

26 January
AUSTRALIA DAY

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

32:15-18

The effect of justice will be peace.

Once more there will be poured on us
the spirit from above;
then shall the wilderness be fertile land;
and fertile land become forest.

In the wilderness justice will come to live
and integrity in the fertile land;
integrity will bring peace,
justice give lasting security.

My people will live in a peaceful home,
in safe houses,
in quiet dwellings.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 84:9-14

R The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

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**

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

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**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

12:4-11

One and the same Spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

**There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit;
there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord;
working in all sorts of different ways in different people,
it is the same God who is working in all of them.**

**The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person
is for a good purpose.**

**One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom
given him by the Spirit;**

**another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him
by the same Spirit;**

**and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit;
another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit;
one, the power of miracles;**

another, prophecy;

another the gift of recognising spirits;

another the gift of tongues

and another the ability to interpret them.

**All these are the work of one and the same Spirit,
who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.**

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.
Alleluia!**