

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year B
First Reading

Ez 17:22-24
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
I have made the small tree great.
The Lord says this: ‘From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2
R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.
1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.
R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading 2 Cor 5:6-10
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.
We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the

things he did in the body, good or bad.
The Word of the Lord
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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 4:26-34
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.
Jesus said to the crowds, ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.’
He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’
Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.
The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA
The readings today remind us that poetic imagery is an apt way of describing the mysterious presence of God in our midst. The cedar began as a seedling that takes years to grow into a magnificent tree. The same is true of the mustard tree. It too requires time to develop its trunk and branches. The development of moral integrity in a human being is just as

gradual. Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's presence and it produces fruit even into old age. Although God is present in all things, sustaining them and allowing them to follow their natural courses, God really transcends all things. Metaphorical language may be the best means for speaking about God and the things of God. It enables us to live in the tension that both reveals something about God and conceals God's real nature.

The reign of God also begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide. Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world.

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CUPPA WITH MARY MACKILLOP
will be held on Tuesday
15TH June at 10am at Nola Beatty’s house. For further information please call
0410 629 416

All are welcome




Saints Of The Week

SUNDAY 13TH JUNE - St Anthony of Padua, priest & doctor




WED SATURDAY 19TH JUNE - St Romuald, abbot



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For the celebration of the Word and the Eucharist



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time -YEAR B

The parables that Jesus mentions today reminds me of a story that I read from the Spiritual Book of an Indian Jesuit Priest, Fr Anthony De Mello. The story begins with the scene of a woman who was dreaming during her sleep after a long day at work. She saw herself walk into a very busy supermarket. There was a special stall, called the Kingdom, at the corner which people had to form in a long queue. Looking into the counter, she was amazed because she saw Jesus working in that stall. She decided to join the queue, and she was patiently waiting until her turn.



Parable of the Sower

She was so excited and asked Jesus: “*Oh my Lord, you must be an outstanding businessman! But what are you selling?*” Jesus answered: “*My dear child, I sell everything that you wish.*”

Then she took a moment to think and then she answered: “Dear Lord, it is so lucky for me to see you here. Look! I am really weary with my life, so please give me some fruits of peace, love, happiness, wisdom and freedom.” After thinking for a while, she added: “my husband and my children also cause me headache sometimes, so please give them the fruit to be more mature, to know how to cook, to wash and iron their own clothes...”

Jesus just smiled and responded to her request: “*Oh my dear child, I don’t sell fruit here but only seeds. So, you can grow them by yourself, but be assured that every seed that I give you has a lifetime warranty.*”

The story shows us a lesson that we should never be daunted by a **small beginning**. Jesus here invited the woman, and as well as those who came to his stall, or maybe you and me today, to receive the tiny seed and sow it in our lives with faith. By this action, the seed of faith can grow into a big tree, and it can produce many fruits. At the moment, it may seem that we can only produce a very small effect; but if that small effect is **repeated** and **repeated**, it will become very great. In other words, we often feel unsure about starting with something small to achieve some big goals. But we must remember that everything must have a beginning, and nothing emerges fully-grown. **Therefore, it is our duty to do our best, and we will leave the rest in the loving care of God.**

The readings today also mentioned the almighty of God. The prophet Ezekiel used the metaphor of a bulky cedar on the high mountain of Israel, where there is the home for every animal on earth, as the house of God. Moreover, St Paul mentioned in his letter to the Corinthians about the good life that can be found only in the house of God. Therefore, God is waiting for us to build our home in his heart so that the seed that we planted will flourishing with His care, and then bear much more fruits.

We pray for our Church today, especially the Church in Australia which is going through the process of Plenary Council, that we may trust in God’s care, listen to each other and be ready to go out and spread the seeds of the Good News to all the people. At the end, our Church can be a place for many people to make their home of **faith, hope and love**.

May the love of God be with us all and keep us warm during this winter season.
Blessings, **Mark Ha**

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

JUNE

The beauty of marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 15th: 5.30pm Mass
Wed 16th: 9am Mass
Thurs 17th: 9.15am
Fri 18th: 9.15 am Mass
Saturday 19th: 9am Mass /Rosary
9.30am Recon
5pm Confirmation Mass
Sunday 20th: 9am Mass 5pm
Family & Youth Mass

ROSTERS

12/13 June 2021

Church Cleaning

R & K Ison (14-18)

Welcomers

6pm D Robinson

9am T van den Broek

5pm D Ebejer

Commentator

6pm M Bridges

9am A Skinner

5pm S Ebejer

Readers:

6pm J Quigley

9am T Jackson

5pm A Horsfall

Eucharistic Ministers

6pm K Lovering

9am L Stevens

5pm . Volunteer

Computer Screen

6pm K Conway

9am T Priest

5pm . L Miller

REGISTRARS

6pm J McCarthy & P OKelly

9am P Jobs & helper

5pm M Devine

MORNING TEA

M & S Beashel

19/20 June 2021

Church Cleaning

B Favetta/J O'Neill(21-25)

Welcomers

5pm Confirmation

9am C Connell

5pm L Miller

Commentator

5pm Confirmation

9am N Beatty

5pm N Gorzalka

Readers:

5pm Confirmation

9am A Brown

5pm M Devine

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Confirmation

9am T Jackson

5pm . M O'Neill.

