

TODAY'S MASS readings are about how God works — with us and without us. In another sense, we could say they remind us that God's work will be carried out whether we cooperate or not. If we choose not to cooperate, God's plans will not be frustrated but we ourselves will be the losers.

The Gospel consists of two parables which are quite different in meaning but which have a common theme in being connected with the growth of plants.

1. Jesus is giving an image of that kingship or power of God at work. He compares it to the situation of a farmer planting seed on his land. "Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how he does not know." And Jesus goes on: "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."

The picture is clear: the building of the kingdom is God's work. It goes on whether we are working with it or not; whether we are aware of it or not. It will not be frustrated by any opposition or passivity on our part.

2. Jesus gives another image of the Kingdom. This time he compares it to a mustard seed. Here the image is not on the inevitability of growth but of how the Kingdom emerges from tiny beginnings. The tiny mustard seed grows into a very large shrub, so big that it can provide shelter for birds in its branches.

This is clearly a parable of encouragement. We need to remember that when these words were written the Church was still relatively small. It consisted of tiny communities scattered in cities, towns and villages all over the Mediterranean area. Without the communications media which we take for granted today they were to a large extent cut off from each other much of the time.

Today's parables assures the readers of the Gospel that, like the mustard seed, they can grow. How surprised those early Christians would be to see the Church today! How the mustard seed has grown! Christians number well over one billion people today, a figure not even conceivable in olden times. The Gospel's confidence was not misplaced.

Sacred Space

OLIVERIAN

ST OLIVER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, PASCOE VALE

PARISH PRIEST
Pastoral Associate
School Principal

Fr James Puppady
Marthese Temming
Delfina Pieri

Presbytery: 1 Landells Road, Pascoe Vale 3044 Telephone: 7036 9330

email: pascoevale@cam.org.au

website: <https://stolivers.org.au/>

School: Landells Road, PO Box 667, Pascoe Vale 3044 Telephone: 9354 5130

Parish Office Hours: 9am – 3pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5.00 pm (Vigil for Sunday)
Sunday 8.30 am
Sunday 10.30 am

Tuesday, Wednesday 9.15 am (Commencing Tuesday 15th June)
Thursday, Friday

Confessions Saturday 10.00 – 10.30 (in the church through Landells Road side door)
Baptisms 2nd Saturday of the month (by appointment)
Marriages By appointment with at least 6 months notice

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday	Christian Meditation	7-8 pm Parish Centre (contact Chris Rowland 0411 440 746)
Tuesday	Italian Ladies Prayer Group	10.00 am Meeting Room
	Charismatic Prayer Group	7.30 pm Church
Wednesday	Drop-In Centre	1 - 3 pm Church/Parish Centre
Thursday	St Vincent de Paul	5.30 pm Meeting Room (last Thursday of the month)

FROM ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 11AM: Live Streamed and C31 Televised (Channel 44 on Digital TV)
6AM: Channel 10 - "Mass for You at Home"

MONDAY - FRIDAY 1PM : Live Streamed. (Link below)

SATURDAY 8.00AM: Live Streamed. (Link below)

<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> and

<https://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb>

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 12/13 JUNE 2021

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me,
O God, my Saviour!

Response to the Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live forever.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Holy Father, keep in your name those who have given
me, that they may be one as we are one, says the Lord.

Please remember in your prayers the following:

Those who have died: Baldo Iacobacci

Anniversaries: Shawn Taylor, Robert & Lillian Anderson, Sheila Pobjoy,
Kevin Coyle, Antonino Cicala, Vincenzo Rizzo

Those who are ill: Dalmiro Bellio, Maria Coreno, Kath Layden, Lamberto
Cruz Monica Wickerson, Pasquale Buonomo, Joe Grech,
Sofia Ruggiero, Karen Hardy,

12/13 June

19/20 June

READERS:

Sat 5.00 pm	W. Cahill [L], A. Breen [R]	V. Pertile [L], M. Lynch [R]
Sun 8.45 am	B. Messina [L], M. Tamayo [R]	M. Carabotti [L], B. Messina [R]
10.30 am	S. Harrison [L], R. Cassidy [R]	L. Verduci [L], C. Grech [R]

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00 pm	C. Rowland	M. Pascoe
Sun 8.45 am	M. Bolitho	T. Baltatzis
10.30 am	B. Watts	C. De Francesco

PLEASE NOTE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER 7036 9330

At St Oliver's parish we aim to create a child-safe and child-friendly environment. Privacy: In 2001 the Commonwealth and Victorian governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information, including health information collected from individuals. This Parish is committed to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the legislation.

This weekend we wish Fr James Puppady a warm welcome to
St Oliver's as he celebrates Mass with us for the first time.
Please note the Mass time for Saturday Vigil Mass has changed to
5.00pm.

Daily Mass will now be celebrated Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and
Friday at 9.15am, commencing this Tuesday 15th June 2021.

We welcome our newly Baptised child
James Rowland
into our parish community.

Let us keep James and his family in our prayers.



COVID19 Instructions

Fitted face coverings are mandatory indoors. Worn outdoors when you can't maintain 1.5 metres from others, (unless you have a lawful exemption or are children under 12 years of age). Please come 10 to 15 minutes before Mass. Doors will close when Mass starts. QR code applies on entry into church. Gatherings permitted for up to 50 people per venue.

Please continue to support St Oliver's Parish and Fr James. The link:

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayPascoeVale>

We are very grateful for your support at this challenging time.

Please visit our website for the newest update from the Archdiocese
regarding liturgical guidelines: <https://stolivers.org.au/>