

**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5**

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Allgluia, allgluia!**  
**I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Allgluia!**

**Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'If it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'Why did you doubt?' and as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

**REFLECTION ON GOSPEL:**

If we believe Jesus is the Son the God, then we need to place our faith in him. Encouraged by Jesus, Peter is able to step out of the tiny boat and walk on the stormy water. Peter's "little faith" is strong enough to enable him to begin the walk toward Jesus. Peter's faith allows him to be open to God's presence and power in his life. As long as Peter keeps his focus on Jesus and does not allow the other stormy things around him to be a distraction, Peter does not falter. Is this not our story as well? In faith, we begin to walk toward Jesus, but we also encounter distractions that cause us to lose our focus. It is precisely in this moment that Jesus reaches out to us and catches us. God stands with us on the journey of life, asking us to place our faith in God. Each of us is challenged to respond to Jesus's invitation to "come." We must leave our safe places as Peter leaves the boat, believing that God's love will conquer every fear. During those times when we may be afraid or overcome by doubts, Jesus is there reaching out to us, strengthening us for the journey toward the light.

# WELCOME

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### ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

*St Brendan's:*

9<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> August: J. O'Dowd/H. Holland.

*St. Joseph's:*

August: Roache.

### RECENT DEATHS:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** August 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

Sean McKay, Margaret Carmody, Jack Evans,  
Alex Tillack,

**SICK:** *Nathan De Lorenzo, Helen Hunt,  
Leah Spokes, Tarlea Roache, Geraldine Finn,  
Sue Sherman, Patricia Hickman, June Turner,  
Ross Soares, Goldie Elsum*

### *Time for some humour?*

#### **I can walk on water**

But I just kind of stumble on whisky

#### **A man tried to walk on water in Egypt**

He regretted it, he was in denile



Hello Everyone,

As you would be aware, the Victorian government has introduced further restrictions to counter the renewed spread of COVID-19.

In regional Victoria, including our Diocese of Ballarat, Stage 3 restrictions will apply from midnight tomorrow (August 5). The restrictions will apply until September 13.

The regulations require that "religious ceremonies and private worship" be "broadcast only". This means that our churches and chapels will be closed to the general public. It will still be possible to live stream Masses or other services from churches or chapels, although this would only involve those necessary to conduct the services and enable the live streaming. For information about Masses online, you could go to our diocesan website at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

In regional Victoria, there are exceptions for weddings and funerals, though with limited numbers. For weddings, there may only be 5 people (the couple, two witnesses and the celebrant). For funerals, there may be up to 10 people, plus those conducting the funeral.

It is very sad that we will not be able to gather for Mass in the coming weeks. However, medical advice indicates that the restrictions are necessary for the health of the community. I hope and pray that these steps will be effective in reducing the impact of the pandemic and that we will be able to come together again soon to give thanks to God. In the meantime, we can pray anywhere and anytime in our own heart. Families can pray together at home. We might also pray with others online or simply with a phone call.

Christ promised to be with us always. May we know his presence in the weeks ahead.

Peace be with you.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul



**Paul Bird CSsR**  
**Bishop of the Diocese of Ballarat**

