

Sunday 26 September 2027
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First Reading - Numbers 11.14,16,25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers.

Moses cried out to the Lord
that leading the people
was too great a burden
to bear alone.
So the Lord
instructed Moses
to gather seventy of the elders of Israel
at the Tent of Meeting.
When they were gathered,
the Lord came down, in the cloud,
and spoke to Moses.
And the Lord took some of the spirit
that was on Moses,
and put it on the seventy elders,
and they began to speak
the word of the Lord, as prophets.
Two of the elders
had not gone out
to the Tent of Meeting,
but had remained in the camp;
and the spirit came upon them also;
and they began to speak
the word of the Lord, as prophets,
there in the camp.
When Moses and Joshua
heard of this, at the Tent of Meeting,
Joshua said, 'My lord Moses,
you must stop them!'
But Moses said to Joshua,
'Do not be jealous
on my behalf.
I would prefer
that all the Lord's people
were prophets,
with the spirit of the Lord
upon them!'
This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - James 5.13-16

A reading from the letter of James.

Those who are suffering
should pray.
Those who are strong
should sing praise.
Those who are sick
should call
for the leaders of the church,
to pray over them,
and to anoint them
with oil
in the name of the Lord.
And the prayer offered in faith
will restore
those who are sick,
for the Lord will raise them up;
and if they have sinned,
they will be forgiven.

So confess your faults to one another,
and pray for one another,
that you may be restored;
for the prayer of the righteous
is powerful, and effective.
This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - Mark 9.38-48

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

John said to Jesus, 'Teacher, we saw someone else
casting out demons
in your name,
and we told them to stop,
because they were
not following us.'

Jesus said, 'Do not stop them;
for no one who does powerful works
in my name
will be able
soon afterwards
to speak evil of me.

Anyone who is
not against us
is for us.

And anyone who gives you
even a cup of water to drink,
in my name,
will receive their reward.

But anyone who causes
even the least
of these who
trust in me
to stumble -
for them,
it would have been better
to be thrown
into the sea
with a millstone
around their neck.

In the same way,
if your hand
causes you to stumble,
it is better
to cut it off,
and enter life with one hand,
than enter hell
with two.

And if your foot
causes you
to do wrong,
it is better to cut it off,
and enter life with one foot,
than enter hell with two.

And if your eye
causes you to do wrong,
it is better to be rid of it,
and enter
the kingdom of God
with one eye
than enter hell with two.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.