

**Sunday 30 May 2027**

*Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)*

**First Reading - Deuteronomy 5.12-15**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Observe the sabbath day

and keep it holy,  
as the Lord your God  
commanded you.

For six days

you shall labour,  
and do all your work;  
but the seventh day  
is a sabbath  
to the Lord your God.

All shall rest

on the sabbath day:  
you,  
your sons and daughters,  
your servants;  
the foreigners living in your towns;  
even your livestock.

Remember that you were slaves

in the land of Egypt,  
and the Lord your God  
brought you out from there  
with a mighty hand  
and an outstretched arm;  
therefore

the Lord your God  
commanded you  
to honour the sabbath day.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 4.8-12**

A reading from the second letter of Paul  
to the Corinthians.

We face many challenges,  
but we are not driven to despair.

We are struck down,  
but we are not destroyed.

We are afflicted in every way,  
but we are not crushed.

We are persecuted,  
but we know that we are not forsaken.

We risk death, continually, in Jesus' service -  
so that,

through our fragile, mortal bodies,  
the power

of the life of Jesus  
might be seen in us  
and made known to you.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Gospel - Mark 2.23 - 3.6**

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

Jesus was walking through a field of corn  
on the sabbath day.

As they walked along, his disciples picked  
some heads of grain.

The Pharisees said to Jesus, 'What they are doing  
is not lawful  
on the sabbath.'

Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'Surely

you have read  
what David did,

when he and his companions  
were hungry, and in need;

David entered  
the house of God,  
and ate

the sacred bread,

which by law  
is reserved  
for the priests;  
and he gave some  
to his companions.'

And Jesus said to them, 'The sabbath  
was made for the people -  
not the people  
for the sabbath;  
so the Son of Man  
is Lord  
even of the sabbath.'

When Jesus entered the synagogue,  
there was a man who had  
a paralysed hand.

The Pharisees watched closely,  
to see whether Jesus  
would cure him  
on the sabbath.

Jesus called the man forward;  
then said to the Pharisees,  
'Which  
is lawful  
on the Sabbath:  
to do good, or to do evil?  
To save life, or to destroy it?'

The Pharisees

gave no reply.

Jesus looked around at them  
in anger, grieved  
at their hardness of heart.

Jesus said  
to the man, 'Hold out your hand.'

The man held out his hand,  
and it was healed.

And the Pharisees went out, and  
began immediately  
to conspire  
with the Herodians,  
against Jesus,  
about how  
they might destroy him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.