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First Reading: [Is 32:15-18](#)

Once more there will be poured on us
the spirit from above;
then shall the wilderness be fertile land
and fertile land become forest.

In the wilderness justice will come to live
and integrity in the fertile land;
integrity will bring peace,
justice give lasting security.

My people will live in a peaceful home,
in safe houses,
in quiet dwellings.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 84:9-14. R. v.9](#)

(R.) The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading: [1 Cor 12:4-11](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians

There is a variety of gifts but always the same
Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but
always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of
different ways in different people, it is the same
God who is working in all of them. The particular
way in which the Spirit is given to each person is
for a good purpose. One may have the gift of
preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit;
another may have the gift of preaching instruction
given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift
of faith given by the same Spirit; another again
the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the
power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the
gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of
tongues and another the ability to interpret them.
All these are the work of one and the same Spirit,
who distributes different gifts to different people
just as he chooses.

Gospel [Lk 12:22-32](#)

Jesus said to his disciples, 'That is why I am
telling you not to worry about your life and what
you are to eat, nor about your body and how you
are to clothe it. For life means more than food,
and the body more than clothing. Think of the
ravens. They do not sow or reap; they have no
storehouses and no barns; yet God feeds them.
And how much more are you worth than the birds!
Can any of you, for all his worrying, add a single
cubit to his span of life? If the smallest things,
therefore, are outside your control, why worry
about the rest? Think of the flowers; they never
have to spin or weave; yet, I assure you, not even
Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of
these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in
the field which is there today and thrown into the
furnace tomorrow, how much more will he look
after you, you men of little faith! But you, you must
not set your hearts on things to eat and things to
drink; nor must you worry. It is the pagans of this
world who set their hearts on these things. Your
Father well knows you need them. No; set your
hearts on his kingdom, and these other things will
be given you as well.

'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has
pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.'

One of the things I am most grateful for in my
life is that my parents brought me and my
siblings to Australia. As I honestly believe
Australia is one of the greatest countries on
earth. As an immigrant it saddens me to see
our nation so often taken for granted. We are
among the safest, stablest, and free nations in
the world. We have so much opportunity and
possibility in this great land. This was no
accident, but the result of hard work and great
effort. So few of us can say that they deserve to
live here, and not a single one of us is entitled
to the sacrifices of your ancestors. All we can
do is love our nation and work hard to make
her greater still.

In this spirit our collections today will be
donated to relieve those who suffer in the
bushfire crisis.

Advance Australia Fair.

Fr. Alex.