



Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.



Dear Friends; The gospel contains two parables: the scattered seed growing of itself and the mustard seed. What is common between the two? Both speak of small and insignificant seeds. But when they sprout and grow, these smallest of seeds become the largest of plants. The parables tell us about how the kingdom of God grows in the heart of human beings. They explain the nature of God's kingdom. They show us how God's Kingdom begins in an ordinary circumstance and matures gradually in the course of time. It tells us at least two things. First one, a big thing comes from small beginning. The ordinary can become a special one. Even if we are small or insignificant, we are valuable in God's eyes. Whatever we have, no matter how ordinary we are, we can offer ourselves and contribute a lot towards God's Kingdom. Whatever we are, unskilled or average, God can use us to make a difference. In God's eyes no one is unnoticed or forgotten. Everyone is special and important. Second one is; growth, change or improvement is a law of life. We cannot remain where we are, passive or stagnant. But not to go forward or not to progress, means is to go backward. We can grow and shine. We can achieve and improve. We should neither resign to our condition nor rely on luck. We can be better and we can give our best. God never leaves us or gives up on us. He gives everything we need to move forward in life and grow in God's grace. God even moves people to help us. God always gives us fresh hope, another chance and new opportunities so that we can grow and renew our lives. So let us take the opportunity that God's gives us to grow in our faith journey and shine or radiate the light of Christ to the people who are not part of the kingdom of God. **-Neville**

This Message came from Bishop Paul:

Hello Everyone, The Victorian Government has announced an easing of COVID restrictions to take effect from midnight on Thursday June 10. The following provisions will apply in **regional Victoria**. **Religious gatherings and ceremonies** will be permitted for up to **75 people** per venue, with a density quotient of 1 person per 4 square metres. **Funerals** will be permitted with no more than **75 people** attending, plus those necessary to conduct the funeral. **Weddings** will be permitted with no more than **20 people** (including the two persons being married, the celebrant and two witnesses). **Face coverings** must still be carried at all times. Face coverings must be worn inside the church and must also be worn outdoors where 1.5 metres distancing cannot be maintained.

There will be no restrictions on travel *within regional Victoria*.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

Our Sick: Bailey Delaney, Pat Thornton, Bernadette Moloney, Dennis Dodd

Anniversaries occurring in June: Glad Scanlon, Monica Flemming, Kevin Hession, Pat Dundon, Tony Tregoe, Brian Maslin, Brian Freeman, Jan Vogels, Marjorie Martin, Hendrieka Lathouwers, Valda McKenzie



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Praying with Pope Francis Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. Pope's intention for June: June universal intention for evangelisation – the beauty of marriage: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: May they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign: People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content. Find the resources at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/

Communion To The Sick.

If you are sick and would like to receive communion at home please call parish secretary on 0439 145 805 and arrange a time.

	June 13th Assembly of Word & Communion	June 20th Mass 9:00am	June 27th Assembly of Word & Communion
Timboon			
Welcome	K Currell	N McKinnon	L Tregoe
Leaders	A Vogels R Hoffmann		E & T O'Connor
Statue	J Delaney	K Currell	C & P Martin
Reader	J McInerney	L McInerney	A Vogels
POF	C Marr	R Hoffmann	A Vogels
E.M.H.C.	C Bullen		J McInerney
Bulletin	Denney Family	Denney Family	Denney Family
Slides	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
Simpson	June 13th Assembly of Word & Communion	June 20th Closed	June 27th Assembly of Word & Communion



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.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A peasant in Galilee would hope for a return of 7:1 when sowing seed for a crop. So when Jesus pictures the Kingdom of God as a wonderful harvest (returning 100:1 as he put it in another parable), his peasant listeners would envisage a future without hunger, without servitude to rapacious landlords and money-lenders. A true liberation (such as Mary sang of in the Magnificat)!

Naturally, they and we want to know when this new way of life, this fulfilling of the Kingdom of God, will come about. Our Lord replies: 'Be patient. Your job is to sow the seed. Something will happen out of all proportion to your part in the process, just like the disproportion of the mustard seed to a mustard bush' (which he exaggerates into a tree sheltering birds).

God's creative power worked in the depths of stony ground of the tomb to raise up the Gospel Seed who is Jesus Christ. From that, a community has grown which, at its best, leads to a fair and just distribution of the world's resources, as Pope Francis insists is a major test of authenticity of our claim to be Christian.

We could take a moment to pray for the courage to sow the seed of the Gospel whenever an opportunity presents itself, and the patience to await the germinating power of the Resurrection to create the Tree of Life such that all peoples 'can shelter in its shade'.

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The Living Word

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

13 June 2021

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.'

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.

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.)

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!