

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

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

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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After Lent, the Easter season, and three Sundays of feast days—Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday's Gospel from Mark carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal his identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, he warns those cured to tell no one (see Mark 1:44, 3:12, 5:43, 7:36, and 8:26). Also, when preaching, Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable's meaning, and he does this in private at a later time.

Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.



Parish Bulletin

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

15/16 June 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

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

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

THE LAWS OF GROWTH.

We would love to be able to plant a seed today and have a magnificent tree tomorrow. But that is not possible. It will take many years for the tree to grow to its full height. Likewise, the Church is constantly growing towards fuller maturity. The Church is nourished in its growth by the Eucharist and the Word of God. The Church is like a growing tree, already bearing fruit and giving comfort, but always open to further growth.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today- our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 91:2-3,13-16

Response:

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.

SECOND READING

Corinthians 5:6-10

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

Tranmere Parish Direct Giving App

You can now make your donations to the first and second collection online. Direct Giving via the Archdiocesan App is cashless, fast and secure. Download the Adelaide Archdiocese app. Find a mass on your mobile phone and set up Direct Giving to the first and second collections as well as special appeals. Or contact the Parish Office to set up Direct Debit or Direct Credit. The following website provides a direct link to Tranmere Parish from a pc, laptop, or tablet. Thank you for your donations!

<https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/parish/tranmere>



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

By The Knights of the Southern Cross
after 9:30am Mass on
Sunday 23 June 2024
We appreciate your support!

\$3.00

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

Rosters—22/23 Jun 2024 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Anne Marie Platten Chris Platten
9:30am	Alan Tyson Grace Yeow Maureen Fernando
Children's Liturgy	Suanne Woitd Anne Dudzinski
Count team	Ron Hoogland Sheila Hoogland Peter Rees Indira Seimon
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers
All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass	
SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	
Open Plate	8/9 June 2024 \$548.55
Planned Giving	\$538.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$1,086.55
ELECTRONIC PLANNED GIVING	
April 2024:	\$2,593.00
May 2024:	\$2,278.00

Caritas Australia's PNG Landslide Appeal
Remote communities in Papua New Guinea have been devastated by the catastrophic landslide that struck at 3am on May 24. The United Nations estimates that at least 670 people may have lost their lives and many more are displaced. Your urgent support is needed



PAPUA NEW GUINEA LANDSLIDE APPEAL

Thousands of people are affected. Your urgent support is needed now.

DONATE
www.caritas.org.au/png
1800 024 413



Let's pray together

Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:


Death Anniversary:
Chacko Kollarackal
Annakkutty

*Eternal rest grant to them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.*

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex
Jesus preached and healed the sick by the power of the Holy Spirit. And it was precisely the Spirit that made him divinely free, that is, capable of loving and serving without measure or conditioning.



This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$740.20

PARISH NOTICES

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

We appreciate your continuous support to the church. The new batch of planned giving envelopes are now available for collection. Please look for your envelopes at the back of church (next to the main entrance facing Magill Road). Thank you again for your donations.

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

The Power of a Smile

You can make an impact as a volunteer across one of the Calvary hospitals including the Mary Potter Hospice, as there are a number of volunteer 'patient support' positions available. These roles provide valuable support to patients, visitors and staff - enhancing the service provided by Calvary to the community.

The benefits of volunteering just a few hours a week are many. You'll feel a heightened sense of wellbeing, purpose, and appreciation, while those you support will be forever grateful. If you like spending time in service for others and have a positive approach for life; if you're kind, sensitive, responsible, have a sense of humour, then we would love to hear from you! For further information, please contact Maria on 0428 864 183. or CHCA-volunteers@calvarycare.org.au

Study Tour to Greece and Turkey

Fr Michael Trainor is inviting you to come with him in January to Greece and Turkey for an instructive, insightful, and spiritually uplifting engagement with the New Testament letters and sites associated with St Paul and the *Book of Revelation*. Full details of the study tour are available here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/17RVMgc_oyIbOj8xdM8gcHoty92Baqz_S/view?usp=drive_link. To follow up or register interest feel free to email Fr Michael on blstadelaide@gmail.com.

Adult Confirmation

There will be an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for adults who have been baptised, but not yet confirmed, with Fr Dean Marin VG. This celebration will be held at the 6pm Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday July 20. Candidates are to be prepared within their parish before coming to the Cathedral for the celebration of the Sacrament. For more information and to register for Adult Confirmation, contact the Community Life and Worship office on 8210 8130.

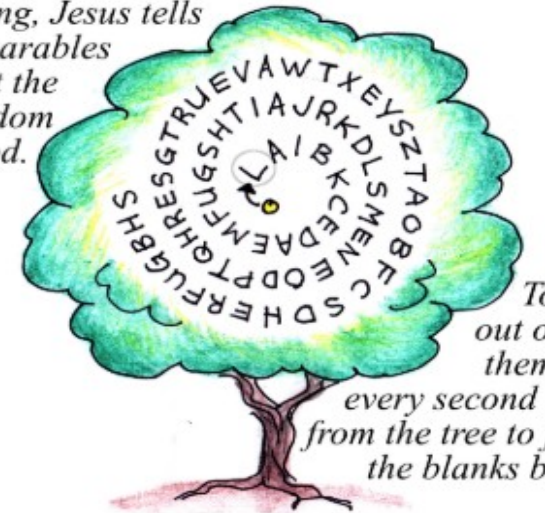
Parish Children's Liturgy

We have a very dedicated team of catechists who teach Children's Liturgy at every Sunday morning mass. If you know of any children between the ages of 3-10 who would benefit from attending our Children's Liturgy, please speak to their parents and encourage them to attend. We would love to see more children benefit from attending this program. For more information, please contact Anne Dudzinski, 0418 847 804.

The Kids' Bulletin

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 16th, 2024

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells two parables about the Kingdom of God.



To find out one of them, use every second letter from the tree to fill in the blanks below.

The Kingdom of Heaven is

When it grows up it becomes

the kingdom of HEAVEN



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about the Kingdom of Heaven. Heaven isn't just where we will go when we die if we were good. Jesus was telling us that Heaven grows in our hearts when we choose to love God and each other.

Our Lord compares the Kingdom of Heaven to plants that grow up from little seeds. When we were baptized we received the gift of Faith. When we receive the other sacraments, especially Holy Communion, the Faith grows in us, like a plant that has water and sunshine. If we sin it's like little bugs or sickness that start to kill the plant. Confession will take those away so that our Faith can grow again.



How can you help the Kingdom of Heaven to grow in you? Going to Mass and receiving Holy Communion whenever you can, and going to Confession often are the best ways. Praying every day and learning about the Faith and about the saints will also help the Kingdom of Heaven to grow in your heart like a strong, healthy plant!



Answer to puzzle on front page: LIKE A MUSTARD SEED...THE GREATEST OF SHRUBS. Answer to Word-find: GROW IN OUR HEARTS.