

A Coffee with Alessio



The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B

Just before I continue with my column, I can't help but make mention of the fact that today we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. We owe so much to these two men, who weren't always perfect and yet the Lord used them as two of his instruments to spread His Word.

We are back to Ordinary Time this Sunday, after the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist last Sunday. Healing is the central theme of the readings this Sunday. In the Gospel this Sunday we will hear the story of Jesus healing a woman who had been suffering from a haemorrhage for twelve years. We also hear of how Jesus healed the daughter of Jairus. Whilst Jesus healed these two people from their physical ailments, there are so many other forms of haemorrhage in our society. We don't have to look too far to see all the crimes that happen daily. Bad news travels fast, and it sells. So, what can we do to make a difference and let Christ's light shine in the world?

As musicians and liturgists, we are on the public stage. We are human, and we are going to have our ups and downs like everyone else. However, as I've mentioned before we must be the witness to Christ in the world through our music and as best we are able living out the words we sing. We must prepare our music well so that it touches the hearts of all God's faithful. Hopefully, our music this Sunday will heal someone in desperate need of God's love, and may you be his instrument of healing this Sunday.

The Servant Song by Richard Gillard (AOV2 #169, CWBII #461, GA #487), is extremely appropriate this Sunday and I will leave you with the words of the first verse as a reflection:

"Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant too."

Enjoy your coffee and cake this week, and if it's an opportunity to heal someone in Christ's Name, take the opportunity to do! In this way, like Saints Peter and Paul, we will spread the Lord's Word in the world.

School breaks up today for a couple of weeks, and this column will also be in recess during the school holidays. It will resume on Friday 20 July.

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