

A Coffee with Alessio



The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B

There are many topics that I could write about in relation to the liturgy this Sunday. Two things come to mind. Firstly, a line from the Collect and secondly, in the Gospel Jesus uses parables to teach people.

The line from the Collect I am referring to is “without you mortal frailty can do nothing.” Yes indeed, we need the Lord’s help and guidance to keep going in all aspects of our life, including our liturgical music, liturgy preparation and Religious Education teaching amongst other things. The Lord has also given each of us gifts to use, and our use and sharing of them is a reminder to us that our gifts came from God, and he expects us to use them to our full ability for the benefit of others.

In the Gospel reading this Sunday, we hear the story of Jesus comparing the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed. At the end of the Gospel reading we will hear: “He would not speak to them except in parables, but explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.”

So, it can be with our liturgical music. Those of us who are involved with liturgy and/or liturgical music on a regular basis, have at least some idea of what is going on in the liturgy and why we do it. Not everyone in the pews is up to speed with how the liturgy should be enacted. Therefore, it is up to those who have the requisite knowledge and skills to model best practice at all times and use the work we do as a teaching tool for the Lord’s people in the pew.

On that note, I am going to enjoy a piece of apple pie warmed up with a dollop of cream and ice-cream.

Enjoy your coffee and cake!

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