

# The Living Word

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**13 June 2021**

## **First Reading Ez 17:22-24**

*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.'

## **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. (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**

*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.

## **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

*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.

## 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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### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm  
Sunday 9:30am, Mass for  
St Mary's Syro-Malabar  
Community (Malayalam  
language)  
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am  
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**Please see below:** Liturgy in our Parish this week

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available prior to each weekend Mass

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

**Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday**

## 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

### Anniversaries 13- June to 19- June:

Mary Drury, Ron Norton, Ian McPherson, Rejane Stevenson, Adam Wood, Eleanor Campbell, Jessie Reid, Mildred Donnelly, Marie Purcell, Claire Prowse, Brendan Keilar, Michael Bamford, Jean Barber and Shirley Carrigg.

### Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ellen Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Patricia Clarke, Carmel Conte, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, George Frances, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Jo Green, Kate Greenwood, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoyer, Robert Hurley, Gary Kingsbury, Margaret Lomas, Jack Loughnan, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Naulty, Beverley O'Meara, Maureen O'Neill, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Peter Williams.

### ROSTERS

*If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day,  
please arrange a substitute. Thank you!*

### COUNTERS: Tuesday 8- June at 10:00am:

Ken Caffyn and Greg Carey.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We are celebrating Masses this coming weekend (Queen's birthday long weekend). However, at present, there are limits on the number of people who can attend a religious gathering. Therefore, it is necessary to book. For bookings, please phone:

Barwon Heads – Sue Casey, 0418 290 703

Queenscliff – Tony Frizza, 5258 3906

Ocean Grove – Nan Calnin, 5255 1241

Please be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones;  
please stay safe and well.

Blessings,  
Daniella & Fr Darien.

### **\*\* NEWS & EVENTS \*\***

If you require Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

### RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

### TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD: *Mass for You at Home*, every Sunday at 6:00am.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): *St Patrick's Cathedral Mass*, every Sunday at 11:00am.
- Foxtel Aurora channel 173: *Mass*, every Sunday at 6:00am.

### ONLINE MASSES AND RESOURCES:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

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### Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove:

- We are hoping to recommence Children's Liturgy on Sunday 4-July during 9am Mass. We look forward to welcoming back our young parishioners!



### Notes from the Parish Pastoral Council

1. The retirements of 2 long-standing members of the PPC, Frank Nelson and Dan Donovan, were acknowledged at our last meeting. Thank you for your excellent contributions both to the Council and to the Parish.
2. Due to current concerns regarding indoor meetings, the Parish Forum planned for June 20 has been postponed to a more suitable time. It is hoped that we can conduct this Forum as soon as possible.
3. Parishioners are urged to read Archbishop Comensoli's Pentecost Letter in which he flagged the beginning of discussions on *Re-Imagining our local church as Mission Communities*. During these next couple of years, parishes are invited to consider how, in the face of changing circumstances, our local Church in Melbourne might best be organized. In particular, how might neighbouring parishes "partner" to bring renewed life into our faith communities. These discussions will be a frequent PPC agenda item over the next couple of years.
4. Holy Trinity Parish Memorial Wall: A reminder that expressions of interest in taking up a wall niche and the \$550 payment should be given to the parish office by the end of June. A new expression of interest form emphasises that plaque details are not required at this stage. The Parish Finance Committee will consider the viability of the project on the basis of payments received at the end of this month. Enquiries to Frank Nelson 5253 1661.



**New QR Codes:** Each location (including the parish office and hall) will display new QR codes from this weekend. You can use the same process as before by scanning the code using your smartphone, however we recommend downloading the Service Victoria app (above logo) on your smartphone. Scanning instructions are available under the QR code. Clipboards will be available only for parishioners and friends who do not have a smartphone. We encourage you to ask someone, with a smartphone, to check you in. Our welcomers are happy to assist you. *Electronic record keeping is now mandatory, so please check-in everywhere you go and follow current government guidelines.*

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### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Weekday, Ordinary Time 11**

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove with Our Lady Star of the Sea Grade 2 students attending

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Weekday, Ordinary Time 11**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Weekday, Ordinary Time 11**

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Weekday, Ordinary Time 11**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June – St Romuald (Memorial)**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June – 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

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