

Sunday 6 September 2026

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading - Ezekiel 33.7-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The Lord said

to the prophet Ezekiel:

I have called you

to serve my people

like the one who serves the city

by keeping watch,

from the city walls,

to warn

of approaching danger.

You must warn the people now

to turn

from their wicked ways.

If you do not

warn them,

they will die

in their transgressions,

and their blood

will be on your hands.

But if you do warn them,

and they still

do not turn

from their wicked ways,

they will die in their rebellion,

but your life

will be saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - Romans 12.19-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

When you are wronged,

do not seek revenge.

Instead, leave room

for the judgement of God.

For the scripture says, 'Retribution is mine;

I will repay, says the Lord.'

So, as the scripture

also says,

if your enemies are hungry, feed them;

if they are thirsty, give them something to drink;

for in doing this

you are heaping burning coals

on their heads.

So do not be overcome

by evil,

but overcome evil

with good.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - Matthew 18.15-20

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

Jesus said, 'If a fellow-disciple sins against you, point out the fault when the two of you are alone.

And if that fellow-disciple listens, you have won that disciple back.

But if that

fellow-disciple will not listen,

take one or two others along with you, so that everything may be confirmed by the word of two or three witnesses.

If that fellow-disciple still refuses to listen, tell it to the church.

And if that fellow-disciple refuses to listen even to the church, treat that disciple as you would treat an outsider or an enemy.

Truly, I tell you, anything you resolve in this way on earth is resolved the same way in heaven.

And truly, I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask,

it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

For whenever two or three are gathered together in my name, I am with them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.