

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B - 26 Sep 2021

First Reading Nm 11:25-29 *A reading from the book of Numbers*

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!'

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

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

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

Second Reading Jas 5:1-6 *A reading from the letter of St James*

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.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 17:17

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

Gospel Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48 *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

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.'

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26th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YR B — 26 SEPTEMBER 2021



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Dear People of God

Just a reminder: last Sunday's second reading from St James' letter talked of jealousy and ambition, saying "Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done". The first and the gospel readings of today highlight another evil effect of jealousy and envy - they make one prone to stop any good thing that is not coming from oneself, from one's quarter, circle, family, church, or community. There are many possible explanations of why some people behave this way.

In the first reading, God spoke to Moses on the mountain and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders and they prophesied. However, two of the elders, whose names were among the names on the list Moses submitted to the Lord, could not make it to the mountain. Nevertheless, they too received the spirit while still in the camp with the people. A message came to Moses that they were prophesying in the camp. When Joshua, Moses' faithful servant and his personal assistant heard this, he told Moses to stop them. But Moses answered, "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!" How often do we find some people tempted to tell authorities to stop someone, maybe a priest, a parishioner, a school teacher, or a co-worker who was inspired with a vision to do something great, from doing it simply because he or she is not, according to their estimation, qualified enough to do it, even though he or she has proven he or she has all it takes to do it well.

Moses was happy and willing to share his God-given charism. He was rich with the Holy Spirit. He was blessed with leadership Spirit and authority, but willing to ask God to give others the same as he had. We may not be rich with the Spirit, but some of us are rich with time, talent and treasure, some are blessed with wealth, wisdom and worth, with health, happiness and house. All these are riches in their own ways. Do we hoard, or do we share? What is our intention, and our ambition in the pursuit and possession of wealth? St James in today's second reading warns the rich who hoard riches, suppressing and oppressing others to maintain their riches, instead of allowing others to have a share in their riches. According to St James, a terrible punishment awaits them.

In the gospel, we saw John, on the return of the Apostles from their mission work, telling Jesus about a Jewish exorcist who was using the name of Jesus to cast out demons and how the apostles tried to stop him because he was not one of them. But Jesus told them not to stop such a person. Rather, they should support any ministry in the name of Jesus by giving, even if it is a cup of water as encouragement, to those who work for Jesus, who belong to him. He also condemns those who would become obstacles to the mission of his disciples – his little ones.

This is an important lesson to those who think that serving in the church is the prerogative of a few. There was a church where an elderly man who did altar serving would never allow new and younger altar servers to come in, and even threatened to stop coming to Mass, if the priest insisted on allowing the younger ones, especially, the girls, to serve on the altar. In another church a woman never allowed any other person to wash the altar cloths. Still in another, friends of the choir mistress would not participate in singing during Mass because a new person (even more talented) was leading the choir. And the new musician left the Church out of frustration. Why do some people block the way for new-comers or returnees into the church? Why should some people stop others from serving their God because those others are not "one of us?" May God help us to encourage more people into the Lord's vineyard because "the harvest is rich but the labourers are few" (Matthew 9:37). Enjoy your day. And Bye. We leave and live on to meet again.

When the disciples found him, they said, "Everyone is looking for you." But Jesus answered, "We must go on to the other villages around here. I have to preach in them also, because that is why I came." (Mark 1:37-38). Dear Parishioners it is evening, and I have to go. And after the rest, there will be morning. Thanks for all that you have been to me, for all your support and encouragement. Thanks to God and to my Bishop, the Archbishop, the clergy, religious, and all the Australian people. Keep me in your prayers, while I keep praying for you. THANKYOU. I wish Fr Albert and the Priests from Marian Valley the best in their pastoral, ministerial and administrative endeavours. May God grant success to the work of our hands. Remain ever blessed.

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MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH

Week Day Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 7.00 am
Wednesday 5.45 pm
Saturday Morning 9.00 am

Mass for the Sick with Anointing is on the
Third Saturday of the month at 9.00am

The next Anointing Mass will be TBA

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm
Sunday 8.30 am sometimes live streamed

10.30am - except 4th Sundays for
Beechmont ...see below.

