

**September 7<sup>th</sup> 2025 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C - Luke 14:25 - 33**

<sup>14-25</sup> And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, <sup>26</sup> If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? <sup>29</sup> Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace. <sup>33</sup> So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</li><li>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.</li><li>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).</li></ul> |
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In this week's gospel we read about the type of discipleship that is required by Jesus. There are many types of discipleship to which we are called and have committed ourselves – marriage, parenting, friendship, career, religious life, priesthood etc. As Jesus walked with the crowds accompanying Him note how he turned and spoke to them. The choices he is asking of us he had made himself and is glad he did so. Our journey to mature discipleship is on going. Let us remember the times we felt like the king discouraged and unable to continue our commitments. God sends us a Jesus person or an angel who helps us to continue on our journey.

**Prayer:**

**Lord thank you** for the people who accompany us on our journey as disciples of Jesus helping us to keep our commitment to him.

**Forgive us Lord** for when we went in the wrong direction being subjected to materialism, consumerism and pressure from peer groups.

**Help us Lord** to give up the desire for quick results and realise that the journey to mature discipleship is truly a wonderful adventure and takes a lifetime."