

The Living Word

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

16 June 2024

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.

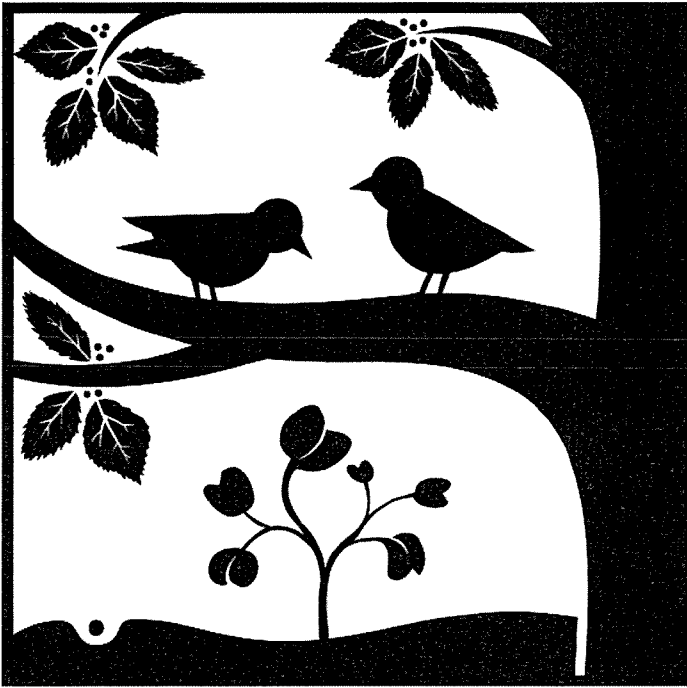
Gospel Acclamation

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 Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is a wonderful example of the teaching style of Jesus. It even tells us that 'he would not speak to them except in parables'. Jesus used the parable form almost exclusively to share his message. He used imagery that was familiar to his audience; parables about the everyday life of a rural community: seeds, planting, growing, harvesting. The secret of Jesus' parables, when we understand the cultural context, is that there was always a 'twist in the tale' – what is called a 'discombobulating shift' – that turns the expected outcome of the story on its head.

This is nowhere more evident than in the image of the mustard seed. On the surface the parable is about the kingdom of God starting from very small, humble beginnings and growing into something great. However, immediately prior to this kingdom parable, Jesus has reminded us that the community makes a living out of growing grain crops like wheat for bread, etc. His parable about the mustard seed describes a tiny seed that grows into a great shrub 'so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade'. A farming community that was growing grain crops would be greatly alarmed at the thought of actually attracting birds to their fields or even nearby. Jesus' message about the kingdom of God is that it is actually disruptive and invasive. The kingdom brings unrest and disquiet to the predictable. The kingdom of God is unsettling. This is a much more challenging parable than it appears from a literal reading.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

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, and before or after weekday Masses if needed.

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PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THEIR BULLETINS HOME AFTER MASS

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Recently Deceased: Reverend Fr Brendan Dillon PE.

Anniversaries 16th June to 22nd June: Aldo Trentini, Marie Purcell, Claire Prowse, Brendan Keilar, Michael Bamford, Jean Barber, Shirley Carrigg, Mary Gilltrap, John Chapman, Mavis Richards, Netty van Elst and Denise Johnston.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Elly Anwyl, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Jack Davin, Pat Dickeson, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Frank Flynn, Gloria Forbes, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Margaret Gladstone, Martin & Mary Grundy, Justin Hanan, Stephen Hanan, Susan Hardy, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Brendan Merriman, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Frank Nelson, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Picc, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Mary Sullivan, Pam Sullivan, Kevin Teasdale, Deanne Warren, Cathy Williams, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

ROSTERS

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

COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM), WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)

OCEAN GROVE: 23rd June at 9:00am:

(C) Liz Frazer (L) Majella O'Connor (SM) Jo Ballard, David O'Connor (W) Jenny Cole, Margaret Donovan.

