**Daily Devotion** *(based on last week’s gospel reading)*

From that time on Jesus began to say plainly to his disciples, ‘I must go to Jerusalem and suffer much from the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law. I will be put to death, but three days later I will be raised to life.’ Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ‘God forbid it, Lord!’ he said, ‘That must never happen to you!’ Jesus turned around and said to Peter, ‘Get away from me, Satan’ You are an obstacle in my way, because these thoughts of yours don’t come from God, but from human nature.’ (verses 21-23)

Read Matthew 16: 21-28

Satan is never far away when God has something to say to you. Often he disguises himself in the question ‘why’. He did this with Eve when he tempted her. He also did it with Jesus when he suggested, ‘Why die such an excruciating death to save the world? There must be an easier way.’ Satan is clever in the way he tries to create doubt and mistrust about what God says.

Peter found himself drawn into Satan’s trap. His love for Jesus made him want to save his Lord, but it was Peter who needed saving, not Jesus. Your Saviour remembered you when his eyes were drawn to his cruel death through this temptation, and he put you first. He loved you more than he loved himself. That shows you how much he thinks of you. And that is why he continued his walk to Jerusalem.

*Jesus, my Saviour, you were tempted to bypass the cross and forget about me, but you resisted that temptation. Thank you for loving me so much. Amen.*

by Pastor Len Tscharke, in ‘Assurances for each Day’ (LCA, Openbook, 2004)
Propers
Psalm 119:33-40   A prayer to the Lord for understanding

P: Teach me, Lord, the meaning of your laws,
C: and I will obey them at all times.
P: Explain your law to me, and I will obey it;
C: I will keep it with all my heart.
P: Keep me obedient to your commandments, because in them I find happiness.
C: Give me the desire to obey your laws rather than to get rich.
P: Keep me from paying attention to what is worthless;
C: be good to me, as you have promised.
P: Keep your promise to me, your servant,
C: the promise you make to those who obey you.
P: Save me from the insults I fear;
C: how wonderful are your judgments!
P: I want to obey your commands;
C: give me new life, for you are righteous.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
We pray for harmony in God’s family and in our homes]
Thank you, heavenly Father, that through your Son you have reconciled us to yourself and to one another. Teach us to follow his example by living at peace with each other. e ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Worship in the Valley: 17th September 2017

Our Parish
Carlsruhe 9.30am Reading
Saddleworth 10.30am Holy Communion
Riverton 9.00am Preaching
Pastor Ken Pfitzner

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Worship in the Valley: 24th September 2017
Our Parish
Carlsruhe 10.30am Holy Communion
Saddleworth 9.00am Preaching
Riverton with Saddleworth
Pastor Leon

Other Christian Communities
Baptist 10.00am Tarlee
Catholic 10.45am Manoora
Uniting 9.30am Riverton

Following Jesus’ instruction in Matthew 18 is hard for me. I’m a conflict avoider. Does it help to think of that work as an expression of the good shepherd seeking the lost sheep in verse 12? Not really; cause then I can’t yell at them!

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Matthew 18:15-20
### Daily Bible Readings

You are encouraged to set time aside each day to have a look at these Bible passages.

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