



### 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.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today remind us that poetic imagery is an apt way of describing the mysterious presence of God in our midst. The cedar began as a seedling that takes years to grow into a magnificent tree. The same is true of the mustard tree. It too requires time to develop its trunk and branches. The development of moral integrity in a human being is just as gradual. Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's presence and it produces fruit even into old age. Although God is present in all things, sustaining them and allowing them to follow their natural courses, God really transcends all things. Metaphorical language may be the best means for speaking about God and the things of God. It enables us to live in the tension that both reveals something about God and conceals God's real nature.

The reign of God also begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide. Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world.

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## ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 567 New: 638



**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**17 June 2018**

### 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.'

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

### 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.

*The Word of the Lord*

**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!**

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### NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and ask that you make yourself known to us by completing this form and leaving it in the collection basket.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME (Thanksgiving):

If you would like to join our programme please take a brochure from the foyer or call the Parish Office.

### IN OUR PRAYERS

#### SICK:

Leanne Cargeg; Anna Giunta; Milagros Abelgas; Francesca Catania (Malta); Ana Herb; Antonio Castro; Reynaldo Salvador; Maximino Salvador Jnr; Tom Lonergan; Lucia Lozada (Colombia); Elaine Groves; Giuseppa Bonanno; Rowena Melegrito; Buck Dela Cruz; Calixta Malalang.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Stan Hill; Luca Huynh Dieu; Anton Nguyen Ba Phuong; Sebastiano Pandolfo (Italy); Charlie Borg (Queensland).

#### ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES

Margret Wentzki; Maria Nguyen Thi Dung; Dominic Nguyen Van Lung; Nazzareno Falduto; Silvester Nguyen Dinh Vinh; Frances Webster; Mavis Nind; Claire Nugara; Noreen Hearnden; Irene Waddell; Anne Farrell; Jill Wilson; Anna, Grace & Salvatore Mazzurco; Carmelo Attana; Frank Giunta; Caterina Tran Van; Zoran Romich; Giovanni Martello; Paul & Sofia Perconte; Adriana Donato; Giuseppe Visalli; Pierangela Giansiracusa; Joseph Sammut; Charlie Sciberras; Maria & Giovanni Gulizia; Victor Apap; Victor Micallef; Remo Gentile; Joseph Giusti; Felix, Paul, Carl & Tony Galea; Dominic Cumbo; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Menu & Tonina Sammut; Carmelo & Rita De Bono; Francesco & Mary Falzon; Maria Moore.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

<b>MONDAY</b>	No Mass
Devotion to Divine Mercy	2:30pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Communion Service 9:15am
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:15am
<i>followed by short Adoration &amp; Benediction</i>	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:15am
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:15am

### MASS TIMES

<b>SATURDAY</b>	
Vigil	6:00pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
English	8:00am, 9:30am
Italian	11:00am
Vietnamese	12:30pm

### RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 9:45am Saturday 5:15pm

### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

#### PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME:

Pledged: \$3004 Received: \$2546 Shortfall: \$458

Presbytery: \$1149 Loose: \$581.05

Last Weekend: *Vinnies Winter Appeal* \$559.30

#### CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL This Weekend

Healing a nation through education.

Please donate generously. Envelopes are on the seats for those who require a tax deductible receipt.



Please place non perishable goods, winter clothing and blankets in the donation box in the foyer during June.

### ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

**Flower pick up:** S. Pherdy  
**Flower Arranging:** R Delac; G. Condro  
**Sacristy:** Volunteer please!!  
**Hospital Communion:** Team 2: Young Vinnies

The First Eucharist children from St. Martin's and the Wednesday classes will be attending Mass this weekend for the 'Receive and Be' prayer. Please keep them in your prayers as they make this special journey.

### SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Please contact Parish Office if you are able to assist with the following:

#### READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS FOR MASSES

Are needed, training will be provided for all.

#### COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND

Extraordinary Ministers are needed to take Communion to the housebound on a regular basis.

### OUR COMMUNITY - WHAT'S NEWS!

#### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION/ PRAYER OF THE HEART



Beginners and experienced meditators welcome! Sessions: 10am-11am Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> July & 9<sup>th</sup> Aug. Contact Clara Rizzi on 0403 153 346 for more information.

#### 2018 WINTER MUSIC IN THE VALLEY:

Free concert sponsored by the City of Moonee Valley. Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 3pm in St Martin de Porres Church. Come and enjoy listening to the Consort of Melbourne present Songs of Love and War by Italian Composers.

#### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE

#### CATHOLIC FAITH:

Please contact the parish office on 9337 6016 to register your interest.

#### ST MARTIN'S PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

#### CLOSING SOON!

Enrolment packs and school tours are available from the school office. Enrolments close shortly, so please get your enrolment to the School Office as soon as possible. Please ring 9331 9000 for further information.

#### 2018/19 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

Available in hard copy or digitally from the Parish Office. Receive over \$20,000 in valuable offers for \$70. Pays for itself in as little as 2 uses. Expires 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2019.

#### READING MATERIAL

Australian Catholics Winter 2018 Edition - Free. Melbourne Catholic Magazine June Edition \$4

### VOVINAM MARTIAL ARTS

5 - 7 pm Monday and Wednesday in the parish hall. Contact: Christopher Wong on 0412 543 968.

### NOTICEBOARD/WIDER COMMUNITY

#### YOUTH NIGHT AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH:

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 5 - 9pm. St Christopher Church, 34 Roberts Road, Airport West. Contact Christiana by 15<sup>th</sup> June on 9338 3793/0433 458 637 for catering purposes.

#### CYRENE CENTRE:

Supporting families with addiction. Forum on 12<sup>th</sup> July with Dr Michael Carr-Greg. See noticeboard for further details.

#### "THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL LUNCH"

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July in Symons Centre, next to St. Monica's Church, Moonee Ponds. Admission to Chinese Lunch \$20. Raffle to raise funds for Shalom Orphans in Nepal. Contact Adrian: 0403 512 936

#### MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE ANNIVERSARY MASS:

Are you celebrating 40, 50 or 60 - 70 years of marriage? You and your family are invited to join us for the Anniversary Mass on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Registrations close Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Please phone 9287 5587 to register.

#### 2018 MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND DATES

17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> August, 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Sessions are from 7pm Friday to 5pm Sunday.

Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: Ph: Andre & Maria 0411 225 992

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

Website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

#### PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LANDS OF JORDAN & ISRAEL: Escorted by Fr Tony Kerin 1<sup>st</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Spend Easter Season in the Holy Land. See the noticeboard for more information or pick up a flyer from the foyer.

#### ST. COLUMBA'S COLLEGE

Applications for Enrolment Year 7 2020 are now open.

The application form can be downloaded from the

College website [www.columba.vic.edu.au](http://www.columba.vic.edu.au) or email

[registrar@columba.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@columba.vic.edu.au) to request a prospectus.

Applications close **FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

#### CATHOLIC CARE:



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