

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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16 JUNE 2024

EXPLAINING THE UNEXPLAINABLE

How do we understand the kingdom or reign of God? The Gospel of today brings two examples and a word about understanding parables. This passage is preceded by Jesus telling the parable of the sower and explaining it to his disciples. We have the inside running on this as we hear and read what Jesus explains, for we too are disciples. Today's first example tells what the kingdom of God is like, continuing the theme of the sower. We see the imagery of the kingdom of God as something that is not static but growing. It takes time to flourish and bring a harvest. Those on the land know this is an ongoing process season to season, sowing and harvesting. The kingdom of God is like this, growing wherever it is planted and harvested.

Then Jesus asks, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God or what parable will we use for it?' What follows expands further on the kingdom of God. It is like the smallest of seeds that will grow to become the greatest of shrubs giving shelter for further life and growth in its branches and shade.

It seems a mystery that Jesus used many parables like this to speak the word to them, 'but he explained everything in private to his disciples'. Jesus entices the crowd with images of what the kingdom of God is like. Jesus explains the meaning to those who believe. This echoes Paul's words in the second reading 'for we walk by faith, not by sight'. How would you explain the kingdom of God today?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Ezek 17: 22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

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.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16. R. cf. 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

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians

*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.

■ The word of the Lord.



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Wandong: St Michael's, 33-35 Wandong Ave, Wandong Vic 3758

MASS TIMES

Saturday: Broadford at 5.00 pm & Kilmore at 6.30 pm
Sunday: Kilmore at 7.45 am, Wallan at 9.00 am & Kilmore at 10.30 am
Weekday Masses: Kilmore, Tuesday—Saturday Mass at 9 am (Except: Wednesday at 9am in Wallan)
Reconciliation: Tuesday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Adoration: Thursday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Rosary: Thursday at 2.00pm in the Church, Kilmore *(Not running during school holidays)*

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ROSTERS:

	<u>15/16 Jun</u>	<u>22/23 Jun</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	15 Jun	22 Jun
Reader	Daniel Mercovich	Amy Leahy
Eucharist Minister	Brian O'Dwyer	Arthur Donovan
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	15 Jun	22 Jun
Reader	Danijela Babic	Assumption
Eucharist Minister	Velia Barro	Sr Anne
PowerPoint	Pauline Duff	Boyd Family
<u>KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):</u>	16 Jun	23 Jun
Reader	Lance Phillips	Justine Sapiano
Eucharist Minister	TBA	Kate Archer
PowerPoint	Carroll Family	Carroll Family
<u>WALLAN 9am (Sun):</u>	16 Jun	23 Jun
Reader	Janette Hinchcliffe	Terry Cooney
Eucharist Minister	Annette Moore	Selina Buckley
PowerPoint	Terry Cooney	Patrick Hutchinson
	Rosebelle Quinn	Fetu Thompson
<u>KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):</u>	16 Jun	23 Jun
Reader	Sandra McCaughey	Michael Bourne
Eucharist Minister	Kath Pirie	Lynne Beaumont
PowerPoint	Kathy Curry	Nadeesha Mendis
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	Marg Fleishmann	Ann Harrigan
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	Helen Clancy	John Dixon
	Pauline Duff	Mary Donovan
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	Lynne Beaumont	TBA
	Carry Eid	

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Sick List:

Gerard McCaughey, Sonia Savolokin, Shae Newey, Steven Campbell, Danny Prelac, Jim Ahearn, Robert Duncan, Pina D'agostino, Eva Aschberger, Ian & Sandy Domeyer, Richard Lloyd, Theo Aitchison, Raul Brizzi, Lee Stewart, Tessa Borg, Kelly Borg, Peter Hanvin, Ronnie Johnson, Angela Bradley, Susan Foster, Rita Devlin & all the sick of the parish.

Anniversaries:

Olympia De Sousa, Joseph Camerilleri, Bill Clarke, Jack Simpson, Mary Rose Cleve, Severino Sibillin, Neil Vincent Zoch, John Hyndes, Judith Anne Stevenson, Dean Fitzgerald, Brian Gerard Zoch, Joyce Chard, John Francis Kelly, Roger Hodnett and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

Recently Deceased: Fr. Brendan Dillon & Sylvia Fuss.

