

## **Sunday 2 July 2028**

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)*

### **First Reading - 1 Kings 19.15a,16b,19-21**

A reading from the first book of Kings.

The Lord said to the prophet Elijah,

‘You are to go

to the wilderness of Damascus,

to anoint Elisha to be my prophet, in your place.’

So Elijah travelled to the wilderness of Damascus,

and found Elisha, ploughing in a field,

with twelve pairs of oxen

working ahead of him.

Elijah walked past Elisha,

and as he did so, he threw his cloak over him.

Elisha left the oxen,

and ran after Elijah,

saying, ‘Let me bid farewell

to my father and mother,

and then I will follow you.’

Elijah replied, ‘Go back to them then.

I have done what I had to do.’

Returning to the field,

Elisha slaughtered the oxen, and used

the wooden equipment

to light a fire,

on which he cooked the oxen.

Elisha gave

the cooked meat

to the people,

and they ate.

Then Elisha

set out, and followed Elijah.

This is the word of the Lord.

### **Second Reading - Galatians 5.17-25**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

The works of the flesh,

in opposition to the spirit,

are hatred and conflict, jealousy and anger;

arguments, rivalries, and factions;

sexual immorality, drunkenness, idolatry,

sorcery, and excesses of all kinds.

I say again: those who live in this way

are not inheriting the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the spirit is

love, joy, peace,

patience, kindness, goodness,

faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

There is no law

against

these fruits of the spirit -

so if you are truly led by the spirit,

you are not

subject

to any law!

Those who belong to Christ Jesus

have crucified the flesh,

with its passions and desires,

and live now,

not by the flesh, but by the spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

### **Gospel - Luke 9.51-62**

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

The time was drawing near

for Jesus

to be lifted up,

and he set his face

towards Jerusalem.

He sent

messengers

ahead of him.

And the messengers

entered a village

in Samaria.

But the villagers

would not receive him,

because

his face was set

towards Jerusalem.

The disciples James and John

said, ‘Lord,

do you want us

to call down

fire

from heaven

to destroy them?’

But Jesus turned and rebuked them,

and they went on

to another village.

As they were travelling along the road,

someone said to Jesus,

‘I will follow you

wherever you go.’

Jesus said, ‘Foxes have holes,

and birds have nests,

but the Son of Man

has nowhere

to lay his head.’

When Jesus called another

to follow him,

the reply was, ‘Let me first go

and bury my father.’

But Jesus said, ‘Let the dead

bury

their own dead;

you,

go and proclaim

the kingdom of God!’

Another said, ‘I will follow you, Lord;

but let me first

bid farewell

to my household.’

Jesus said, ‘If you put your hand to the plough,

and then look backwards,

you are not yet ready

for the kingdom of God.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.