



PARTNERSHIP PARISHES



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11 Sunday in Ordinary Time

12/13 June 2021

MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Thornbury

Sunday:
9.00am English/Italian
5.30pm English

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday evening: 5.30pm
Sunday: 10:30am Eng/Italian

Weekday Masses

Mon: No Mass

St. Joseph's Parish

Tues: 9.15am English
Thurs: 9.15am English

St. Mary's Parish

Weds: 9.15am Italian
Fri: 9.15am English

WEEKEND ROSTERS 19/20 June

ST. MARY'S THORNBURY

Altar Society Team TBA

9.00am Mass

Lector: M. O'Donnell
L. Finotello

POF: F. Mascia

Sp. Min: R. De Vuono

5.30pm Mass:

Lector: E. Cafasso
POF: D. Prendergast
Sp.Min: H. Murphy

ST. JOSEPH'S NORTHCOTE

Saturday:

Reader: TBA

Musician in charge: Teddy

Sunday:

Reader: TBA

Musician in charge: Nick McKinnon



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Recently Deceased

Salam Tunsie and Rita Fahed Fakhry

Anniversaries

Emile Nabih; Layla Moussa Fakhry.



Parables were often used in the Old Testament as a way of teaching and their value lay in not explaining them, but rather letting the listener be puzzled by them and search for their meaning. Jesus finishes his parables with the words, 'Those who have ears to hear, let them

hear.' (4:9, 23) You might imagine some in the crowd going away scratching their heads, and talking to each other – 'What do you think he is talking about?' Newspapers use a similar technique in some cartoons, which are not just for amusement, but also offer a social or political commentary. Many of Michael Leunig's reflections are the same – inviting you to think.

The first parable today, about the seed, was so puzzling that Matthew and Luke both omitted it from their gospels. I find myself asking – In what way is the reign of God like a farmer sowing seed? It seems to suggest that there is a period of time when the farmer does nothing and just leaves the seed to its own natural processes. During this time, the seed is underground and the earth produces the growth. How is this like the Kingdom? But then, when the harvest comes, the farmer once again gets very active. Could it be that Mark is suggesting that after the time of the initial sowing the seed of the Gospel, then there is a time when it can appear as if nothing is happening? While the seed is quietly and invisibly germinating following its own timetable?

The parable of the mustard seed is just as puzzling. The mustard seed is tiny, and the bush it produces is also just a small shrub, a few metres high, which grows vigorously and could take over a garden. Jesus' listeners would be familiar with this shrub, and the way small birds shelter in it. The parable reminds me of an advertisement on the TV: 'From little things big things grow.'

When considering the parables it is always worth thinking about why Jesus found this a helpful image for his own ministry, both for himself and for his disciples as well as the crowd. Then consider what the parable might mean for the early Christian community of Mark's gospel. What might be a comparable image for Churches today?

Mary Coloe PBVM

This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.



FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this:
'From the tope 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

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R 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.

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar..

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: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING 2 Corin 5,6-10

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

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.

All: Thanks be to God

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

Mark 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Prima lettura Ez 17,22-24
Dal libro del profeta Ezechièle

Così dice il Signore Dio:
'Un ramoscello io prenderò dalla cima del cedro,
dalle punte dei suoi rami lo coglierò
e lo planterò sopra un monte alto, imponente;
lo planterò sul monte alto d'Israele.
Metterà rami e farà frutti
e diventerà un cedro magnifico.
Sotto di lui tutti gli uccelli dimoreranno,
ogni volatile all'ombra dei suoi rami riposerà.
Sapranno tutti gli alberi della foresta
che io sono il Signore,
che umilio l'albero alto e innalzo l'albero basso,
faccio seccare l'albero verde e germogliare
l'albero secco. Io, il Signore, ho parlato e lo farò'.
Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Seguite il coro se il ritornello del salmo è diverso del foglietto.

Salmo Responsoriale Sal 91

Rit: È bello rendere grazie al Signore.

1. È bello rendere grazie al Signore
e cantare al tuo nome, o Altissimo,
annunciare al mattino il tuo amore,
la tua fedeltà lungo la notte.
2. Il giusto fiorirà come palma,
crescerà come cedro del Libano;
piantati nella casa del Signore,
fioriranno negli atri del nostro Dio.
3. Nella vecchiaia daranno ancora frutti,
saranno verdi e rigogliosi,
per annunciare quanto è retto il Signore,
mia roccia: in lui non c'è malvagità

Rit: È bello rendere grazie al Signore.

Seconda lettura 2 Cor 5,6-10
Dalla seconda lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Corinzi

Fratelli, sempre pieni di fiducia e sapendo che siamo in esilio lontano dal Signore finché abitiamo nel corpo – camminiamo infatti nella fede e non nella visione –, siamo pieni di fiducia e preferiamo andare in esilio dal corpo e abitare presso il Signore.
Perciò, sia abitando nel corpo sia andando in esilio, ci sforziamo di essere a lui graditi.
Tutti infatti dobbiamo comparire davanti al tribunale di Cristo, per ricevere ciascuno la ricompensa delle opere compiute quando era nel corpo, sia in bene che in male.
Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo (Mc 4,30)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Il seme è la parola di Dio,
il seminatore è Cristo:
chiunque trova lui, ha la vita eterna.
Alleluia!

