

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Year B) 26 September 2021**

**First reading Numbers 11:25-29**

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  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 18(19):8,10,12-14**

*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.

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

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

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

So in them your servant finds instruction;  
great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me.

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

From presumption restrain your servant  
and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin.

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

**Second reading James 5:1-6**

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  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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

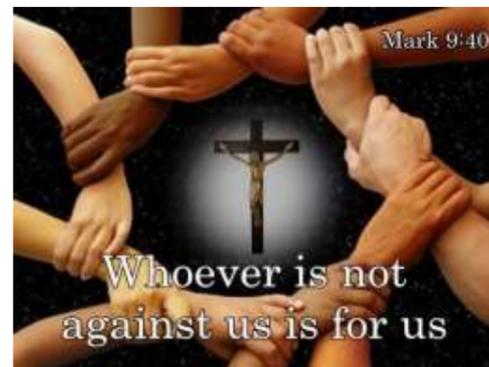
**Gospel Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48**

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.  
**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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**World Day of Migrants and Refugees**

This Sunday we celebrate the 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees to honour their courage and strength to flee their homes because of war, ethnic violence, religious persecution, political issues, and climate change or to seek for a better life. Facing the reality of migrants and refugees, the question that comes to our mind is: How do we respond to this issue?

Reflecting on today's Gospel, Jesus, in his conversation with John, reveals to us the importance of showing generosity to people in need. There is a much deeper truth that Jesus wants us to know that God is a generous Father. He loves and cares for all of us. Hence, our response to the issue of migrants and refugees is to show them God's generosity.

According to Pope Francis, one of the ways to make God's generosity more visible to migrants and refugees is to work 'Towards an ever wider "We."' The Pope's way is not without reason. He says, "we are all in the same boat and called to work together so that there will be no more walls that separate us, no longer others, but only a single "we", encompassing all of humanity." Isn't it amazing to know that no matter who you are and what you are, we live in the same planet? We are interrelated and interdependent.

Pope Francis goes on to say: "...we find many migrants and refugees, displaced persons and victims of trafficking, to whom the Lord wants his love to be manifested and his salvation preached." It means that these less fortunate brothers and sisters of ours are also part of our life. They deserve our love and care too.

What does it mean 'Towards an ever wider "We" for you? For me, it is an acceptance of a reality that regardless our ethnic background, gender, faith, language, nationality, all of us belong to the same family, that is, human family. We are children of the generous God. Unlike John in the Gospel who was very much in the "I" mindset, we are expected to have and develop the "We" mindset. We accept one another, including migrants and refugees, as brothers and sisters. We are also expected to extend God's generosity to migrants and refugees as they encounter many hardships, worries, fears, loneliness, and so on. We need to care for them by welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating.

Moreover, we are encouraged to give material and financial support to migrants and refugees. Settling down in a hosting country, migrants and refugees need a lot of assistance such as food, clothes, medicines, shelter, money, etc. In the spirit of wider "We" let us share our resources with them generously.

Last but not least, helping migrants and refugees requires a close and good collaboration of all individuals and institutions or organizations involved. Such collaborations will be living signs of Pope Francis' dream of "Toward an ever wider We." The wider "We" makes us humble to admit the reality that we are all migrants in this world. Therefore, we need to support one another, helping one another, and care for one another. No one should be excluded or left out in the cold. Let us work together to create a better world, a world that fills with peace and harmony which reflects the reign of God's Kingdom.

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**No public Masses  
until  
further notice**

10:30am Sunday Mass  
and 9:10 weekday  
Masses are livestreamed.  
For the live stream links  
please visit:

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**Parish Mass Schedule**

**Weekend Masses:**  
**Saturday:** 6:00pm  
**Sunday:** 9:00am (Italian),  
10:30 am, 6:00 pm  
**Weekday Masses:**  
**Monday to Friday:** 9.10am

### Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

### Feast Days of the week:

Monday 27th September	St Vincent de Paul
Tuesday 28th September	St. Wenceslaus, St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions
Wednesday 29th September	Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Thursday 30th September	St Jerome
Friday 1st October	St Therese of the Child Jesus
Saturday 2nd October	The Holy Guardian Angels

### Victoria's Roadmap out of lockdown

As you would be aware, the Premier announced a proposed Victorian Roadmap on 19 September outlining a slow and staggered re-opening. When 80% of people aged 16years and over are fully vaccinated (expected around 5 November) churches can have up to 150 fully vaccinated people indoors. You may access the current Victoria's Roadmap at: <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-09/210919%20-%20Roadmap-Metro.pdf>

### STOP PRESS: From Archbishop Comensoli

There remains many unanswered questions regarding the proposed Victorian Roadmap. Media have expressed interest in the implications for places of worship, and the Archbishop has provided a quote for The Age (below), which we wanted to share with you.

