# Reading for Weekday in Ordinary Time

## 13th November 2026

**First reading** **2 John 4-9**

**'Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.'**

Elect lady: I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father. And now I ask you, dear lady — not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning — that we love one another. And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it. For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 119(118):1-2. 10-11. 17-18. ℟1b**

*Blessed are those who walk in the law of the* Lord.

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!
Blessed are those who keep his decrees! With all their hearts they seek him.
I seek you with all my heart; let me not stray from your commands.
I treasure your word in my heart, lest I sin against you.
Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.
Open my eyes, that I may see the wonders of your law.

**Gospel Acclamation** **Luke 21:28**

Alleluia, alleluia.
Straighten up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.
Alleluia.

**Gospel** **Luke 17:26-37**

**'On the day when the Son of Man is revealed.'**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot — they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulphur rained from heaven and destroyed them all — so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away; and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. Remember Lot's wife. Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it. I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding together; one will be taken and the other left.' And they said to him, 'Where, Lord?' He said to them, 'Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.'

**Short reflection on the reading for today**

The gospel warns against making the whole of life consist of eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, marrying and maintaining our relationships. These kind of activities are the very stuff of daily life and are vitally important. But we must not regard them as all that there is. St Paul says that God's invisible power and divine nature have been seen through the things he has made. He blames the pagan Romans for not honouring God or giving thanks to him, for "they became futile in their thinking". (Rom 2:20-22). This could be said equally of modern forms of paganism.
The Son of Man will be fully encountered at the end of time and at the end of our personal lives. But since the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, He is also present to us in our daily activities. Throughout life we are invited to engage with the Lord who is the source of life. He is a quiet presence as we go about whatever we do. All we need is to tune in to his wavelength.