



“For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected when received with thanksgiving”

1 Timothy 4:4

**SCRIPTURE of the DAY**

Numbers 21: 4-9

Psalms 77: 1-2, 34-38

Philippians 2: 6-11

John 3: 13-17

We too are easily distracted by the physical world; any discomfort or inconvenience and we grumble easily. These days, it is getting hotter and hotter and the weather is erratic. Floods, droughts, storms are occurring with greater frequency and intensity. We complain, forgetting that we have caused global heating and therefore, its impacts. A future where we complain like the Israelites is a likely reality with worsening climate change.

If human beings have broken the rules of nature and violated the covenant of caring for the Earth, should we complain when we suffer the consequences of our actions? Nature is not “fighting back” as a human being might do. The physical world has rules which we have broken and we are simply reaping what we have sowed while failing to take accountability for it.

The Israelites repented and turned back to God who forgave them. If we don’t want a catastrophic future for current and future generations of life on Earth, are we willing to humble ourselves? “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land (2Chronicles 7:14)”.

The Gospel reading tells us that God sent His only Son “so that through Him, the world might be saved”. We need to be saved from our blindness to the current climate emergency of the world which is at a tipping point in history. **Only through our repentance in word and deed can we, with God’s grace, turn the tide; bring healing, hope, peace and regeneration for people and planet.** ✠

# NEWBEC

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 14 Sept 2025  
(The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MONTHLY FOCUS & RATIONALE  
ECOLOGY (STEWARDSHIP)  
CALLED TO AVOID WASTAGE, ACT NOW!

**Complaint to Conversion:**

**A Call to Ecological Repentance**



In today’s first reading, the Israelites complained to Moses, “For there is neither food nor water here; we are sick of this meagre diet.” They forgot how God had saved them from brutal slavery in Egypt. Their view was limited to the physical world around them and faith in God faded away.