

**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 Fr Michael Tate**

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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**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!*

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

Caitlin Rough

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Victor Glavina, Fr Singarayar, Fr Anish Mundiyanickal, Fr Stephen Susai, Lazer (in India)

#### ANNIVERSARIES

George Attard, Tessie Mizzi, John Attard

### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

13<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – 12 Noon

*Sonny Aitken  
Dante Mautici*

Please pray for these children and their families.

### PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

#### Presbytery Collection – 1<sup>st</sup> Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C BSB: 083 347 Account No. 66541 7521 Reference as your first initial then surname, or remain anonymous

#### Church Collection – 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Church Account BSB: 083 347 A/C No. 53530 4676 Reference as your first initial then surname and if known, your giving number e.g. ASmith T/G 500

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – *Good Works*

Do you need a helping hand? St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers are committed to providing people with access to the resources and support they need to overcome personal hardship. If you require assistance, please phone their Welfare Assistance Line on free call 1800 305 330 Monday to Friday (except for public holidays). This service is free and confidential.

### SVDP WINTER APPEAL

We will postpone our Winter Appeal collection for now

## PARISH NEWS

### WELCOME BACK

Once again we welcome back parishioners to St Peter's Church. Please note the following important information:

- Only 50 people are permitted to attend at each Mass time this week.
- For Weekend Masses, bookings are essential through the online booking system (Trybooking.com.au). A link will be available each week on our Parish Website and Facebook.
- If you do not have internet, please register your attendance by Friday morning at the Parish Office via email or telephone.
- No bookings are required for Weekday Morning masses.
- Please only book for people in your own household. Separate bookings should be made for others not living with you.
- If you are not able to attend a Mass after making a booking, please cancel your booking to allow your seat to be available for someone else.
- The return of the online booking system is temporary. We will await further announcements on what will be allowed from Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> June and let you know.
- If you are feeling unwell, please stay at home.
- Fr Sebastian will continue to do a recorded Mass while we have restrictions.
- Masks must be worn inside and outside the Church. You may remove your mask to receive Holy Communion only.
- QR code Registration is Mandatory for everyone who comes to the Church.

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please note that on **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June**, morning mass will commence at **9.00am**. No 7.00pm Wednesday, or 9.15am Mass Saturday until further notice.

### PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open 9am-4.00pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

### A Prayer to St Joseph

St Joseph,

You were receptive to God working in your life.

Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.

You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service:

May we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, *Thy will be done*.

Amen.

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### MASS TIMES

#### Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

#### Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

7.00pm Wednesday (followed by Benediction & Devotion to two hearts)

### RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

### ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### SCHOOL NEWS

We welcome back all school children teachers and staff to St Peter's Primary School.

*The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.*