



## ONE MISSION, TWO CHURCHES

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - 28th June 2026



2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16,Psalm 88(89):2-3,16-19, Romans 6:3-4,8-11  
GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10: 37-42

*Meditation: Who or what takes first place in your life - in your daily thoughts, cares, and concerns? God has put us first in his thought, care, and concern for our well-being and future. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding kindness and mercy towards us. Even while we were hopelessly adrift through our own sinful pride, rebellion and unbelief, he choose to give us his own beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for our sake - to set us free from slavery to sin, Satan, and death.*

**Proof of God's unfailing love for us:** There is no greater proof of God's love for us than the free-will offering of his Son who shed his blood for us on the cross. His death broke the curse of guilt and condemnation, and won for us pardon and adoption as beloved sons and daughters of God our Father. Through the victory of his cross and resurrection, the Lord Jesus offers us abundant new life through the gift and power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us.

**The love of God comes first:** The Holy Spirit reveals to us the love of the eternal Father and the eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who come to make their home with us and to unite us in a bond of peace and friendship. That is why the Lord Jesus commanded his disciples to give him their undivided loyalty and love above all else. We owe him a debt of gratitude for what he has done for us. The Lord Jesus gives us the assurance and promise that he will raise up our mortal bodies to be like his so that we may fully share in his resurrection for all eternity.

God has no equal - that is why we owe the eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit our undivided loyalty, trust, and obedience. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for the Lord Jesus who calls us to follow him. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can become our enemies, if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do.

**God's compelling love knows no rival:** The love of God compels us to choose who or what will be first in our lives. To place any relationship or anything else above God is a form of idolatry. We can allow many different things to take control of our lives and possess us - such as greed and lust for power, possessions, and wealth. But only God's love can set us free to love as he loves - with mercy, kindness, goodness, patience, perseverance, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). The first and great commandment is to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Matthew 22:37). If we pursue the love of God and put his kingdom first in our lives, then he will give us everything we need to sustain us now and in the future as well. Who is the Lord and Master of you life?

**True love overflows in kindness and mercy towards others:** True love for God compels us to express charity (merciful deeds of kindness and goodness) towards our neighbors who are also loved by God because he created each of them in his image and likeness. Mother Theresa of Calcutta once told a marvelous story about a destitute family who had nothing to eat for days. When news of their impoverished condition came to the Missionary Sisters of Charity, Mother Theresa personally went to their home and brought them some food supplies. The mother of the family immediately divided the food in half and carried it off. When she returned, Mother Theresa asked her, "Where did you go?" She gave the simple answer, "To my neighbors, they are hungry also!" Mother Theresa said, "I was not surprised that she gave - poor people are really very generous. I was surprised that she knew they were hungry. As a rule, when we are suffering, we are so focused on ourselves, we have no time for others."

Jesus declared that any kindness shown and any help given to the people of Christ will not lose its reward (Matthew 10:42). Jesus never refused to give to anyone in need who asked for his help. As his disciples we are called to be kind and generous as he is. Jesus sets before us the one goal in life that is worth any sacrifice and that goal is union with God - uniting our heart, mind, and will with his heart and will for our lives. The reward of a life given over to God and obeying his voice is God himself - the source of true peace and joy that lasts forever. Does the love of Jesus Christ compel you to put God first in all you do (2 Corinthians 5:14)?

Sermon on the Mount, an 1877 painting by [Carl Bloch](#) (public domain)

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*Fr Alex Chow*

**Parish Secretary**

*Sonya O'Farrell*

*Wednesdays,*

*Thursdays & Fridays*

*10am – 2pm*

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**SUNDAY MASS**

***Saturday Vigil:* 5pm (SL)**

***Sunday:* 8:30am (SL)**

*10:30am (ST)*

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

***Tues.* 6:30pm (SL)**

***Wed.* 9:15am (ST)**

*1st Wed. Mass of Anointing @ 10am*

***Thurs.* 9:15am (ST)**

***Fri.* 9:15am (SL\*)**

*6.30pm (ST)*

***Sat.* 9.15am (SL\*)**

*\*Rosary after Mass*

**RECONCILIATION**

*SL: Tues 5:30 - 6:10pm*

*Sat 9.45 - 10.15am*

*ST: Fri 5:30 - 6:10pm*

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & EVENING PRAYER**

*SL: Tues 5:30 - 6:30pm*

*ST: Fri 5:30 - 6:30pm*

**HOSPITALITY AFTER MASS AT ST. LUKE'S**

Second weekend of each month - bring a plate to share (optional)

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP -**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July @ 7pm - external venue

**LEGION OF MARY -**

Friday 3rd July @ 10.15am at St Luke's Parish Hall Kitchen. Enquiries to Lucy 0419 591 423

**Next Week's Daily Readings**  
**29 June - 5 July Ordinary Time**

**MONDAY June 29** Acts 12:1-11  
Ps 33:2-9: 2 Tim 4:6-8,17-18  
Mt 16:13-19  
**Sts PETER and PAUL, apostles**

**TUESDAY June 30** Amos 3:1-8;  
4:11-12 Ps 5:5-8 Mt 8:23-27

**WEDNESDAY July 1** Amos 5:14-15,  
21-24 Ps 49:7-13, 16-17 Mt 8:28-34

**THURSDAY July 2** Amos 7:10-17  
Ps 18:8-11 Mt 9:1-8

**FRIDAY July 3** Eph 2:19-22  
Ps 116: Jn 20:24-29  
**St Thomas, apostle**

**SATURDAY July 4** Amos 9:11-15  
Ps 84:9, 11-14 Mt 9:14-17

**SUNDAY July 5** Zech 9:9-10  
Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14  
Rom 8:9, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30

**14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**



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**CatholicCare Victoria Thanks**

Thank you to all parishioners who donated to the CatholicCare appeal in May. We collected \$352.75 from St Luke's and \$318.75 from St Timothy's which has now been transferred to CatholicCare.

**ROSTERS FOR Church Cleaning & Flowers**

Seeking new volunteers for our cleaning and flower rosters at St Luke's. Please sign up on the clipboards in the church foyer. Contact the parish office for more information.

**CHOSEN: I STAND CAMP - 1 to 3 JULY '26**

A Catholic Youth Retreat for High School Students in Years 8 to 12  
WHERE: Belgrave Heights Convention Centre (Diamond Valley Site),  
3 Convention Avenue, Belgrave Heights  
Registration: [YMT.COM.AU/ISTANDEVENTS](http://YMT.COM.AU/ISTANDEVENTS) or via QR code



**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Saturday 5pm SL  
Sunday 8:30am SL  
10:30am ST

**27 and 28 JUNE**

Steve Kilroe-Smith  
Darren McLean  
Ryan Yee

**4 and 5 JULY**

Godfrey Thong  
Beryl Chelliah  
Alfred Lee

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Saturday 5pm SL  
Sunday 8:30am SL  
10:30am ST

Lynda Kilroe-Smith  
Megan McLean  
Susan Chen

Marg Yore  
Kana Chelliah  
Laura Cigana

**SLIDE OPERATORS**

Saturday 5pm SL  
Sunday 8:30am SL  
10:30am ST

Choir  
Paul Tierney  
Lee Min Yee

Choir  
Rosemary Donaldson  
Manny Gonzalez

**SL WELCOMERS 27 - 28 June**

5pm John Ryan  
8.30am Janette Clark  
10.30am Volunteer

**SL CHURCH CLEANING**

4th July - Megan's team  
Megan McLean, Janette Clark,  
Maureen Davis & Quyen Nguyen

**SL CHURCH FLOWERS**  
27th June - Kate Skowronska  
4th July - Ellen Donoghue

**ST CHURCH FLOWERS**  
Parishioners

**SL WELCOMERS 4 - 5 July**

5:00pm Libby Theodore  
8.30am Sarah Santilli  
10.30am Volunteer

**ST CHURCH CLEANING**

3rd July  
Theresa Patrick  
& Joelle Roussety

**ST COUNTERS**  
This week Team 5:  
Anico Yee & Wilson D'Souza  
Next week Team 6:  
Barry Silvester & Seng Chan

## **WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**All who are sick**, especially Filomena Italiano, William Hanson, Derek Koh, Shirley Prabha, Helen MacKay, Kevin Ryan, Suzy Bookluck, Emilio Moreno Garcia, Agatha Wink, Chris Leach, Dora Leung, Hazel Greal, Josephine Alexander, Kit Bing Fan, Kathryn Holmes, Stewart Davis, Mark, Margaret Hayes, Charmaine Bancroft, Marilene Japour, Paciencia Cabral and all those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend.

**All who have died**, especially Kieran Hardiman who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time including Irene Pereira, Enda Hardiman, Ellen Wagg, John Chapman, William (Bill) Swallow, Josephine Eisola, Mary Vanden Boogaard, Kevin Coffey, Melita Azzopardi, Ethel Donohue, Tanya Egberts-Tobin, Joan Donohoe, Veronica Carroll, Angelo Viola, Rose Curmi, Nellie Lissenden, Lillian Wills, Margaret Bradley and Anna Koay.  
May they rest in peace.

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## **POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE:**

For the values of sport. Let us pray that sport be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

**NEW BLUE CHAIRS FOR ST TIMOTHY'S CHURCH:** We have ordered 40 new blue chairs for St Timothy's church as some of the existing pink chairs and benches are very well worn and need to be replaced. This will cost \$4,774. If you would like to make a donation to the parish to assist with this cost, please contact Sonya in the parish office or donate via the Tap 'n Go portal in the church foyer. Many thanks to all those who have already donated.

**INCENSE AT MASS:** In a response to feedback from a number of parishioners, it has been decided to limit the use of incense at Mass to the Family Mass on the second Saturday of each month at St Luke's and on solemnities only.

**ANNUAL MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral. Couples and their families are invited as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family. Couples who are celebrating the following anniversaries, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years and above will receive a commemorative certificate. Please register by July 7 at:  
<https://melbournecatholic.org/events/mass-for-marriage-anniversaries-2026>

**PARISH & SCHOOL FETE:** St Luke's Fete, in partnership with St Timothy's, will be held on **Sunday October 18th**. The next fete committee meeting is on Thurs. 16th July at 7pm in St Luke's parish hall kitchen. We are looking for donations of prizes or other items for our Silent Auction and potential online raffle. We are also looking for stall coordinators for our Pre-loved Books, Silent Auction, Beer Garden/Wine & Cheese & BBQ stalls. Contact Sonya in the parish office or email [stlukesfete@gmail.com](mailto:stlukesfete@gmail.com). **More volunteers are very welcome to join us, as many hands make light work!**

**MELBOURNE CATHOLIC:** Our people are our riches, says Sherry Weddell

**MAJELLAN MEDIA:** AI Under the Microscope

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## **STEWARDSHIP CORNER:**

*The First collection is for the priest and retired priests.*

*The Second collection is for parish expenses.*

Please note that collection totals will no longer be published each week in the newsletter. Presbytery and Church donations will be reported on a monthly basis at all weekend Masses. To donate regularly via envelope, credit card or bank account, please contact the parish office.

## **Parish Groups & Contacts**

### **Volunteers and Rosters:**

*Kelvin & Susan Chen (ST),  
Margaret Gearon (SL)*

**Baptism Preparation:** *Fr Alex*

### **Parish Collection Preparers**

*ST: Barry Silvester &  
Michael Kawalewski*

### **Parish Safeguarding Committee**

*Fr Alex, Sonya O'Farrell,  
Darren McLean & Janette Clark*

### **Parish History**

*SL: Margaret Gearon*

### **Parish Accountant**

*Bernard Negline*

### **SL & ST: Hall Hire**

*Sonya O'Farrell @ 9877 2292*

### **Church Sacristan**

*ST: Roster of Parishioners  
SL: Greg Grant*

### **Church Cleaning & Flowers**

*SL: Megan McLean  
ST: Susan Chen*

**Church Linen:** *SL: Beryl Chelliah*

### **Parish Garden Maintenance**

*ST: Des Connors  
SL: Darren McLean*

### **Parish Choirs**

*ST: Miguel Ilagan  
SL: Fr Alex*

**Bible Timeline:** *Chris Lim*

**ALPHA:** *Lynda Kilroe-Smith*

### **Young Adult Ministry:**

*Sarah Santilli & Jersy Soesanto*

**RCIA:** *David West*

### **St Vincent de Paul Conference**

*For Assistance: 1800 305 330  
(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)  
ST: John McCoy  
SL: Margaret Gearon &  
Steve Kilroe-Smith*

**Entrance Antiphon:** All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**Response to the Psalm:** Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

**Eucharistic Acclamation:** We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**ST TIMOTHY'S:** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June  
at the 10.30am Mass.

This runs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sundays of each month.



**ST LUKE'S:** Next Family Mass will be on July 11<sup>th</sup>  
and on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

### SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2026

**First Eucharist** - August 1<sup>st</sup> @ 5pm

**Baptism** - August 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm, St Luke's

Parents of children who do not attend Catholic schools are asked to contact the parish office at least 6 weeks prior to enrol in preparation sessions for any of the above sacraments.

### ST LUKE'S FETE in partnership with ST TIMOTHY'S - 18<sup>th</sup> October '26

We have started to promote the fete on our social media. Please like and share our posts to encourage everyone to attend the fete and support our generous sponsors.

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukesfete2026/>

<https://www.instagram.com/stlukesfete/>

**Next weekend - 4/5 JULY** we celebrate

**Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday**

and we will also have the

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION** for Pope Leo's mission of proclaiming the Gospel and bringing hope and love to every part of the world.

### "SYNOD CORNER"

**15. A listening Church is  
a credible Church**



In a world where many feel ignored or dismissed, a Church that listens becomes a sign of hope. Synodality teaches us that listening can heal wounds and rebuild trust.



## FATHERHOOD

WITH

### FR TONY SCHICK

Fr Tony will share a talk about *Fatherhood* –  
what it means to be a father in faith today.



28 JULY



ST LUKE'S  
BLACKBURN SOUTH



MASS  
6:30 PM



DINNER  
7:00 PM



FAITH. FATHERHOOD. FELLOWSHIP.  
*All men welcome.*

# Chosen

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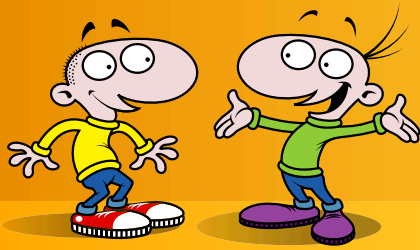
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(DIAMOND VALLEY SITE)  
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VIC 3160

CONTACT:  
MELBOURNE MANAGER  
ANTHONY BOLLING  
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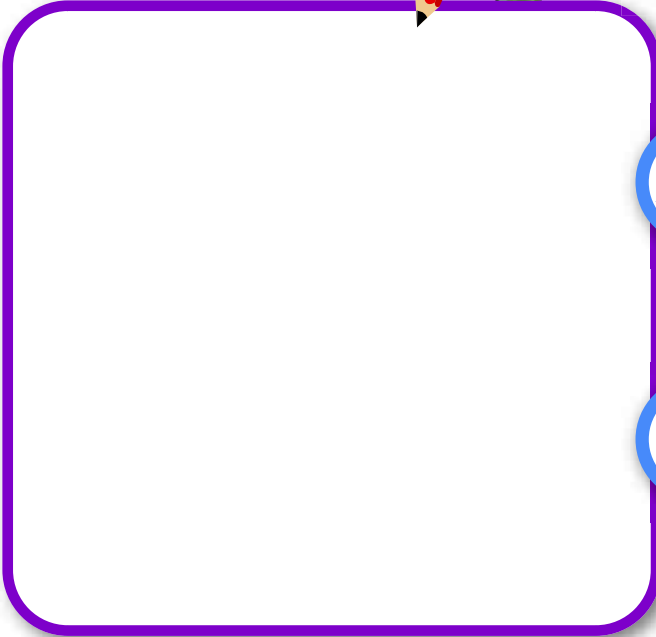
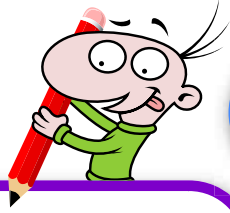


# Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus says that by welcoming others, we will be rewarded. Draw a picture of yourself making someone feel welcome.



Write down some ways that you can make others feel welcome...



in your home

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in school

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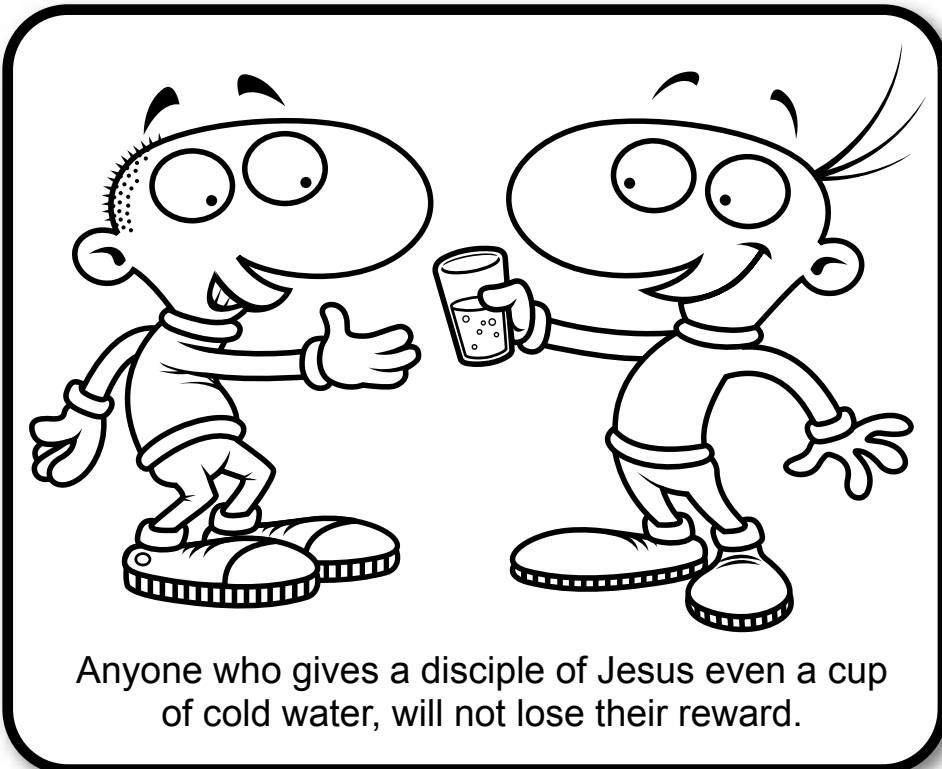
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## Complete the Text Maze:

"Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me."



Anyone who gives a disciple of Jesus even a cup of cold water, will not lose their reward.

