

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

First Reading *Ezekiel 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 and 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 Corinthians 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
R.. Thanks be to God

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 *Mark 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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The Sowing of the Seed

A peasant in Galilee would hope for a return of 7:1 when sowing seed for a crop. So when Jesus pictures the Kingdom of God as a wonderful harvest (returning 100:1 as he put it in another parable), his peasant listeners would envisage a future without hunger, without servitude to rapacious landlords and money-lenders. A true liberation (such as Mary sang of in the Magnificat)!

Naturally, they and we want to know when this new way of life, this fulfilling of the Kingdom of God, will come about. Our Lord replies: ‘Be patient. Your job is to sow the seed. Something will happen out of all proportion to your part in the process, just like the disproportion of the mustard seed to a mustard bush’ (which he exaggerates into a tree sheltering birds).

God’s creative power worked in the depths of stony ground of the tomb to raise up the Gospel Seed who is Jesus Christ. From that, a community has grown which, at its best, leads to a fair and just distribution of the world’s resources, as Pope Francis insists is a major test of authenticity of our claim to be Christian.

We could take a moment to pray for the courage to sow the seed of the Gospel whenever an opportunity presents itself, and the patience to await the germinating power of the Resurrection to create the Tree of Life such that all peoples ‘can shelter in its shade’.

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PRAYER FOR
VOCATIONS

Gracious God,
You have called me to life
and gifted me in many ways.
Through Baptism You have sent
me to continue the mission of
Jesus by sharing my love with
others.

Strengthen me to respond to
Your call each day.

Help me to become all You
desire of me.

Inspire me to make a difference
in others’ lives.

Lead me to choose the way of
life You have planned for me.
Open the hearts of all to listen
to Your call.

Fill all with Your Holy Spirit
that we may have listening
hearts and the courage to
respond to You.

Enkindle in my heart
and the hearts of others the
desire to make the world a
better place by serving as
Lay Minister, Sister, Priest,
Brother or Deacon.

Amen



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ELEVENTH
SUNDAY in
ORDINARY TIME



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CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
1PM Every second and
fourth Mondays

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass

Wrap With Love
Wednesday 26th June 1pm
CMR

Enjoy the Good News
Wednesdays after 9am
Mass

PPC Meeting Thursday
20th June 5pm

Celebration of
Confirmation Sunday 23rd
June 9am
Archbishop Christopher
Prowse presiding

Craft Group 10am
Thursdays Church Meeting
Room

ADORATION TUESDAYS
@ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays
after Mass
Venue: Corrigan's Cove

“ From little things big things
grow”...

Story telling over the years has been a recognised way of spreading and sharing information, offering advice, problem solving and generally raising awareness of life around us in “our” time. The readings today are examples of these aspects of storytelling. Even though they were written and told long ago, if we take time to read and reflect, we should find some relevance to our lives in this, our world of today.

Stories give us as the reader and the audience the opportunity to become engaged and enter the story: perhaps giving us, with our different depths of understanding new insights- hearing the stories with new ears and perhaps new insight allowing transformation and not just supplying us with information.

All three readings today refer to life and growth. Whilst the reading from Ezekiel and Mark in the Gospel focus on the growth of plants and the natural environment, Paul in his letter to the Corinthians alludes to growth in us, our confidence and becoming aware that we “ do by faith and not by sight” suggesting to us that being seen as important in the eyes of those around us is not as important as living our faith, quietly going about doing what God asks of us.

In his Gospel, Mark has Jesus speaking to the people and disciples in parables or as we sometimes say stories within stories. He did this so the people understood His message as He was meeting them as their level.” He would not speak to them except in parables” Mark4:34.

Ezekiel, is determined to let us know that “the Lord” will take a small shoot, plant it and he then describes the growth and protection that it will provide. The final statement is also intriguing. It assures us that God is there to protect us.

The Gospel tells us about a man throwing a seed and leaving it to grow. The seed sprouts and grows whilst the man goes about other areas of his life, seemingly confident that the seed will grow with out any intervention on his part.But when he is aware that he needs to harvest he is ready to reap what has flourished.

Interestingly Jesus uses the mustard seed in the second parable. There were “some” in that world who regarded that seed as a weed and in no way worthy of attention.Jesus however, used the mustard seed to explain that although a very small and insignificant seed, it could grow large and also offer shelter and protection.

Paul reminds us that we must remember to stay true to our faith, pleasing God by our actions and be confident that we will be judged according to our deeds however small.

What images of growth do we glean from these readings from Ezekiel and Mark’s gospel? What could they be telling us?

