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**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR B**

**25TH & 26TH SEPTEMBER  
2021**

## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

**Places of Worship and Religious Services**  
**DUE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC MASSES AND CHURCH BUILDINGS**  
**ARE CLOSED AND WILL NOT BE OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**  
**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

*NSW Police have visited parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta to check on the use of buildings. Fines can be issued to each person who is in attendance if a breach has been identified.*

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## **Funerals**

**UPDATES HAVE BEEN MADE FOR FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL SERVICES FROM  
MONDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER.**

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## **Live Streaming**

Live streaming of Mass is recommended. Priests may have up to five assistants at the Mass, including personnel who are operating the live stream. Many of our parishes are also live streaming their services.

For a list of these parishes, please visit: <https://parracatholic.org/covid19>.



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**(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)**

## **Updates to Funerals and Memorial Services**

### **Funeral and Memorial Services in Greater Sydney**

From Monday 20th September a maximum of **10 people** can attend a funeral or memorial service or gathering afterwards in Greater Sydney, including in a local government area of concern.

The 10 person maximum also applies to an outdoor funeral, memorial service or gathering afterwards. A funeral cannot occur at a place of residence.

In addition to the 10 people attending the service there can also be:

- a person conducting the service
- other people who are necessary for the preparation and conduct of the service.

### **Funeral or Memorial Services Outside Greater Sydney**

If you live in Greater Sydney, including in a local government area of concern, you can leave home to attend a funeral or memorial service outside Greater Sydney, only if you are a:

- spouse (including de facto) of the deceased
- parent of the deceased
- child of the deceased
- sibling of the deceased.

### **Funeral and memorial services held in Greater Sydney**

Attending a funeral or memorial service is a reasonable excuse to leave home in Greater Sydney, including local government areas of concern.

**Please note that if the funeral takes place in a church building the physical distancing rule of 1.5 metres must be observed and face masks must be worn.**

## **Updates to Weddings**

### **Wedding Services in Greater Sydney**

From Monday, 20th September 2021, a maximum of **11 people** can attend a wedding service in **Greater Sydney**. *Please note that Greater Sydney includes the Blue Mountains and Wollongong local government areas.* The 11 people are:

- a person legally required to conduct the wedding service being the celebrant or officiant
- the 2 people getting married
- the 2 necessary witnesses
- a person recording the service
- up to 5 guests.

### **Wedding Services Outside Greater Sydney**

If you live in Greater Sydney, including a local government area of concern, from Monday 20th September you can only leave home to attend a wedding outside Greater Sydney if you are a parent, child, or sibling of one of the persons getting married.

Greater Sydney includes the Blue Mountains and Wollongong local government areas.

### **Wedding Services Held in Greater Sydney Including the Blue Mountains and Wollongong and Local Government Areas of Concern**

If you live outside Greater Sydney, from Monday 20th September you can leave home and enter Greater Sydney (including an area of concern) to attend a wedding service only if you are:

- one of the people who is legally required to conduct the wedding service being the celebrant or officiant
  - one of the 2 people getting married
  - one of the 2 necessary witnesses
  - the person recording the service; or
- a parent, child or sibling of one of the people getting married.

## Parish News

### Parish office Hours

The parish office telephone and internet problems have now been fixed. Please feel welcome to contact the office at any time and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please be aware that the office is still closed but emails and telephone messages are checked regularly.

In case you need any pastoral support please contact Fr Chris on 0415 505 594.

### Sacrament of First Communion 2021

**PLEASE WATCH THIS SPACE. WE ARE WAITING ON UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT REGARDING RESTRICTIONS AND HOW THEY WILL AFFECT THE SACRAMENT PROGRAM.**

**DATES HAVE BEEN PUT ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

### CATECHISTS AND CATECHIST HELPERS NEEDED

*Sharing our faith with the children of our parish community is a very rewarding opportunity. This period of staying at home is a perfect time to reflect on your faith and consider sharing your journey with Christ with the children in our government schools.*

#### What's Involved?

- \* Teaching time (30 minutes) and preparation.

#### What do I need?

- \* An interest in children and the ability to communicate with them.

#### What help will I get?

- \* Training to help you develop basic teaching skills and make the best use of your talents.
- \* A teacher's manual containing easy lesson plans.
- \* Student activity books for each child.
- \* Other resources to help make lessons interesting.

If you feel you can help as a teacher or assistant once our Covid-19 lockdown is over or to find out more information contact Marie at the Parish Office by telephone or email.

### Advertising in The Net

Are you interested in advertising your business in The Net??? Or know anyone who might be??? Ads run for 12 months or there is the opportunity to run an ad on a monthly or three monthly basis. For more details, contact Marie at the Parish Office during office hours.

### Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

#### Recently Deceased:

Rosemary Hall, Judy Baytch (*Michael Blair's dear Aunt*)

#### Anniversaries:

Carmen Attard (26/09/14), Kevin Hennessey (30/08)

#### And for those who are sick:

Esther Rodgers, Kevin & Mary O'Connor, Pauline Rugg



## Diocesan News

### Online Masses in the Parramatta Diocese

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Sunday at 9am

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Sunday at 10am

Please visit [www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org) to check which other parishes are celebrating Mass online.

### Diocese of Parramatta Launches Plenary Council Resource Website

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. The first assembly starts in October, so visit [parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/](http://parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/) to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more.

### 'The Well' Offers Spiritual Nourishment

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Check it out on [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

### Young people of the Diocese – we are with you

"I am with you always" Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website [parracatholic.org/withyou](http://parracatholic.org/withyou) contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people.

