

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time A 19th July 2020

First Reading Wis 12:13,16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

*The Word of the Lord
R Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16. R. v.5

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice

2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God.

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving

Second Reading

Rom 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot

choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

*The Word of the Lord
R Thanks be to God*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner’s servants went to him and said, “Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?”

“Some enemy has done this” he answered. And the servants said, “Do you want us to go and weed it out?” But he said, “No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.”’ He put another parable before them, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.’

He told them another parable, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with

three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.’

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, ‘Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.’ He said in reply, ‘The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!.’

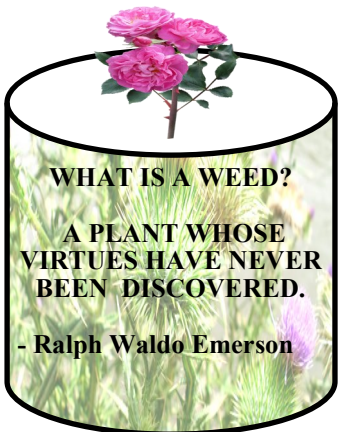
The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK



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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 21 : 5.30 Mass

Wed 22: 9am Mass

Thurs 23: 9am Mass

Fri 24: 9.15am Mass

Sat 25: 9am Rosary

9.30am Recon

6pm Mass

Sun 26: 9am Mass

5pm Mass

ROSTERS 18/19 JULY

Church Cleaning

M deSmet&J Maher (20-24)

Welcomers

6pm K Conway

9am A Skinner

5pm M deSmet

Commentator

6pm P O'Kelly

9am N Beatty

5pm K O'Sullivan

Readers

6pm J Mackay

9am B Basevi

5pm J O'Sullivan

Eucharistic Ministers:

6pm: H Blake, M Weatherall

9am: G Norris, L Stevens

5pm: D Gorzalka

Computer Screen

6pm T Jackson

9am T Priest

5pm M O'Neill

ROSTERS 25/26 JULY

Church Cleaning

B Coffey/M Paine (27-31)

Welcomers

6pm B Wilson

9am J McClelland

5pm D Ebejer

Commentator

6pm M Bridges

9am B Basevi

5pm S Ebejer

Readers

6pm J Quigley

9am A Horsfall

5pm C Jackson

Eucharistic Ministers:

6pm: J & N O'Neill

9am: C Schor, C Burrows

5pm: M O'Neill

Computer Screen

6pm K Conway

9am T Jackson

5pm J O'Sullivan

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—A

The Wheat and the Weed



This weekend, the Gospel presents three parables, namely the parable of the mustard seed, the parable of the yeast and the parable of the wheat and the weed. The parables of the mustard seed and yeast tells us how God's kingdom and reign grows in the human heart from an exceedingly small beginning. The parable of the wheat and the weed tells us how and why evil coexists with good in the world.

According to scripture scholars, the “weed” among the wheat are a variety of tares known as “bearded darnel.” They resemble wheat plants so closely that it is impossible to distinguish the one from the other until the ears of the seed appear. By that time, the wheat and darnel roots are so intertwined that the tares cannot be weeded out without plucking the wheat with them. At the end of the harvest the tares must be removed from the wheat by hand because they are known to be slightly poisonous. Sowing them in the wheat field was a crude way for an enemy to take revenge on a farmer.

Significantly, the weed in the parable on one hand, stands for unrepentant sinners, whose fate is, “the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.” The wheat on the other hand stands for the righteous, who follow Jesus and live His will with the hope of meriting the kingdom.

Interestingly, this parable leaves us with many “whys”. Why are the wicked allowed to prosper? Why does evil appear to triumph over good? Why is the global health pandemic like Coronavirus shutting down the world? Jesus answers these questions in the parable. The triumph and prosperity of the wicked are short-lived, whereas the reward of the Christian who suffers from their wickedness is everlasting. God uses the very wickedness and injustices of evildoers to perfect His elect.

Every human being has the capacity to be the wheat or the weed, and human society is always a mix of the wheat and the weed. It is easy to point out the weed in the family, classroom, neighbourhood and even in the church or club. The parable this weekend stresses the need for patience and compassion to allow for change. Bishop F. Sheen is often quoted to have said in one of his famous radio programs that: “*The history of the world would have been different if the Christian authorities had shown compassion, patience and mercy instead of expelling Hitler and Mussolini from the schools and Stalin from the seminary in disgrace as ‘weeds.’*”

We need to pray for an ongoing conversion from “weeds” to wheat. God wants us to do good instead of evil, to bless instead of cursing, to praise instead of criticising, to love instead of hating, to forgive instead of resenting and to tell the truth instead of lies. The disciples to whom Jesus addressed this parable included Judas who will betray him, Peter, who will deny him, Thomas, who will doubt him and James and John, who were aiming at seats of honour. In the end, only Judas is (*apparently*) lost, showing us that many “weeds” can become high yielding wheat.

