

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

A reading from the book of Numbers

Nm 11:25-29

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.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

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

A reading from the letter of St James

Jas 5:1-6

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: See Jn 17:17

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

Alleluia.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon: 1 Jn 3:16

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

Next week's readings:

First Reading: Gen 2:18-24

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127. R.v.5

Second Reading: Heb 2:9-11

Gospel Mk 10:2-16





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The Parish of St Thomas More and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

Our Parish Vision Statement:
We are called to be a welcoming, compassionate community, empowered for our faith journey for active service.....

| CHURCH CENTRES | | St. Joseph's Church Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads | Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road | St. Thomas More Church Belgrave Reynolds Lane | St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road |
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| MASS TIMES | WEEKEND | Vigil Mass 6.00pm | 9.00am | 9.00am | 9.00am (on zoom) |
| | WEEKDAY | (on zoom) | (on zoom) | (on zoom) | |

Homily for the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 26h September, 2021

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities.

Anniversaries: Hugh Ilyine, Ray Talintyre, Lilian Onley, Ruby Johnson, Fr. Anthony Guelen.

Prayer for the deceased:

Lord open wide the doors of your Mercy to all those who have passed away in the parish of St. Thomas More, Belgrave. In your compassion grant eternal bliss to all of them.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Fiona, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster. Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Tom Fergus, Leo and Josie Walsh, Father Noel MacKay, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret & Fiona Gilhooly, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Robert Drake, Helen Hermann, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

As of now all the Liturgical Celebrations stand suspended until we receive further information from Archdiocese of Melbourne. Parish office is closed.

Divine Worship on Zoom

Monday –Saturday: 9am Holy Mass, followed by

Holy Rosary

Saturday : 6pm Holy Mass (Vigil Mass)

Sunday : 9am Holy Mass: 5.30 pm Holy Rosary

Join the parish community on zoom in praying together as one family of God for the end the pandemic Covid-19. Zoom Link below

Topic: Father Cruz' Holy Mass and Holy Rosary on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/7504645976?](https://zoom.us/j/7504645976?pwd=S0YwS3FiQndpMlZ0STY0TFRRYXJGOT09)

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Meeting ID: 750 464 5976..

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Largest earthquake (5.9 magnitude) experienced by Victorians on 22nd September, 2021.

What a scary morning it was yesterday? Exactly at 9.15am as I finished reading the Gospel in the mass I felt as if hundreds of people running over the roof our church and felt bit of tremor at my feet. Thank God all of us are safe, though few injuries were reported and one man in his 70s, went to hospital in a stable condition. The man suffered upper-body injuries when the parts of a weather shield fell down and hit him during the earthquake. (Few buildings were damaged as well). Let us keep him and other injured persons in our prayers.

Thanksgiving envelops and supporting priest (Presbytery collection)

Though we have roadmap provided by Victorian government, we are not sure when we will be able to open the church for liturgical celebrations. I am thankful to all of for your continued support to the parish through (online payment) direct debit and credit card. Few of have posted to parish address your thanksgiving envelops. Thanks for doing so. I request others to do the same. When you send them (thanksgiving envelopes) please mention how much is for church and how much is for presbytery. Once again thank you for your continued support. I assure you of my prayers for your good health safety stay at home. May God bless and protect us all.

Fr. Anthony Cruz



Where: Yarra Ranges. When: October 14th
For more details or to register visit www.vccem.org.au

WHAT DOES THE TRAINING INVOLVE?

VCC EM training is a comprehensive training package designed to equip members of faith communities to support affected residents through their participation in VCC EM deployments.

The training course is a 2 stage process involving

- Self paced learning and completion of the workbook.
- Face to face training day.
- If Face to Face is not permitted at the time this will be done by zoom with a short face to face when permitted.

Successful registration will require the completion of

WHY COMPLETE THE TRAINING?

This training is essential for all in the faith community intending to respond to emergencies and disasters in Victoria.

The Victorian State and Local Governments are continually tightening the requirements for people entering disaster areas.

The VCC EM is authorised by Government to coordinate an integrated

Prayers of the faithful for Twenty- sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

- Priest:** God, ever merciful, we bring these petitions before you. We pray.....
- Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.
- Reader:** May your church be a voice for victims of injustice. We pray...Lord, hear our prayer.
- Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.
- Reader:** May world leaders and legislators work together to shrink the widening gap between the rich and the poor. We pray..... Lord, hear our prayer.
- Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.
- Reader:** May world powers respect International Law and work to resolve growing tensions within the Pacific region and other areas of conflict present in the world. We pray..... Lord, hear our prayer.
- Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.
- Reader:** May we, your servants, acknowledge our faults and mistakes, and address any ill feelings we may hold towards others. We pray..... Lord, hear our prayer.
- Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.
- Reader:** May we share what we have with those in need. May we not judge others, but grow in patience and kindness. We pray..... Lord, hear our prayer.
- Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.
- Reader:** For our own concerns: PAUSE
- Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.
- Priest:** God, your law is perfect. May your Spirit guide us as we seek to be faithful to your truth. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

The Fifteen Promises Granted to those who Recite the Rosary

The Blessed Virgin Mary promised to Saint Dominic and to all who follow that "Whatever you ask in the Rosary will be granted." She left for all Christians Fifteen Promises to those who recite the Holy Rosary.



Imparted to Saint Dominic and Blessed Alan

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall **receive signal graces.**
2. I promise my **special protection** and the **greatest graces** to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a **powerful armor against hell**, it will **destroy vice, decrease sin**, and **defeat heresies.**
4. The Rosary will **cause virtue** and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the **abundant mercy** of God; it will **withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities**, and will **lift them to the desire for eternal things.** Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, **shall not perish.**
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall **never be conquered by misfortune.** God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just **he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.**
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the **Rosary shall not die without the sacraments** of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have **during their life and at their death the light of God** and the **plenitude of His graces**; at the moment of death they **shall participate in the merits of the saints** in paradise.
9. **I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.**
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall **merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.**
11. You shall **obtain all you ask** of me by the **recitation of the Rosary.**
12. All those who **propagate the Holy Rosary** shall be **aided by me in their necessities.**
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the **advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.**
14. All **who recite the Rosary** are my sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of my only Son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion of my Rosary is a **great sign of predestination.**

One Million Children Praying the Rosary

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: **One Million Children Praying the Rosary**: ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at

www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children



Source: <http://themostholYROsary.com/15promises.htm>