

**Sunday 27 August 2028**

*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)*

**First Reading - *Isaiah 58.9-14***

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

If you remove the heavy burdens

    from the weary amongst you,  
if you offer food to the hungry,

    and address the needs  
    of those who are suffering,  
and if you refrain from pointing the finger

    and speaking wickedness,  
then

    your light  
    will rise in the darkness,

your gloom

    will become  
    like the brightness  
    of the midday sun,

and when you cry for help,  
    the Lord will answer.

Then the Lord will guide you,  
    provide for you, and strengthen you.

Then you will flourish

    like a garden, by a stream that never runs dry.

Then you will rebuild the city from its ruins,

    restoring its walls  
    and its homes.

If you honour the sabbath,  
    and call the Lord's day

    a delight,

not trampling its dignity

    by serving your own interests,  
    or pursuing your own affairs,

then

    you will find your joy in the Lord,

and in all the gifts

    that the Lord has given.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Second Reading - *Hebrews 12.22-24,28-29***

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

We come now

    to Mount Zion,  
    the city of the living God,  
    the heavenly Jerusalem.

We come to the place

    where angels, beyond number, gather to rejoice;  
the place where those who have gone before us  
    are welcomed into heaven,  
and the spirits of the righteous  
    are made perfect.

We come to God, the judge of all;

    and to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant;  
    and to redemption by his blood.

As we enter now

    into a kingdom  
    that cannot be shaken,

let us offer our worship

    with thanksgiving, reverence, and even holy fear,  
    for our God is still 'a consuming fire'.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Gospel - *Luke 13.10-17***

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

Jesus was teaching

    in one of the synagogues  
    on the sabbath.

A woman was there, who had suffered  
    a disabling weakness  
    for eighteen years.

She was bent over, unable  
    to stand upright.

Jesus saw her, and spoke to her,  
    saying, 'You are set free  
    from your illness.'

As he spoke,  
    he laid a hand upon her;  
and immediately,  
    she stood fully upright;  
and she began  
    praising and glorifying God.

But the leader of the synagogue  
    was indignant  
because Jesus had healed her  
    on the sabbath.

The leader of the synagogue  
    said to the crowd,  
'There are six days  
    on which work should be done.

Let healing be done  
    on those days,  
    not on the sabbath.'

But the Lord answered him,  
    saying, 'You hypocrite!

Every one of you, on the sabbath,  
    would untie your donkey,  
    and lead it to water.

This woman  
    is a daughter of Abraham,  
kept bound  
    by Satan  
    for eighteen years.

And you would refuse to release her,  
    just because  
    it is the sabbath!'

All his opponents  
    were put to shame  
    by these words.

And the entire crowd  
    was rejoicing  
    at the wonderful things  
    that he was doing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.