QUEENSCLIFF: 23rd June at 11:00am:

(C) Michael Scott (L) Bel Campbell (SM) Terry Philp (W) Roger Furphy.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 18th June at 9:30am:

Judy Compton and Fay Neville.

** NEWS & EVENTS **

If you need 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.

For all Safeguarding updates, please visit the parish website:

www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The Sacrament of Healing – Anointing of the Sick will be offered at all Masses this weekend, 15-16 June.

Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR) invites you to celebrate Refugee Week from June 16-22 by

- Donating Cash or a \$25 or \$50 Supermarket food gift card *(Coles, Woolies or Aldi). Drop off points: Parish Church Foyers June 15/16 and 22/23 or Queenscliff Visitor Info Centre or Ocean Grove Community Hub 1 John Dory Drive. For further details, please visit <https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/refugee-week-food-gift-card-drive/>
- Booking a table at the Tamil Welcome Feast June 15, 7pm @ Uniting Church Queenscliff. \$45 for 3 courses. Bookings via TryBooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CRWLL>.
- Seeing the film *Journey Beyond Fear* (4 stars from David Stratton) @ Guide Hall Portarlington Recreation Reserve Boat Road. Sunday June 23, 2pm. Bookings online Humantix.

For more information contact Shirley 0409424243, hurleyshirley8@gmail.com.

**All Supermarket Cards and cash donations will assist the Welcome Place to help vulnerable people in the Geelong region to buy fresh, nutritious food for themselves and their families.*

COUNTERS WANTED! If you are interested in joining the counters team, please contact Daniella at the parish office. A National Police Check (arranged via parish office) and WWCC are required.

Together we pray for the children receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2024-2025: Envelopes will be available at each Mass centre from this weekend. Anyone interesting in joining the Stewardship (Thanksgiving) Program, please contact Daniella at the parish office.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 17th June – Weekday, Ordinary Time 11

Tuesday 18th June – Weekday, Ordinary Time 11
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 19th June – St Romuald (Memorial)
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
with St Aloysius School attending (Feast Day)

Thursday 20th June – Weekday, Ordinary Time 11
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

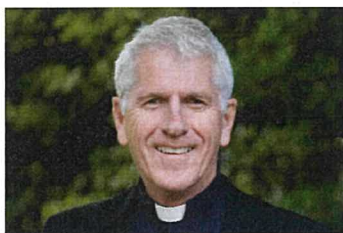
Friday 21st June – St Aloysius Gonzaga (Memorial)
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 22nd June – Sts John Fisher and Thomas Moore (Memorial)

Sunday 23rd June – 12th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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VERY REVEREND JOE CADDY, A.M.,
APPOINTED BISHOP OF CAIRNS



Last week, we heard that Pope Francis has appointed the Very Rev Joseph (Joe) John Caddy AM, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, as the new Bishop of Cairns in Far North Queensland. In accepting his appointment, Fr Joe expressed his gratitude to the Holy Father: ‘I am deeply humbled by this appointment and wish to express my deepest thanks to all the Clergy and faithful of Melbourne.’ Fr Joe went on to recall words of the Jesuit scientist and theologian, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin:

“Above all, trust in the slow work of God...only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give our Lord the benefit of believing that His hand is leading you and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.”

With this thought in mind, we share the news that **Fr Darien will be leaving our parish after his appointed term of 6 years**, and will take up a new appointment as **Parish Priest at St Michael’s Ashburton** in September. Fr Darien’s last ‘official’ day in our parish will be Sunday 14th July, but he will be here to lead our Students from Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Aloysius Primary Schools in their celebrations of First Eucharist during August.

The new Parish Priest for our parish takes up his appointment here on 6th November. Meanwhile, Fr Geoff Baron P.E. has very kindly made himself available to live in our parish and celebrate weekday and weekend Masses, along with another priest. We will keep you posted as arrangements are finalised.

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Thought for the Week:
Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.

- Saint Teresa of Kolkota.


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