



## 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16<sup>th</sup> Jun 2024

First reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

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:

Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16

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

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, Oh Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

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

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

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

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.

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

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

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: Jn15:15**

***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**

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*

**ROSTER** : **10.30am Sunday**: Priest: Mons. Stuart Hall; Readers: Roman, Christine G. MOC: Rosina; Altar Servers: Cannaya, Michael, Anne, Feliho, Music: Joe & Aaron **8pm**: Reader: Rajiv; Music: Mela, Jhoanne, Teresita, Una; Salve

**Mass times**: Tue, Wed, Fri at 1.05pm; Sun at 10.30am and 8pm; **Confession**: Wed. 12.30pm-12.50pm

**Why not join us for coffee after mass** 😊

### **NEWS:**

**Please** pray for the sick: Anne, who is in hospital.

**Congratulations** to the three candidates who have completed preparation classes

for Sacrament of Reconciliation this week!

The **Sacrament for 1st Communion** (Eucharist) program begins 21st July, and continues on the following dates 4th August, 18th August, 1st September, and the 15th September, 2024. The enrolment form can be found at the front of the church. Children should have received their 1<sup>st</sup> Confession (Reconciliation) and be in year 3 or above. Return the form to the office or sacristy.

**Books**: Books in our library need a new home. Come and have a look at the selection of good Catholic books. If you would like to take home any books please visit the parish hall (St Joseph's) after Mass. Donations appreciated.

**Hong Kong students' visit:**

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**Next Sunday** 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, 24 students from Tak Nga Catholic Secondary School in Hong Kong will visit St Augustine's. They are touring Australia on a school trip. Please make them welcome and join them for morning tea after 10.30am mass-they are keen to meet you and ask questions!

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**Assisting Priests:** Fr Jaycee Napoles & Fr Michael Buck  
**Residence:** St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne