

## Sunday 28 June 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

### First Reading - Jeremiah 28.1-9,14a

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.  
The prophet Hanan-iah announced,

in the temple,  
that within two years,  
the heavy burden  
imposed by the king of Babylon  
would be removed;  
and the exiles,  
and the treasures of the temple,  
would return  
from Babylon  
to Jerusalem.

Jeremiah said, 'May the Lord indeed fulfil the words  
that you have spoken,  
and bring back to this place  
the treasures of the temple,  
and all the exiles.

But listen now  
to these words  
that I speak to you, and to all the people.

From ancient times,  
the prophets have spoken  
to many great kingdoms and nations,  
of famine, disease, and war.

But when a prophet  
brings words  
of comfort, and peace,  
only when  
the words of that prophet  
come true

will it be known  
that the Lord  
has truly  
sent a prophet.

For this is what the Lord Almighty,  
the God of Israel,  
truly says:

Beware, for this nation will continue  
to be in chains,  
serving the King of Babylon, who will rule  
with a rod of iron.'

This is the word of the Lord.

### Second Reading - Romans 6.13-16,23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Now that God has brought you  
from death to life,  
you are no longer  
under the law,  
but under grace.

And sin  
can no longer  
rule over you.

This does not mean  
that you are free to sin,  
for you become like a servant  
to the one you obey.

If you obey sin, you will die.

But if you serve God,  
you will live - and live in righteousness.  
So do not present yourself to sin,  
to be used for wickedness,  
but present yourself to God,  
to be used for righteousness,  
For the wage paid by sin  
is death,  
but the free gift of God  
is eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
This is the word of the Lord.

### Gospel - Matthew 10.34-42

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the twelve: 'Do not think  
that I have come  
to bring peace  
to the earth;  
for I bring  
not peace, but a sword.

I have come to set a son against his father,  
a daughter against her mother,  
and a woman  
against the mother of her husband.

Your enemies  
will be members  
of your own household.

For whoever loves father or mother  
or son or daughter  
more than me  
is not worthy  
to be my disciple.

And whoever does not  
take up their cross  
and follow me  
is not worthy  
to be my disciple.

Those who cling to their life  
will lose it.

But those who lose their life  
for my sake  
will find it.

Whoever welcomes you  
into their home  
welcomes me;  
and whoever welcomes me  
welcomes the one who sent me.

Whoever welcomes a prophet  
as a prophet  
will receive a prophet's reward.

Whoever welcomes  
any righteous person  
will receive the reward of the righteous.

And whoever gives even  
a cup of water  
to even the least  
of my disciples -  
truly I tell you, all these will receive their reward.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.