

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year B

First Reading Numbers 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

R. Thanks be to God

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.

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

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.

4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin.

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

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

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

See John 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:

make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 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

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Beyond the Boundaries

An easy way to deal with this Gospel: 'anyone who is not against us is for us,' would be to emphasise the transformation of the relationship of Catholics with Protestants. Too easy. But what about our relationship with the Muslims? There is a huge gulf between Muslims and us about Jesus Christ. Muslims do not even believe that he was killed on the cross, let alone raised to life. *We* hold to the testimony and the faith of the Apostles. But Catholics also believe that the Divine Wind blows where it pleases amongst all people of all religious traditions (and of none). In the early Church this was expressed by saying that the Seeds of the Word were sown by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all human beings. We need to recognise the Seed of the Word in Islam – our shared belief in the one God, Creator of the cosmos, Lord of history, merciful and just. The task of the Church is to bring that Seed closer to the illumination of Divine Light so that it may eventually grow in belief that God is indeed One in the loving relationship of Triune life. The world is holding its breath over the encounter of the Catholic Church and Islam. There is a history of mutual violence and contemporary barbarities which are inhumane and blasphemous. But, in the face of indifference and hostility to religion, at least in the West, it is good to acknowledge what we share in common. We may take a moment to pray for the grace to relate to those Muslims whom we know in our own society in light of our faith that the Divine Wind has sown and is nurturing the Seed of the Word amongst them.

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Fr Loi's courtyard is in need of some attention. It is only a small garden. If anyone can help, please let Marie Weatherall know on 0405 028 057



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Twenty-Sixth Week in
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CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
1PM Every second and fourth Monday

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass

MASS WEDNESDAY 2nd
OCTOBER WILL BE AT 8am

Wrap With Love Tuesday 8th
October B/Bay Library 10am

Enjoy the Good News
Wednesdays after 9am Mass

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop
Tuesday 1st October 10-11am
at the home of
Bernie & Nola Beatty
Ph: 0410 629 416 for further information

Croatian Mass Saturday 5th
October 11am

Craft Group 10am Thursdays
Church Meeting Room

ADORATION TUESDAYS @
4pm

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays
after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

In reflecting on the readings from Numbers, James, Mark, and John, I find a profound call to be a prophet in today's world. The Old Testament passage from Numbers (11:25-29) highlights the sharing of the Spirit among the people, reminding us that prophecy is not confined to a select few but is a communal gift intended to inspire and guide the faithful. As modern Catholics, we are invited to embrace this call, acknowledging that our voices and actions can echo the message of Christ in our contemporary society. Just as Moses yearned for all people to prophesy, we too should desire a world where every individual can express their faith, authentically and boldly.

The reading from James (5:1-6) serves as a stark reminder of the dangers of wealth and materialism, urging us to confront societal injustices. This passage challenges us to be prophetic voices against the exploitation and suffering of the marginalized. As modern Catholics, we must not only bear witness to the Gospel but also act upon it, advocating for economic justice and compassion for the poor. The precepts of the Lord indeed, bring joy to our hearts, as they guide us towards a life of service and solidarity with those in need. Embracing these teachings, we become the hands and feet of Christ, embodying His love in our communities.

In Mark (9:38-43, 45, 47-48), Jesus emphasizes the inclusivity of His mission, encouraging us to recognise and support those who act in His name, regardless of their denominational affiliations. This is a vital message for today's Church, which often grapples with division and sectarianism. As Catholics, we are called to be prophets of unity, extending our love and support to all who seek to serve God. By celebrating the diversity within the body of Christ, we can build bridges rather than walls, fostering a spirit of collaboration that reflects the inclusive nature of God's love.

John (17:17) reminds us of the transformative power of truth. "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." In a world filled with misinformation and confusion, our commitment to truth is paramount. As modern prophets, we must stand firm in our faith, speaking out against falsehoods and advocating for justice and integrity. This commitment is deeply rooted in the teachings of Jesus, who calls us to be light in the darkness. Like St. Francis of Assisi, whose life was a testament to humility, simplicity, and love for all creation, we are encouraged to embody these virtues as we navigate the complexities of modern life.

Responding to the call to be a prophet in today's world means embracing our role as active participants in the unfolding story of faith. It challenges us to speak out against injustice, foster inclusivity, uphold truth, and live out the joy found in God's precepts. In looking at the example of St. Francis, let us strive to bring hope, peace, and love to our communities, reminding ourselves and others that we are all called to be messengers of God's profound grace in a world that desperately needs it.

