

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus

Christ.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity . . . All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

22 SEPTEMBER 2024

'...LAST OF ALL AND SERVANT OF ALL'

Our first reading from Wisdom alerts us to 'the righteous man' who is God's child. The words here will echo in the Gospel with the second of the predictions of Jesus' death. The passage from James also has synergy with the ambitions of the followers of Jesus addressed in the Gospel.

Beginning with the second prediction of Jesus' death – 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed he will rise again' – we find Jesus teaching his disciples as he moves through Galilee. We hear that they did not understand but were afraid to ask. Arriving in Capernaum, inside the house, we see Jesus ask them what they were arguing about. The silence was of embarrassment because their discussion was of who was the greatest. The focus is now even smaller as Jesus now sits down with the Twelve, his closest companions, in the house. It is to these that he says, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Servant is here *diakonos*, servant or deacon. His message to his leadership team is clear as to how they need to model and live their responsibility and call. His further exemplar of placing a child among them, broadens their understanding of welcoming Jesus among them, challenging their orientation to Jesus and to God, 'the one who sent me.' Let us pause to reflect on our orientation to Jesus and to God. Where do we stand?

FIRST READING

Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since

he annoys us

and opposes our way of life,

reproaches us for our breaches of the law

and accuses us of playing false to our

upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true,

let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part

and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,

and thus explore this gentleness of his

and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death

since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 53:3-6, 8. R. v. 6

R. The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name; / by your power, uphold my cause. / O God, hear my prayer; / listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

2. For proud men have risen against me, / ruthless men seek my life. / They have no regard for God. **R.**

3. But I have God for my help. / The Lord upholds my life. / I will sacrifice to you with willing heart / and praise your name for it is good. **R.**



SECOND READING

James 3:16–4:3

A reading from the letter of St James.

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

■ The word of the Lord.



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MASS TIMES

Saturday: Broadford at 5.00 pm & Kilmore at 6.30 pm
Sunday: Kilmore at 7.45 am, Wallan at 9.00 am & Kilmore at 10.30 am
Weekday Masses: Kilmore, Tuesday—Saturday Mass at 9 am (Except: Wednesday at 9am in Wallan)
Reconciliation: Tuesday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
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ROSTERS:

	<u>21/22 Sep</u>	<u>28/29 Sep</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	21 Sep	28 Sep
Reader	Chris Stokes	Peter Kelly
Eucharist Minister	Paul Fleming	Brian O'Dwyer
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	21 Sep	28 Sep
Reader	Ben Boyd	Marg Fleischmann
Eucharist Minister	Marita Dumaresq	Velia Barro
PowerPoint	Pauline Duff	Boyd Family
<u>KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):</u>	22 Sep	29 Sep
Reader	Lance Phillips	TBA
Eucharist Minister	Jeannette Jain	John Dixon
PowerPoint	Carroll family	Justine Sapiano
<u>WALLAN 9am (Sun):</u>	22 Sep	29 Sep
Reader	Gabrielle Pannuzzo	Janette Hichcliffe
Eucharist Minister	Patrick Hutchinson	Terry Cooney
PowerPoint	Selina Buckley	Tracey Brincat
	Fetu Thompson	Rosebelle Quinn
<u>KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):</u>	22 Sep	29 Sep
Reader	TBA	Michael Bourne
Eucharist Minister	Leonie Dunlop	Lynne Beaumont
PowerPoint	Sandra McCaughey	Ian Pirie
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	Pauline Duff	Ann Harrigan
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	TBA	John Dixon
	TBA	Mary Donovan
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	TBA	TBA

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Sick List:

Gerard McCaughey, Sonia Savolokin, Shae Newey, Steven Campbell, Danny Prelac, Jim Ahearn, Robert Duncan, Pina D'agostino, Eva Aschberger, Ian & Sandy Domeyer, Richard Lloyd, Theo Aitchison, Lee Stewart, Tessa Borg, Kelly Borg, Peter Hanvin, Ronnie Johnson, Beth Murphy, Dot McIlroy, Susan Foster, Rita Devlin, Rosa Dahm, Guadalupe Agreda, Patrick Hogan, Nuvia Prelac, Bernadette McWhinney & all the sick of the parish.