Sun 16th Jun: Pray for the soul of Roger Hodnett.

Mon 17th Jun: **9am Communion Service, no Mass.**

Tue 18th Jun: Pray for the intentions of Kate Archer.

Wed 19th Jun: Pray for the good health of Pina D'agostino.

Thu 20th Jun: Pray for the good health of Agnes.

Fri 21st Jun: Pray for the intentions of Fiona.

Sat 22nd Jun: Pray for the intentions of Lyn Piltz.

The Neocatechumenal group will be meeting each Tuesday & Thursday at 7.30pm at the Our Lady of the Way Church. New members are welcome!

A reflection for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

As both a primary school teacher and parent, this week's Gospel is a special parable that is one of my favourites to teach to children. In this parable, Jesus tells us about a tiny mustard seed that grows into a big plant. He wants us to know that even if our faith starts small, it can grow big and strong. Just like how a little seed can become a big tree that gives birds a place to rest, our small acts of kindness and faith can help make the world a better place. He wants us to remember that God is always with us, helping our faith grow, even when we don't see it right away. We need to place our trust in God and keep doing good things, no matter how small they seem. Even small acts of faith and kindness can have a big impact, just like the mustard seed grows into a large plant. Just as the farmer trusts the seeds to grow, we trust that God is always working in our lives, even when we can't see it.

Much of life's biggest lessons and learnings come with patience. Faith, too, grows in the ebbs and flows of the lives of each of us. God is not impatient with our growth. God is the one who creates us from nothing and creates us each day of our lives. God grows love in us, so that our love can shelter and comfort many others.

Seeds grow when the conditions are right. They need light, heat and energy. God's kingdom of love grows slowly and demands patience and faith. Like the seed in the earth, the Kingdom of God does not come all at once. It arrives in stages like the stalk, the head and the full grain. Our job is to watch and pray and to serve it. Just as seeds grow into plants, our faith grows when we nourish it with prayer, sacraments, and good deeds. From even the tiniest seed planted in a soul, the Kingdom of God can grow so that the person who trusts in God is a source of nourishment and care for others. Jesus encourages us to have faith, no matter how small it may seem. With faith, we can achieve great things and contribute to the growth of God's Kingdom.

In this parable, we are encouraged to understand that our small acts of kindness, prayers, and good deeds are like mustard seeds. They may seem small, but with God's help, they can grow and make a big difference.

Dear God,

We thank You for the wonderful gift of faith that You have planted in our hearts. We are grateful for Your love and the ways You guide us every day.

Help us to nurture and grow our faith, just as a tiny seed grows into a strong and beautiful plant. Teach us to trust in Your plan for us, even when we cannot see it.

We ask for Your help to grow in love and service to others. May we show kindness and compassion to everyone we meet, sharing Your love through our actions.

Give us the strength to follow Your teachings and to be good disciples of Jesus. Help us to make a difference in the world by spreading peace, joy, and love wherever we go.

Thank You for always being with us and for helping us to grow closer to You.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

Samantha Gauci- Year 3 teacher and REL at St Patrick's Kilmore



Thanksgiving Envelops and Receipts are available to collect this weekend, in each of our parish Churches.

I take this opportunity to thank everyone who is contributing to the Thanksgiving program. We are able to run this parish because of your generous contributions. **Blessings, Fr. Prakash**

This Weekend—Catholic Mission Special Collection

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

Save the Date! **Sunday 30th June at the 10.30am** Mass in Kilmore for a celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the Inception of the St Patrick's Parish. The Mass will be followed by a morning tea in the Parish Centre. Please bring a plate to share. Further details to follow.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CEMETERY PRICES WILL INCREASE ON 1 JULY 2024

RIGHT OF INTERMENT (plot purchase) \$1,250
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Articles for The Shamrock Magazine:

The Editors of "The Shamrock" are looking for articles for the next edition. Photos would be great too. Please email articles by **30th June** to: stpatrishmagazine@gmail.com