

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.

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Breaking Open the Word

LIVE BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT

The parables of Jesus have a marvellous way of giving us the feeling of having Jesus sitting beside us. They have always been able to cross barriers of time, space and culture. They have a power to delight and unsettle, to console and challenge that is undimmed with the passing of nearly 2000 years. They are deceptively simple and always invite further reflection. When Jesus spoke of the kingdom or reign of God he drew on the image of the mustard seed. In doing this he was able to speak of the hidden beginnings of God's reign and, at the same time, the certainty of its growth. This of course is where the parable is deceptively simple, and where its challenge is to be found. As in the time of Jesus, it is still difficult to believe in the certainty of the coming of the kingdom, especially when its growth continues to be hidden, and the hearts of many seem to remain unchanged.

It is precisely here that Paul's reflection on his life as a Christian in the first century can be a source of encouragement. While we can picture Paul's ministry as one of on-going successes, the reality was not so simple. Faced with rejection and misunderstanding from some of the community in Corinth he does not lose heart. Sometimes growth among them was hard to see but he keeps his eyes firmly on what lies ahead. He knows there are many times when we must have the trust to live by faith and not by sight.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

13 JUNE 2021

FIRST READING

Ezek 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.

RESP PSALM

Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16. R. cf. 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. **R.**

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

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.**



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.

13 June 2021
Year B Week 11

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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WEEKDAY MASSES
Mon: *No Mass Tues: *No Mass
Wed: 12pm Thur: 9am
Fri: 9am Sat: 9am

CONFESSIONS
Sat: 4.30-5.15pm
*Or by appointment

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *O Lord hear my voice, for I have called to you, be my help.*

Do not abandon or forsake me. Oh God, My Saviour

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

Recently Deceased: Sr Bede Hintz, Mary Plater, Fr Peter Liu, Peggy Bussell, Lawrence Hartley, Margaret Barnes, Blagyna Nikolovski.

Anniversaries: John Varga (1/6), Pat Smyth (7/6).

Deceased: John Parker, Rodney Oatley, Patrick Valentine McNicholas, Dalis O'Brien, Thomas Brown.

Sick: Colleen Greer, Fr Bernie Flood, Maria Mood, Barbara Brennan, Monica Austin, Mimmie Bennett, Bob Worthington, Kim Myers, Judy Cummins, Shirley Hobbs, Elaine White, Erin Hansen, Bill Press, Jenny Crawford, Sr Pat Bartley, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Linda Bourke, Margaret Doyle, Christopher Struck, Graeme Bussell, Brindley Cavallaro, Jack & Marge Attard.



PADDY'S CORNER

The Buddhist approached the hamburger van and asked, "Make me one, with everything, including the mustard."

When he received lunch, he handed the man a \$20 bill and waited, and waited, and waited, until he had run out of patience. "What about my change?" the Buddhist said.

The man smiled: "Change comes from within."

COMING EVENTS

19/20 June Welcome to Sr Kathryn Sweeney
26 June Peters Pence Collection
18 July: Confirmation
31 July: Launch of Online Men's Gathering



May God grant you courage and wisdom in everything you say. (1875.)



SOCIAL DISTANCING - ** REGISTER TO ENTER USING EITHER QR CODE - OR PAPER REGISTER
** SANITISE HANDS ENTERING AND LEAVING
** KEEP YOUR DISTANCE
**SPRAY CLEANING PLEASE SPRAY BROADLY ABOVE SEATS AND NOT ON THE SEATS

WELCOME: We wish to extend a warm welcome to Sister Kathryn Sweeney RSJ who has arrived and been attending Masses at St Patricks quietly for the last few weeks. An official welcome will be held on the weekend of 19th/20th June. Sr Kathryn will be a member of the St Patricks Parish Pastoral Committee and Fr Anthony is encouraging parishioners to also consider that group as their contribution to parish life. Sister is available for visitation to parishioners. Please give her a warm welcome and feel free to contact her via the parish office.

COUNTERS NEEDED: Would you consider joining a counting team? Counting is done on Mondays and we are very short of helpers. Please contact the office if you could help.

PETER'S PENCE SPECIAL COLLECTION 27TH JUNE: The 2021 collection is to be conducted on 27th June, 2021 the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul.

CEMETERY TRUSTS: The NSW Government has recently announced that it will merge all cemetery trusts into a single government-run trust and to dismiss faith-based operators. **An online petition page has been established www.saveourgraves.com.au Please sign this petition and to circulate it to your family and friends in NSW.** Please also write and or phone your local NSW Member of Parliament in an appeal to reverse this decision. Read Archbishop Fisher's article in Catholic Weekly <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/archbishop-anthony-fisher-op-caring-for-the-dead-is-a-spiritual-mission/>

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING FOR 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31st July. The Diocese of Armidale will be holding its own Diocesan Catholic Men's Gathering as an in-person event on Saturday 16th October in Tamworth. This event will include the input being prepared by the ACBC for the National Catholic Men's Gathering as well as local input and content. *Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.* Further to come.

DIMMING IN THE CHURCH: Replacement of the church lights is imminent and of significant cost. We have seen the improved savings made with updating of lighting in the presbytery and grounds and we would like to see the same in the Church. We hope to be able to address the issue in the not too distant future.

CRACKER'S TALES: To assist with the lighting project, we will aim to clear the stock of Cracker's Tales. The bargain price of \$10 will get you all the laughs you need. Please contact the office or speak with Fr Anthony after Mass or at the office if you would like to buy a copy.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BSB 082105 **1st Coll:** ACC 001023642 **2nd Coll:** ACC 001041198

WEEK 1 ROSTER: 13/6/21

Vigil: R D Gowing G Styman
9am Sun: R S Nichols G Clout
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team R Paull, A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 19/6 M Vella and R Pace
Altar Linen: E Jackson

WEEK 2 ROSTER: 20/6/21

Vigil: R D Bolitho R Palmer
9am Sun: R C Monet O Monet
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team O & J Whale; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 26/6 B and B Lane
Altar Linen B Flood

We acknowledge that we walk upon the traditional lands of First Nations peoples. We pay our respects to them and recognise the continuing gift of their cultures to the life and spirit of Australia.