Anniversaries:

Joseph Perez, Mary Gabrielle Boran, Helena Schembri, Brenda Maher, Fanny Cernesi, Margaret Hyndes, Jill Reeves, Teresa Donovan, Frank Scollo, Philip Sant, Suzanne Hutchins, Audrey Meier, Herbert Skehan and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

Recently Deceased: Mary Patricia (Pat) Tierney

Sun 22nd Sep: Pray for the soul of Frank Scollo.

Mon 23rd Sep: **9am Communion Service, no Mass.**

Tue 24th Sep: Pray for the soul of Kenneth Patrick Gomez.

Thur 26th Sep: **No 9am Mass.**

Fr. Prakash is unwell at the moment and is with his family, as he recovers in hospital in his hometown Mangalore. He requests privacy while he recovers, however we do ask for your prayers for his speedy recovery. Thank you

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We welcome Fr. Jossy, as he will be staying with us and assisting, during Fr. Prakash's absence.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B, September 16, 2021, Homily by Abbot Christian Leisy, OSB

A very human trait that often leads to problems is comparing oneself to others. We may wish to be more like others or maybe less like them. We may wish we had what they have or glad that we do not. It might be called “living in the comparison,” as someone I know once expressed it. In the end, comparing oneself to others does not really prove to be a very fruitful exercise, for we are who we are, and comparing ourselves with others usually serves no useful purpose, for we cannot be others, but only ourselves. How’s that for basic psychology 101?

Maybe most of us do this comparing with others to some extent or another. Should we be surprised that the disciples of Jesus did likewise? Does human nature really change over the course of centuries? In a sense we might say “thank goodness, no,” for we can learn how others in the past, or present, deal with the same kind of less-than-useful tendency of living in the comparison.

On the other hand, to wish to be like others in their virtues and humbly striving to imitate them, as we try to do in the case of the saints, for example, or other good and holy models, is a laudatory practice. By imitating what is good and holy in others we hopefully can grow in goodness and holiness too.

The disciples in the Gospel passage for this Sunday were no doubt alarmed and probably ashamed when their Master, who presumably overheard their arguments as they walked along, eventually asked them what they were discussing. They had to admit the topic was: who among us is the greatest? They all seemed to want the praise of others, but without the effort it takes to truly be praised for goodness and holiness. The appetite for glory seemed to be with them.

Jesus does not condemn or denounce the misguided disciples in their futile arguments. Rather, he shows them what real greatness is all about, and he uses a child as the example. We know that in those times children basically had no rights, position or privileges in society. They were socially at the bottom of the rung, considered servants of their parents.

In the presence of his disciples, though, Jesus elevates the position of a child to a place of honor. The candor, simplicity and docility of a child is not considered a handicap in Jesus’ mind, but a help to really meeting God and possessing the right attitude toward others.

Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of God? Not necessarily the healthy, wealthy, beautiful or highly educated, says the Lord, but the humble and lowly of heart, who know their need of God and are unafraid to admit it.

Worthy of the Kingdom of God are those who instead of asserting their rights or trampling on others, willingly empty themselves of self-seeking and take the lowly position normally associated with a servant or a child.

These are the greatest in the Kingdom of God, the Lord is telling us today. That does not mean allowing oneself to be trampled upon by others, but being a person of peace, living a simple, prayerful and unselfish life.

In the end, it is Jesus himself who is the model of this sort of self-emptying and meekness of heart. Christ came to serve not to be served, and demonstrated that crucial trait in all that he said and did. God took the form of a servant in Jesus Christ, lowering himself, to share our human nature that he might raise it up and make us partakers in divinity.

If we want to be filled with the life and power of God, and there really cannot be a more attractive way of being, then we need to be ready and willing to empty ourselves of everything that might stand in the way. That would include obstacles such as pride, self-seeking, vanity and contempt of others.

Put another way, God is seeking empty vessels so he can fill them with glory, love and power. The big question is whether or not we are ready and humble enough to admit our need of God and then letting God be the center of our existence. Do we instead insist on ourselves as the center of the universe?

By the cross he bore for our salvation, Christ the Lord redeemed the world. In this he triumphed over sin and death once and for all.

Christ invites us to conform our life to his will and to follow the way of humble service of others. We are not called to compare ourselves with others, but to find the good in others and imitate that.

In the lives of the saints, and those with whom we live, who may indeed be saints as well, we are being given models. Let us imitate the Lord and look to the lowly and humble of heart that we may all be filled with the life and love of God.

Abbot Christian Leisy, OSB (Source: <https://christdesert.org/2021/09/twenty-fifth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b-2/>)

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