Fr Martins

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

JULY Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country. We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly. We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious. We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time. We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis. Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wrap With Love
Wed 29th July 11am
Bible Study/Faith Formation—Wed 9.30am
Craft Group—Thursday 10am--12pm

Adoration—Friday 5.30 pm
Reconciliation—Saturday 9.30am

E-Activity Singalong Mon 1pm

FEAST DAY OF ST MARY MAGDALENE JULY 22ND 2020

St Mary Magdalene is remembered as the 'apostle to the apostles' because she was the first to announce the resurrection of Jesus.

Archbishop Arthur Roche said that St. Mary Magdalene's feast day is a lesson for all Christians to trust in Christ who is "alive and risen."

A witness to hope, St Mary Magdalene's feast day invites us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of women, the new evangelisation and the greatness of the mystery of divine mercy.



PART TIME PARISH SECRETARY

People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Secretary for Sacred Heart Parish, Moruya. This is a part-time permanent position, 15 hours per week, Wednesday—Friday 9am—2pm.

Requirements:

- Experience with Microsoft suite & data base packages.
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Strong organisational skills
- Ability to work in a team environment and show personal initiative.
- Desire to share in the mission of Christ in the Catholic tradition.
- Salary will be subject to Clerk Award Level 4 rates.

Please email your application (including resume) to George.azhakath@cg.org.au. Application addressed to Fr George Azhakath, Parish Priest must be received by Friday 24th July, 2020.

BUSHFIRE SUPPORT COUNSELLING

Catholic Care is offering a free counselling service to support all those impacted by bushfires. Sessions are available via telehealth services. Please call 1800 068 698 to make an appointment

The Baptist Church is offering a free counselling service for people who are recovering from the trauma of the recent fires and the coronavirus isolation.

For appointments please ring Pastor Rob on 0414 577 500

BUSHFIRE GRANTS

Grants through the Red Cross are still open. People who have been affected by any bushfire between July 2019 and March 2020 can apply. Emergency and re-establishment, residence repair and injury grants can all be accessed at <https://www.redcross.org.au/grants> or by telephone on 1800 733 276

Fr Martins will be on leave from 17th until 31st July.

Fr John will celebrate the Masses. For any other concerns please contact the Parish Office on 44724153



You are invited for coffee and chat Thursdays after Mass

VENUE: Corrigan's Cove @ Batehaven

Churches in NSW are open for Masses under the four-square-metre rule with the need for provision of contact details and registration. Holy Communion is to be received only in the hand during this time of pandemic, with no exceptions.

The Parish Pastoral Care Team members are also available for Communion at Home. Please call the office to arrange a time on 4472 4153



Parish Pastoral Care Team Retreat

'Calming Waters...flowing into life' will take place on Tuesday August 4th 9am for 9-15 am start - 11-45am at St Joseph's Convent Chapel facilitated by Sr Marie & Marie Weatherall. Please park in Church grounds. Cost=Free. Health protocols will be followed.

RSVP: Monday July 27th Sr. Marie: 0429 383 333 or Marie W: 0405 028 057

THANK YOU ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOR THE BUSHFIRE RELIEF FOR OUR COMMUNITY:

BATEMANS BAY: \$3,230,290 -00 FOR 1,453 CLIENTS

MORUYA: \$675,745-00 FOR 328 CLIENTS

TOTAL: \$3,906,035-00 FOR A TOTAL OF 1,773 CLIENTS



Embroidery group (NSW Embroiderers Batemans Bay group) is establishing a "Chat and Create" group on Tuesdays, fortnightly ... beginning on Tuesday 21st July. If interested in sharing please ring Gerri on 0400035892 for further details.

Good reliable cleaner required for elderly gentleman in Batemans Bay. Must have ABN and Public Liability Insurance. Sub-contract will be through Moruya Home Care. Two hours per fortnight. Please contact Gordana on 0437744673 if interested.

SAVE THE DATE: A Reflection Day facilitated by Sr Virginia Bourke 24th, 26th or 28th August. More information will be available later.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

1st Collection Acc. Name: Central
Presbytery Fund Bank Acc: 000029248 BSB: 062-786
Ref: TOWN & SURNAME. Eg: Batemans bay Jones

2nd Collection Supports the running costs of the Parish
Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786
Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name

Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank You may also contribute using this link: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUNDARCHDIOCESEOFCANBERRA>.

Remembering the Sick:

Pio Liberale, Vince Burns, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, James Lee, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Ken Even-don, Janet Thornberry, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Glenda Gallagher, Robert Craddy, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, Maureen Kinross and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Death Anniversaries:

Michael Guymer, Lynette Nunan, Dawn Latta, Doreen Walker, Kevin Smith, Filomena Favetta, Harry Golbach, Denis Johnson, Joyce Karlsh, Hazel Elliot

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:

Eli Chatfield, Leonard O'Hara, Mary Carter, Joe Johnson, Noni Boyce, Rose Lambert, Tony Craddy, Terry Parsons, Anne Bevern, Gwen Burrows, Sylvia Mayer, Veronica Holmes, Barbara Simpson

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