START **A** N J T W I L K

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Q	A	E	D	C	V	X	<b>E</b>

FINISH

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 28 JUNE 2026



### COLLECT

O God, who through the grace of adoption  
chose us to be children of light,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error  
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### READINGS AND REFLECTIONS

People feel at home in the Church and comfortable at the Sunday liturgy if they experience a sense of belonging. Sometimes welcoming people through the ministry of hospitality can seem like an optional extra. Do we really need a 'cuppa' after Mass? Is it important for parishioners to get to know each other? The short answer is YES!

Christ 'always showed compassion for children and for the poor, for the sick and for sinners, and he became a neighbour to the oppressed and the afflicted' (Eucharistic Prayer Various Needs IV). We, the Body of Christ in the world today, need to do likewise if we are to be faithful to the example of Christ. We open our doors and our hearts to all.

## A reading from the second book of the Kings

4:8-11, 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3, 16-19

**R.** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

## A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

6:3-4, 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

## First Reading

The story of the prophet Elisha and the wealthy woman of Shunem looks forward to the gospel text about welcoming a prophet.

The woman's hospitality is a blessing for the prophet: she offers him a meal whenever he is in the neighbourhood and eventually builds him a comfortable room where he can stay and rest.

Elisha in turn becomes a blessing for the woman and her aged husband. If her husband died, she would be left destitute, without a son to support her. The prophet's intervention grants her a son.

The reader should be able to present this story, complete with its dialogues, in a lively and interesting way. The pronunciation of the proper names can be verified in the guide at the end of the book.

## Responsorial Psalm

These verses from Psalm 88/89 do not relate clearly to the other readings for today. Rather they stand alone as an exultant song of the 'goodness of the Lord'. The psalm praises God for the work of creation and for establishing the house of King David.

The sentiments in this selection are unfailingly positive. They are not all sweetness and light – there are lines about truth, justice and strength. The cantor/reader should take these verses with a measured pace, savouring each line as it unfolds. Enjoy it!

## Second Reading

The womb and the tomb: these are the two great images the New Testament employs to talk of baptism. Both speak of new life. John features the image of baptism as a rebirth – being reborn of the Spirit from above (Jn 3). Paul, as seen in this reading, uses the image of dying and rising with Christ. Christ is victorious, death has no power over him. So it will be for us! It is often a shock when parents bring their darling child for baptism to hear a reading about death.

Yet it takes us to the heart of our belonging to the Body of Christ, the Church. In both baptism and Eucharist, we are united with Christ and share in the Paschal mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. Plunged in the water of baptism, we

are brought to a new way of life – living the gospel here on earth, as we walk the pilgrim way to God’s eternal kingdom.

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew**

**10:37-42**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

‘Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

‘Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet’s reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man’s reward.

‘If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.’

**Gospel**

There are two parts to this passage. The first presents quite firmly the cost of discipleship. The second is about welcome, presumably the hospitality to be extended to those who are sent on mission.

The first part establishes that the mission to continue the work of Christ must take priority, even over family relationships. Following Christ means taking up the cross. In union with Christ on the cross, the disciple will also share in the new life of the resurrection.

The second part about welcome echoes the parable of the sheep and goats: ‘*In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me*’ (see Mt 25:31-46). It can be as simple as a drink of cold water!

The disciples’ mission is to expand the reach of Christ’s proclamation of God’s kingdom. So, says Jesus, whoever welcomes you and the Good News is also welcoming me. This awesome responsibility should be conveyed to the listeners at Sunday Mass.

The opening words ‘*anyone who...*’ recur eight times in this reading. Don’t let them become a distraction by emphasising them.

# CONCLUDING PRAYER

## Solemn Blessing (Ordinary Time IV)

May the God of all consolation order your days in his peace and grant you the gifts of his blessing.

**Amen.**

May he free you always from every distress and confirm your hearts in his love.

**Amen.**

So that on this life's journey you may be effective in good works, rich in the gifts of hope, faith and charity, and may come happily to eternal life.

**Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son,† and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

**Amen.**

(Adapted from the Solemn Blessing for Ordinary Time IV, Roman Missal p. 716)



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1 CORINTHIANS 13:7



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