God is always present and we need to appreciate that God works quietly and under the radar. We can be inspired by the growth of the small shoot, the seed thrown and the mustard seed. God’s kingdom can grow and expand if we trust and show our faith by doing even small deeds: remembering God feels comfortable working with small things. As we face our challenges and uncertainties and perhaps even feel as worthless as a “weed” sometimes, we do need to trust. God’s love for us grows with or without our nurturing it (Parable of the Sower) Veronica Lawson RSM suggest that we, through the parables could have a better understanding of how the Earth works to sustain us- who is the Sower? This challenges us on a number of levels relevant to “our” present world. Still, the one constant is God, His Kingdom and my part in its growth and health.

Bishop Robert Barron, a theologian from US says “ Don’t be afraid to do small things at the prompting of God- plant/sow the seed, make the move, take the risk.”

Ken and Carolyn Evenden



Mass
Schedule

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 17th—Sun 23rd June

Monday 17th: No Mass

Tuesday 18th: Mass 5pm
Adoration 4pm

Wednesday 19th: Mass 9am

Thursday 20th: Mass 9am

Friday 21st: Mass 9am

Saturday 22nd: Mass 5pm
Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

Sunday 23rd: Mass 9am

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am
Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The
Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha
Lodge

ROSTERS

15/16 JUNE Cleaning

17-22 D & L May
5.00PM MASS
Welcomer: B Oerder
Commentator: P O'Kelly
Reader: P Nolan
Eucharistic Ministers
L Rodwell
Computer Screen
J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer D May
Commentator: M Lowe
Reader: C Lowe
Eucharistic Ministers
A Scicluna, A Skinner
Computer Screen T
Priest

MORNING TEA:
M Vidovic, Zdenka

COUNTERS
T & A Jackson

22/23 JUNE Cleaning

24-28 M deSmet & J
Maher

5.00PM MASS
Welcomer K Conway
Commentator J Quigley
Reader: S Ebejer
Eucharistic Ministers
C Brownlie
Computer Screen M
O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer Confirmation
Commentator Confirmati
on
Reader: Confirmation
Eucharistic Ministers
J Wain, K Hadley
Computer Screen T
Jackson

MORNING TEA:
J Barroman/G
Berryman

COUNTERS
T & A Jackson

The Friends of Maranatha invite you to an
AUCTION NIGHT
A fun, entertaining fundraiser

FRIDAY 21ST JUNE @ 5pm

EVERYONE BRINGS ALONG NEW OR PRE-LOVED
ITEMS TO BE AUCTIONED.

CWA Hall, Edward Road, Batehaven.

Nibbles & light refreshments supplied or
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these may be photographed, auctioned then the purchaser
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For further details please phone:

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Proceeds go towards a manual mover for semi-mobile
residents. The saves the staff from damaging their backs
and is easier for the residents.

CONFIRMATION 2024



Please pray for our confirmation
candidates as they prepare to take this
important step in their faith journey. May
they be filled with the Holy
Spirit, strengthened in their commitment
and supported by our love and guidance. We pray for
them to use this time of preparation to help them
embrace their faith with courage and grace.

**Thank you for keeping them in your thoughts and
hearts.**

18 July | Poetry, Presence & Payday: Aquinas on the Eucharist | 7:00PM

To mark the occasion of the 750th anniversary of the
death of St Thomas Aquinas and to coincide with the 50th
anniversary of the founding of the parish of St Thomas
Aquinas, Charnwood, a commemorative talk will be
presented by Rev Dr Joseph Vnuk OP.
July 18, 2024 7:00pm
St Thomas Aquinas Primary School Hall, 25 Lhotsky St
Charnwood

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both
the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Acc Name St Bernard's Operating

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St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

**Continues on the Weekend of
June 8 & 9, 2024.**

**Giving Hope to those who most need it in
our local community.**

**St Vincent de Paul Bateman's Bay
Conference** thanks those who were able
to support our Winter Appeal.

You gifted us with \$1457 -75

The Appeal goes on: We need child/adult
winter beanie, scarves, socks, gloves,
blankets / doonas.

Please place donations in the Containers in
the foyer of the Church – these items are
handed directly to companions.

Clothing need to go to the Vinnies Store.
No tin food please.

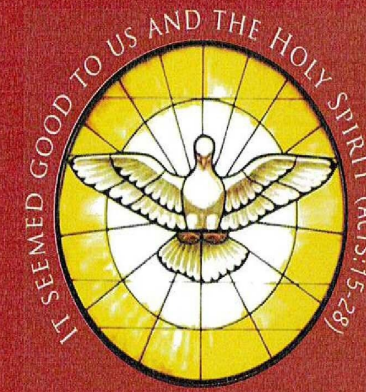


Remembering the Sick:

Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, John de Smet, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson,
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Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica
Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church
and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Laurence Foran,
Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Kathryn King, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell,
Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne
Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan
Trojkovic, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Pam
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Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John
Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre



YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light
of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts
of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in his
consolations.
Through the same
Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions June

**For migrants fleeing
their homes**

We pray that migrants
fleeing from war or
hunger, forced to
undertake journeys full
of danger and violence,
find welcome and new
opportunities in the
countries that receive
them.

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