

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13th JUNE

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: *Ezekiel 17:22-24 (JB)*

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:

R. Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

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.**

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

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 Corinthians 5:6-10*
(NRSV)

Brothers and sisters,
we are always confident,
even though we know that while we are at
home in the body
we are away from the Lord-
for we walk by faith, not by sight.
Yes, we do have confidence,

and we would rather be away from the body
and at home with the Lord.

So whether we are at home or away,
we make it our aim to please him.
For all of us must appear before the
judgment seat of Christ,
so that each may receive recompense
for what has been done in the body,
whether good or evil.

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 (JB)*

Jesus said to the crowd, '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.



Welcome

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St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led/Mass 1st Sunday

ST BRENDAN'S: 20th June

Commentator: K McKay

Reader: C Grist

Communion: A Ruddell

Leaders: M Finn/M Carmody

ST JOSEPH'S: 20th June @10:30

Family: Hickman

Communion: R Whytcross

Lay-leaders: T&D Ryan

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

St Brendan's: 13th - 20th June: A Bayne/M McGee

20th-27 June: C Grist & M Allan

St. Joseph's: Mulheron

Counters: June 20: J Miller

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Ron Foster, Clarice Walters,
Tom, Jack & Peter Foster, Sr Helen Lombard,
Mary Kealy, Denise Moore, Theresa Naphine,
Tom Fleming, Kay Embrey, Jack Illet

Those seeking our prayers for healing and wellbeing:

Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn,

Goldie Elsum

DATES TO REMEMBER:

17TH June: PLT@5pm

Calling All knitters!

Ann-Maree has a very simple beanie pattern to keep those who are sleeping rough outdoors or in cars, a little warmer this winter. Requires size 7 needles and 2 balls of same/different colour 8ply acrylic, knitted together(16ply). Please contact Ann-Maree if you'd like the pattern. aconvery123@gmail.com

Understanding the Word

The seeds of God's kingdom

The first parable in this week's gospel, of the seed that grows by itself without the sower knowing how, is unique to Mark. Despite its polyvalent meaning, it is a clear call to hope, patience and readiness. It likens God's kingdom to a man scattering seed upon the ground and, after the seed grows of its own accord, the man starts to reap the harvest when the crop is ready. The more familiar parable of the mustard seed follows immediately. In this case, God's kingdom is likened to a tiny mustard seed which produces a great tree. Australians are all too familiar with the hard work and patient faith associated with farming. Beyond planting the seed, watering and fertilising, the farmer must rely on the unseen work of God in transforming tiny seeds into a rich harvest, and thus possess a spirit of gratitude and trust in God's work.