REGISTRARS

6pm G & M Weatherall

9am G Norris/B Basevi

5pm D Gorzalka

MORNING TEA

A Brown & J McCarthy

LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY

These Times are Anything But Ordinary

As we return to Ordinary Time in the Church's Year, we are reminded daily that the times are anything but Ordinary!

Certainly, the coronavirus pandemic focuses us on our changing world and the very clear inequity, so many suffer.

Within our own community a very cold winter is upon us and we are confronted with an increasing number of homeless people. We continue to be called in these extraordinary times, to reach out even in small ways because as Mark's Gospel this weekend reminds us 'from the tiny mustard seed the biggest shrub grows!'

The Parables of Jesus continually call us to stop, look around us in our world and as a recent reflection on the Mustard Seed Parable states,

'Jesus accepts the ordinary, the lowly and wants all to be a part of God's Kingdom' (Greg Ryan, St V De Paul)

Let us pray this week to be open, silent in our prayer and listen to God so that in the words of Jesse Manibusan's Hymn

*Open my eyes Lord, help me to see your face
Open my eyes Lord, help me to see.
Open my ears Lord, help me to hear your voice
Open my ears Lord, help me to hear.
Open my heart Lord, help me to love like you
Open my heart Lord, help me to love.*



Our 1st Youth Gathering

A special thanks to our Youth Minister, Liarna and Mark for a job well done in organizing our first Parish Youth Mass and gathering. It was wonderful to welcome more than 40 boys and girls attend. We thank you all for being involved and we also thank the parents and teachers who supported the children and came along for the evening.



A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME ALONG TO THE WORKING BEE LAST MONDAY TO INSTALL THE GARDEN BENCHES AND SPREAD THE MULCH IN THE GARDEN.



2021 Confirmation

Will be celebrated by Archbishop Christopher Prowse on Saturday 19th June at 5pm.

We look forward to the celebration and invite all parishioners to attend.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal June - Aug 2021

Thankyou to all who were able to assist with a donation. Last weekend we raised \$1002.00.

If you took an envelope, a Vinnies Conference member will be at the door of the church to collect during June. We need adult and children's winter beanies, scarves, socks, gloves, blankets & doonas. Please place in provided containers in the foyer of the church. These will be given directly to companions. All other items such as clothing need to go to the Vinnies shop.

Thank you for your continued support.

PARISH BAR-BE-QUE DINNER

You are invited to a Parish BBQ with the Archbishop and the Confirmation Candidates to be held on Friday 18th June at 6pm.

All are warmly welcome to attend.

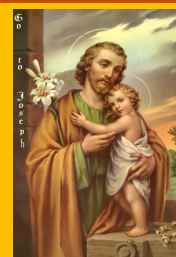


Congratulations to Johnathon Nguyen who celebrated his First Eucharist at the Youth & Family Mass on Sunday 12th June.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Joseph man of justice establishing a home providing food and shelter worshipping you God

Mary Jo Wells RSJ



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:
Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786

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Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank

Please contact Anne Jackson in the Parish Office on a Friday from 10am-2pm if you need any further information.

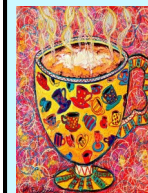
Remembering the Sick:

Tony Walsh, Eileen Hogg, Lois White, Teresa Humphrey, Catherine Mylott, Rita Condon, Antony and Andrew, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Death Anniversaries: Valerie Jose, Peter Cavicchiolo, Peter Duggan, Josephine Van Oosterhout, Sieglinde Bogdanovic, Henrietta De Graaf, Ivan Pintar, Maria Syne, Kelvin Fleming, Anthony Craddy, Anne Bevern, Sylvia Mayers, Veronica Holmes, Stanley and Joyce Fox, Alex and Merle Fox

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish

Community: Erin Killmier, Harold Fox, Patricia O'Mahony, Jade Hammond, Gregory Murphy, George Rummery, John Victory, Greg McAleer, Marie London, David Bushnell, Chris Walsh, Pauline Effeneay, Francis Mines, June Eddie, Kathleen Buckley, Martin Ward, Marie Hann, Billy Borg, Pauline Chalkley, Anna Dang, Anna Ordeman, Joan Logue, Sue-Anne Clarke, Rosemary Cooley, Pam O'Keefe, Malgorzata Colebrook, Maurice Connell, Susan McNamara, Dario Panes, Elizabeth Gallagher



COFFEE CLUB

Thursdays after Mass.
All are welcome.

VENUE: Corrigan's Cove

COFFEE N CHAT

On 16 July 2021 the Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce will host a dinner at the Southern Cross Club Woden to celebrate women's ministry.

Scholar and teacher, Sr Margaret Beirne RSC will give a talk on St Mary Magdalene. Three course meal \$65. All welcome.

Bookings essential at <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>

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