope in
His constant presence": Colin McMillan

No Mass Tuesday 1st Oct
Next Weekend 5th Oct -No Mass at Jindabyne = Liturgy of Word

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2025 have arrived for collection
following Mass cost is : \$11 (incl gst) thank you

Monaro Men's Breakfast

St Paul's Anglican Hall, 136 Commissioner St, Cooma
Speaker: Fr Kose

Saturday 5th October 2024 at 7:30am

Cost \$7.00 To assist us in catering please RSVP either via website: www.cooma.mensbreakfast.com.au Or by Phone: 02-6416-0124

DEAR VOLUNTEERS,

Thank you for your commitment to ministry in our parish. We would be unable to continue to provide pastoral and administrative support to our parishioners and community members without your dedication and support. It is a requirement in NSW the requirement is for anyone over 18 years of age involved in activities with children to hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC). At a parish level, this applies to parish priests/staff/volunteers are active in particular ministries. Twice a year, a report of all active WWVP and WWCC holders is required to be sent to the Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office (IPSS) in the Archdiocesan Chancery, Manuka. Audits are due at the end of **March and September** and all parishes in the Archdiocese are required to comply. The Archdiocese can be audited by NSW Govt agencies at any time so the audit reports are an important aspect of maintaining accurate records for when an audit occurs. Our parish is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons and complying with Archdiocesan and Govt requirements for WWVP/WWCC. Please help us to maintain accurate records for the audits by ensuring your WWVP/WWC is current.

19th October 2024 | Come, Holy Spirit - Archdiocesan Assembly COOMA

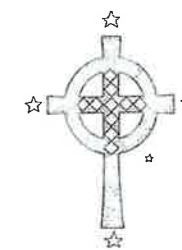
All are invited to take part in the Archdiocesan Assembly that will explore the theme 'Come Holy Spirit.' This will focus on celebrating the Year of the Holy Spirit and explore new opportunities for evangelisation and synodality in the life and mission of our local Church going forward.

1 November | Catholic Women's Taskforce Annual Fundraising Dinner

The 2024 Catholic Women's Taskforce annual fundraising dinner for MacKillop House, Lyneham will take place on 1st November 2024 at the Canberra Southern Cross Club from 6.30 pm. For more information or to register go to <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/event/cwtad/> Enquiries: Monica Phelan on 0413 315 486

Fr Mark:

More My Size! George Washington Carver, the scientist who developed hundreds of useful products from the peanut: "When I was young, I said to God, 'God, tell me the mystery of the universe.' But God answered, 'That knowledge is reserved for Me alone.' So, I said, 'God, tell me the mystery of the peanut.' Then God said, 'Well, George, that's more nearly your size.' And He told me."



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION SEPTEMBER

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



Roster	29th Sep	6 th Oct
Acolyte	Richard Cmunt	Kaitlyn Bosco
Usher	Terri Rick	Mary Bennett
Reader / Commentator	Heather Collin Mike Introna	Belinda Wilkins Lou Mackay
Special Minister	Marg Quodling	Mary Bennett
H=Mass Servers	Jwanita & Aidan Bosco
Children's Liturgy	Belinda Wilkins	Kellie Summerville
Church Linen	Jan McLean	Michelle Atkins
Church Care- reminder (always shown week in advance)	6 th S McPhie L Baker B Moser	13 th C Byrne J Upton P Stewart
Hospital	Volunteer please	Margaret Quodling

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DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS 6TH OCT- CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HR*

Next weekend Readings

Twenty - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

1st Reading: Genesis 2: 18-24 2nd Reading: Hebrews 2: 9-11 Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16