### Office for Safeguarding Offering Online Training to Keep our Parishes Safe

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team are currently offering accompanied online training courses throughout September and October. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) or [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org).

### Positions Vacant:

- Human Resources Partner – Diocese of Parramatta
- Human Resources Manager – Diocese of Parramatta
- Accountant (General)/Analyst – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm 26 September**
- Digital Content Creator – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm 4 October**

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

# The Living Word

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

26th September 2021

## First Reading

Nm 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!'

## Responsorial Psalm

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

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

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.)*

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. *(R.)*

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.)*

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

*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.

## 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

*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.'



## Living the Gospel – Cut it out!

The thought of cutting off a hand or foot or tearing out an eye seems 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 behaviour 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 behaviour even when we know it's harmful. Jesus' solution is simple: cut out the negative behaviour and get back on track. That's the principle behind Reconciliation.



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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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## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The question of legitimacy of ministry is not a new one. There is a certain amount of tension between the institutional and the charismatic aspects of the church. To say that one is Spirit-driven and the other is not is to misunderstand Jesus' promise to remain with the church until the end of time. God normally calls ministers through the structures of the community. The authorities of the church are usually the ones who make the ultimate decisions about the needs of the church, how these needs are to be met, and who is to meet them. That is one of the responsibilities of their office.

However, God calls in other ways as well. A solid biblical tradition maintains that the Spirit is not confined to human structure or custom. We see this in the judges, the prophets, and even the early kings. The Pentecost story describes the coming of the Spirit upon all people – sons and daughters, young and old, slaves and free. When God calls it is up to us to recognise that call and to test its spirit. Perhaps the primary criterion we have for judging is the biblical measure: By their fruits you shall know them.

Today we also see that those who benefit from exploitation of the vulnerable will reap the fruits of their sin. This warning stems from the belief in the justice of God. Just as we believe that God will not allow the righteous to go unrewarded, so we are confident that neither will the wicked escape punishment.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

### An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle



We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



## REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

### Questions for Adolescents

- \* Why might the disciples have been upset to see someone healing in the name of Jesus?
- \* Why is Jesus not concerned by this person's actions?
- \* What is the message of Jesus' teaching about cutting off what causes one to sin?
- \* Are there circumstances in which you are a negative influence in someone's life?
- \* How could you be a more positive presence in the lives of others?

### Questions for Adults

- \* How would life be different if we all adopted a position of 'anyone not against us is for us'?
- \* Why would someone using a literal interpretation of this text find it problematic?
- \* How might the teaching about cutting off what causes sin be relevant to your life?
- \* How do the people we mix with impact our ideas and actions?

***This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.***

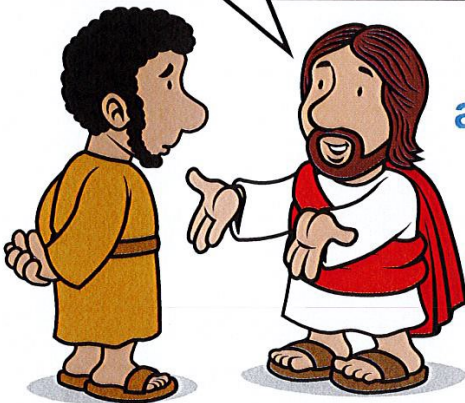
- \* In today's gospel the disciples tried to stop someone doing miracles in Jesus' name.
- \* Has anyone ever made you feel bad because you were doing something good?
- \* How did that make you feel? Was it confusing?
- \* How did you decide what to do?
- \* Jesus said that anyone who is not for him is against him.
- \* How can you show that you are for Jesus?
- \* When you do good deeds, is it because you are a follower of Jesus or because you might get a reward?
- \* We pray that we will be loyal followers of Jesus.

# Whoever is not against us is for us

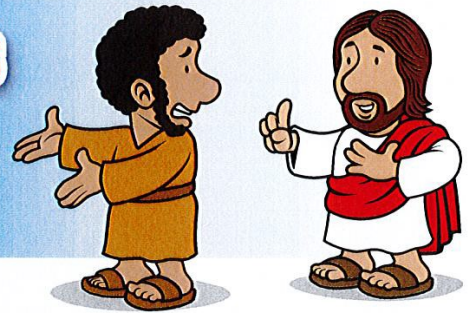
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One day the disciples saw a man working miracles in Jesus' name. Because he was not one of them, the disciples told him to stop. Use the words below to find out why Jesus did not want the disciples to stop the man.

No one who does a \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_ in my \_\_\_\_\_ will  
say something \_\_\_\_\_ about me.  
Whoever is not \_\_\_\_\_  
us is \_\_\_\_\_ us.



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Jesus rewards those who do good things in his name.



I can help others in Jesus' name by...

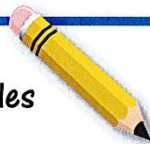
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Jesus rewards my good deeds by...

- \_\_\_\_\_
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Jesus performed many miracles.  
Draw a picture about one of the miracles  
you have read about in the bible.



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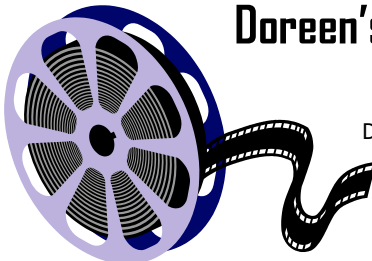
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# Solutions

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