Vangelo

Mc 4:26-34

Dal Vangelo secondo Marco

In quel tempo, Gesù diceva [alla folla]: 'Così è il regno di Dio: come un uomo che getta il seme sul terreno; dorma o vegli, di notte o di giorno, il seme germoglia e cresce. Come, egli stesso non lo sa. Il terreno produce spontaneamente prima lo stelo, poi la spiga, poi il chicco pieno nella spiga; e quando il frutto è maturo, subito egli manda la falce, perché è arrivata la mietitura'.
Diceva: 'A che cosa possiamo paragonare il regno di Dio o con quale parabola possiamo descriverlo? È come un granello di senape che, quando viene seminato sul terreno, è il più piccolo di tutti i semi che sono sul terreno; ma, quando viene seminato, cresce e diventa più grande di tutte le piante dell'orto e fa rami così grandi che gli uccelli del cielo possono fare il nido alla sua ombra'.
Con molte parabole dello stesso genere annunciava loro la Parola, come potevano intendere. Senza parabole non parlava loro ma, in privato, ai suoi discepoli spiegava ogni cosa.
Parola del Signore

A: Lode a Te O Cristo.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

St. Joseph's

1st Collection: House: \$

2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$

St. Mary's

1st Collection: Thanksgivings: \$

2nd Collection: House: \$

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain for 4 weeks, then a new request is required.

HOUSE VISITATIONS

Do you or someone you know require any of the following

- Annual House Visits
- Visits to the Sick
- Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Presbytery on 9484 2907 to arrange a time with Fr Shabin.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND /

MALATE O

CONFINATE A CASA

Se conoscete persone che sono malate o confinate a casa e vorrebbero ricevere visite o la comunione a casa siete pregati di mettervi in contatto contact Parish Offices **9484 2907** or **9489 8008**

ST. MARY'S GODSTART PLAYGROUP

During school terms for children 0-5 years.

Friday 9.30 - 10.45am

in the HALL (entry via Mansfield St).

ALL WELCOME! Contact:

Megan: 9495 1449

CHILDREN'S

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday, 5:30pm Mass during school terms. This is a way for school aged children to gather and understand the Gospel at their age level. **Cancelled until further notice**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Every Thursday at 2pm

Via Zoom.

ALL WELCOME!

Contact: Mirella 0408 470 114

BAPTISMS: by appointment only

First Wednesday of the month.

St. Joseph's: 7.00pm: Baptism

Preparation meeting the church.

By appointment only.

St. Mary's: By appointment only

please call parish Office

SENIORS

Last Friday of the month

St. Joseph's: 2.00pm: Seniors Mass at the parish Centre.

First Friday of the month

St. Mary's: 2.00pm Mass of Anointing of the Sick.

Catholic Religious Education

St. Joseph's: Weds: 4-5pm R.E.

classes for Children for State & Secondary Students in the Parish House.

St. Mary's: Thurs: 4-5pm R.E

Classes in preparation for Sacraments. Please contact Mirella 9484 2907.

Safeguarding Children, Young

People and Vulnerable People

Committee Contact Person:

Moses El-Fahkri **0417 383 923**



Una volta seminato nel cuore dell'uomo, il regno di Dio cresce da sé. È una meraviglia di Dio tanto grande e tanto bella quanto grande e bella è la crescita delle piante, e tanto misteriosa quanto misteriosa è la trasformazione di un bambino che cresce e diventa uomo. Così la crescita del regno di Dio non dipende dalle forze umane; essa supera le capacità umane poiché ha in sé un proprio dinamismo. Questo messaggio è un messaggio di speranza, poiché, adottando una prospettiva umana, potremmo dubitare del trionfo del regno di Dio.

Esso si scontra con tanti ostacoli. Esso è qui rifiutato, là respinto, o, in molti luoghi, sconosciuto del tutto. Noi stessi costituiamo un ostacolo alla realizzazione del regno di Dio con la nostra cattiva volontà e con i nostri peccati. È bene dunque che sappiamo che, a poco a poco con una logica che non è quella umana, con un ritmo che a noi sembra troppo lento, il regno di Dio cresce. San Paolo, che era ispirato, percepiva già i gemiti di tale crescita. Bisogna conservare la speranza. Bisogna ripetere ogni giorno: "Venga il tuo regno!". Bisogna coltivare la pazienza, quella del seminatore che non può affrettare l'ora della mietitura. Bisogna soprattutto non dubitare della realtà dell'azione di Dio nel mondo e nei nostri cuori. Gesù ci dice questo poiché sa che il pericolo più grande per noi è quello di perdere la pazienza, di scoraggiarci, di abbandonare la via e di fermarci. Noi non conosciamo né il giorno né l'ora del nostro ingresso nel regno o del ritorno di Cristo. La mietitura ci sembra ancora molto lontana, ma il tempo passa in fretta: la mietitura è forse.

To commemorate the 130th Anniversary of Rerum Novarum,

the John Johnson Forum will be hosting a free zoom event with Fr Frank Brennan, Rerum Novarum to Laudato Si: the relevance of Catholic Social Teaching to winning government. Refer to the attached flyer.

Details: Date: Tuesday 15th June 2021

Time: 7:30pm AEST

RSVP for the zoom link: reply or email: johnjohnsonforum@gmail.com

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care.

More information and Applications Forms

are available on our website

<https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

Closing Date 30 July 2021

Lockdown Restrictions Eased but capped at 50

Following on from the Acting Premier's announcement on Wednesday, it is with joy that we can announce that Mass will again commence this weekend, with the following restrictions.

- Masks are to be worn inside
- we can only have 50 people in the church.
- Registration by QR Code is also still mandatory.

Until restrictions are lifted further, it will be necessary to manually register for Mass with the parish offices as we did before to ensure we stay within the 50 people limit.

If the Mass you normally go to at one parish has reached capacity, please feel free to contact the other partnership parish to see if there is still space available. Please pass this information on to parishioners who do not have access to email

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