

**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.