Brendan Maynard



MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 30th Sep—Sun 6th Oct
Monday 30th: No Mass
Tuesday 1st: Adoration 4pm
 Mass 5pm
Wednesday 2nd: Mass 8am
Thursday 3rd: Mass 9am
Friday 4th: Mass 9am
Saturday 5th: Mass 5pm
 Reconciliation 3.30-4.30
Sunday 6th: Mass 9am

MASS ON WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER WILL BE AT 8AM AS FR LOI IS ATTENDING A DEANERY DAY IN NAROOA

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

ROSTERS

28/29 SEPTEMBER
Cleaning
 30/9-4/10 D & L May

5.00PM MASS
 Welcomer Volunteer
 Commentator J Quigley
 Reader S Ebejer
 Eucharistic Ministers
 M Weatherall
 Computer Screen
 J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:
 Welcomer L May
 Commentator A Skinner
 Reader: N Beatty
 Eucharistic Ministers
 N & L Page
 Computer Screen D May.

MORNING TEA:
 N Beatty/M deSmet

COUNTERS
 G Norris/J O'Sullivan

5/6 OCTOBER
Cleaning
 7-11M deSmet/J

5.00PM MASS
 Welcomer J Anderson
 Commentator :S Ebejer
 Reader: J Mackay
 Eucharistic Ministers
 J O'Sullivan,
 Computer Screen
 M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:
 Welcomer T van den Broek
 Commentator N Beatty
 Reader: D Herring
 Eucharistic Ministers
 M & C Lowe
 Computer Screen T Jones.

MORNING TEA:
 Filipino community

Sunday September 29th celebrates the **110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees for 2024** with this year's theme—
"God walks with His people" —Pope Francis.
 In this message, the Holy Father reminds us that **all of us, God's people, are migrants on this earth**, on our way to the "true homeland", the Kingdom of Heaven. Migrants are a contemporary icon of this people on a journey, of the Church on a journey, and at the same time, it is in them and in all our vulnerable brothers and sisters that we can encounter the Lord who walks with us.

It also marks **Respect Life Sunday** with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Prowse at the Cathedral at 11am followed by a light lunch and Expo of people supporting and advocating for human life at its most vulnerable.

BBECET TRIVIA AFTERNOON Will be held on Saturday 19th October 2pm @ the Olive Tree Church/Southlands 2 Bayridge Drive, North Batemans Bay—\$15 per person—Afternoon tea included
 For further information call John Hoggan on 0417 801 566

This week-end we welcome Ruby McInnes to our faith community through the waters of baptism. May God's love and blessings be upon her on this baptism day and always.



YOU ARE INVITED to the **ORDINATION** of **MARK HA** to be held at **ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL, FORREST ACT @ 5PM ON THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER .**
 Followed by refreshments at **HAYDON HALL** behind the Cathedral.

A list has been placed in the church foyer for parishioners who would like to attend and either need a lift or those who can offer a spare seat in their car. Mark would like to have an idea of numbers for catering purposes

The 2024 Archdiocesan Assembly 18-20 October 2024, is a key gathering for the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. The Assembly 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.

In many ways, the Archdiocese is walking on the same path as the first Apostles. It took time for the early Church to discern and declare: **"It seemed good to us and the Holy Spirit"** (Acts 15:28)
All are invited to join us on our pilgrim journey of discernment.

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:
PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT
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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord of the Harvest, help men and women to hear the call and to serve in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

Our Lady, Help of Christians Pray for us

St Joseph Pray for us

St John Vianney Pray for us

St Mary of the Cross Pray for us

FUNERALS IN THE PARISH: Arthur Hurrell, Friday 27th September 11.00am

YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations. Through the same Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions SEPTEMBER

For The Cry Of The Earth

Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

<p>BATEMANS BAY & MORUYA DISTRICT FUNERALS</p> <p>Caring for Eurobodalla shire families for over 50 years Batemans Bay 44728886 Moruya 4474 3555 Narooma 4476 3888</p>	<p>INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS</p> <p>1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay</p> <p>Buy fuel any time</p> <p>EFFIOS VISA ANEX MASTERCARD</p>
<p>OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY</p> <p>Fish & Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches & Coffee</p> <p>100% BEEF BURGER</p> <p>248 Beach Road Batemans Bay NSW 2536</p> <p>02 4472 1802</p>	<p>MAYDAY Plumbing And Gas</p> <p>Fully licensed Plumber and Gas Fitter</p> <p>Gutter Cleaning General Maintenance</p> <p>RHYS MAY</p> <p>0427 373 826</p>

Remembering the Sick:

Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre

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