

Weekday in Ordinary Time

5th October 2026

First reading

Galatians 1:6-12

‘I did not receive the gospel from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.’

Brothers and Sisters: I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel — not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

For I would have you know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man’s gospel. For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 111(110):1-2. 7-8. 9, 10c. R5b

The Lord keeps his covenant ever in mind.

or: Alleluia.

I will praise the Lord with all my heart, in the meeting of the just and the assembly.

Great are the works of the Lord, to be pondered by all who delight in them.

His handiwork is justice and truth; his precepts are all of them sure, standing firm for ever and ever, wrought in uprightness and truth.

He has sent redemption to his people, and established his covenant for ever.

Holy his name, to be feared. His praise endures for ever!

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

‘Who is my neighbour?’

At that time: Behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? How do you read it?’ And he answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.’

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had

compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back." Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' And Jesus said to him, 'You go, and do likewise.'

Short reflection on the reading for today

"What does it mean to be a neighbour?" Jesus says it is more important to act like a helpful neighbour to others than to be drawing distinctions between "my neighbour" and "who may I hate or ignore?"

Part of the way to inherit eternal life is this, "Behave like a good neighbour to everyone." If we want to know what it means to be a neighbour, think about how the Samaritan's helpful spirit. The priest, the Levite and the Samaritan had all noticed the man bleeding by the side of the road. But only one of them came to the poor man's help. This kind of practical compassion guided Jesus' whole ministry, and is a life-lesson to us all.