St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont 4th Sunday of each month - 10.30am
Next Mass at St John's TBA

Rosary

Monday, Tuesday, Friday at 7.30 am
Saturday at 8.30am. Sunday 8.00am

Divine Mercy Prayer Thursday 7.30 am
Adoration Thursday 6.00-7.00pm

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Saturday 9.30 am

Reconciliation: St Brigid's Church By appointment only

Mass at Earle Haven - TBA



Week-day Mass Readings

Days		Memorials/Feasts	Readings (R1 and R2)	Gospel Reading
Mon	27/9/21	St Vincent de Paul, priest	R1: Zech 8:1-8	Lk 9:46-50
Tues	28/9/21	Tuesday 26th Wk in Ord Time	R1: Zech 8:20-23	Lk 9:51-56
Wed	29/9/21	Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, arch-angels	R.1: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14	Jn 1:47-51
Thurs	30/9/21	St. Jerome, priest, doctor	R 1: Neh 8:1-12	Lk 10:1-12
Fri	1/10/21	St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor	R1: Baruch 1:15-22	Lk 10:13-16

A Safeguarding Prayer

Lord Jesus - May we welcome the kingdom of God anew into our hearts and lives, Embracing discipleship and openness to others. You call us to walk with integrity in the service of others. May our service be filled with kindness, And respect for all God's people, giving special protection to children and the vulnerable. May we seek the truth, listen to those wounded by abuse, and choose to act with compassion and justice. Give us the strength, to serve humbly and faithfully, and to love one another as we are so loved by You. Amen

We remember all those who have gone before us to rest in the loving embrace of Jesus

We pray for the recently deceased: Lynete Cox, Luisa Teofilo, Daniel Lawson

We pray for the departed whose anniversaries occur at this time: William Pennings

We also remember their families—may they be comforted in their loss by this Community of Faith.

We pray for those who are sick or in hospital: Mary Topui, Graham Meakin, Christina Hendriksen, Doreen Slater, Peter Doring, Ian Robins, Brenda Dale, Shawn Marshall, Shirley Ryan.

Our prayers are also offered for those who are elderly and in Nursing Homes.



HOSPITAL CALLS

Robina Hospital - Burleigh Heads Parish on 5576 6466
Pindara Hospital - Surfers Paradise Parish 5572 5433
John Flynn Hospital -Coolangatta-Tugun Parish on 5598 2165
University & Gold Coast Private Hosp-Southport Parish 5510 2222

Morning Tea Roster

Anyone interested in being on the
Sunday morning Tea Roster please
contact Betty 0438 130 322.

Covid Safe Work Training for Dining In is a
requirement. See Betty for details.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded from harm by all. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. The full policy is available to read on the Archdiocese website—brisbanecatholic.org.au

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Cut it out!

The thought of cutting off a hand or foot or tearing out an eye all seem a bit extreme if taken literally. Whilst Jesus didn't mean for us to do a bit of self-surgery, if we find ourselves caught in behavior that is self-destructive or hurtful to others, the only solution is quite literally to 'cut it out'. We know within ourselves when our actions are life-giving or life-harming. Surprisingly we often persist with harmful behavior even when we know it's harmful. Jesus' solution is simple: cut out the negative behavior and get back on track. That's the principle behind Reconciliation.

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: In areas of crisis, churches are often destroyed by violence. Where the faith is growing new churches are needed. ACN supports the reconstruction of churches in these areas because a church is the centre of the life of faith and even the smallest chapel provides people with hope and a spiritual home. To help build a church today visit www.aidtochurch.org/construction

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"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." (Mark 9:41)

We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generously become easier. Why? Because that's the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain. www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections

ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIALS as at 19th September 2021

1ST COLLECTION: \$ 672.80 For Clergy Support
2ND COLLECTION: \$ 1126.65 For Parish expenses such as administration & maintenance of all our buildings & properties.

We appeal to all our Parishioners and friends who are not on planned giving already to consider switching over to planned giving or find another means of supporting the Parish and our ministry financially. We will send to parishioners the planned giving forms on request. I sincerely thank you for your continued financial support. Be assured of our prayers, and of your divine rewards.
Fr Isidore Enyinnaya