*"Spiritual wellbeing is as important as psychological and physical wellbeing.*

*Lockdown has affected Victorians deeply, no less for the thousands of people of faith who have not been able to attend worship or receive the sacraments of the Church. We have been very flexible throughout this pandemic, but are urging Government and health authorities to make clear what the end goal is after we hit 80% full vaccination status.*

*It would be a tragedy if two classes of citizens, the vaccinated and the unvaccinated, were to emerge and be entrenched as we look towards a COVID-normal goal. In our faith tradition, all the available vaccines in Australia are permissible to receive, and our clergy and people are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated. We believe we can achieve ways that allow both vaccinated and unvaccinated people to worship in-person safely, and are working with other faith leaders to bring those proposals to the table."*

The Archbishop will offer a more detailed message when there is a clearer understanding of the pathways forward, and following further negotiations with authorities.

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### Migrants and Refugees Sunday

The 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2021 will be celebrated on September 26th – Migrants and Refugees Sunday. In his Message, Towards an Ever Wider "We" for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis turned to his encyclical Fratelli Tutti to express once again his concerns and hopes during this time of the COVID19 pandemic: "Once this health crisis passes, our worst response would be to plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation. God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those', but only 'us' (no. 35)". For this reason, the Pope said he has devoted his Message to the theme, Towards An Ever Wider "We", in order to "indicate a clear horizon for our common journey in this world."

### Prayer:

*Holy, beloved Father, your Son Jesus taught us that there is great rejoicing in heaven whenever someone lost is found, whenever someone excluded, rejected or discarded is gathered into our "we", which thus becomes ever wider.*

*We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus, and all people of goodwill, the grace to do your will on earth.*

*Bless each act of welcome and outreach that draws those in exile into the "we" of community and of the Church, so that our earth may truly become what you yourself created it to be: the common home of all our brothers and sisters.*

*Amen. (Pope Francis)*

### Working With Children Checks:

It is a requirement of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne that all clergy, employees and volunteers over the age of 18 are required to maintain a current Working With Children Check throughout their involvement in parishes, Agencies and entities. This is to ensure that we all stand united in creating safe environments for children and young people. The application process can be commenced online and finalised at a participating Australian Post Office. To apply go to <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply#>



### Lockdown Light—a weekly series

*A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ... Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations at [www.bit.ly/LockdownLight](http://www.bit.ly/LockdownLight)*

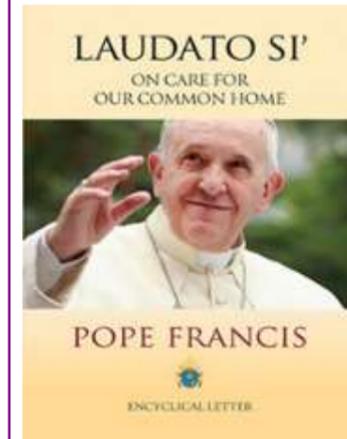
### LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

During the Laudato Si' Special Anniversary Year, "The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development", launched a new program and a public commitment for various institutions to begin a 7-year journey with him to total sustainability. Pope Francis wants to immerse the seven goals of Laudato Si' into every institution in the world so that we have:

1. Laudato Si' Families
2. Laudato Si' Dioceses
3. Laudato Si' Schools
4. Laudato Si' Universities
5. Laudato Si' Hospitals / Health Care Centres
6. Laudato Si' Businesses/Agricultural Farms
7. Laudato Si' Religious Orders

The seven goals of Laudato Si' are grounded in integral ecology: Response to the Cry of the Earth; Response to the Cry of the Poor; Ecological Economics; Adoption of Simple Lifestyles; Ecological Education; Ecological Spirituality; and Community Involvement and Participatory Action. For more information on what this means for us as Catholics please go to: Laudato Si Action Platform: [www.laudatosiactionplatform.org](http://www.laudatosiactionplatform.org)

*As we consider human impact on our Earth, we pray together:*



*Confront us Creator God with the results of our treatment of the Earth. Disturb us with the science. Unsettle us with the global impact statistics. Enable us to change and walk gently on our common home. Assure us that every action counts. Amen*

### WE PRAY FOR:

*The elderly and the sick  
Anthony, Peter Bourke,  
Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph  
Paige Lapenta, John Plum ,and  
Bronislawa Slobodzian*

*That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect*

*Those who have died recently  
Michele Leggio  
Irene Elizabeth (Betty) Loy*

### We Commemorate

*O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

### THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



*Any time is fitting for the message of peace; in no situation is God's grace ever lacking.*

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.  
(say this prayer in lieu of receiving Communion)*

### Online Mass Service

**10:30am Sunday Mass and 9:10am weekday Sacred Heart parish Masses are livestreamed. For the live stream links please visit: [www.sacredheartpreston.com.au](http://www.sacredheartpreston.com.au)**

**Daily Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral can be attended live online every day at <https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/mass-online>**

Live telecast of Sunday Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral can be viewed on Channel 44 (31) at 11am

### Cleaning Roster: Saturday 2 October 2021

**Volunteers**  
*Thank you for your hard work*



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