



THE SAVING WORD

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

16 JUNE 2024

FIRST READING

Ezek 17: 22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

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.

RESP PSALM

Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16. R. cf. 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

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

*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.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

REFLECTION: **Rosebush**

Boundaries: In relationships there is often a strong encouragement to follow your heart. Let your love of other people be wild and free. Let life simply take you where it will. The idea that we should try to restrict our love seems like madness. The suggestion that we should protect our relationships with boundaries seems to go against every natural instinct. Perhaps the best way to judge this is to compare it to our love of a rosebush. Rosebushes are always planted in a prominent position in a garden. No one hides a rosebush down the side of the house where nobody can see its beauty. The strange thing is that a rosebush is beautiful precisely because it is treated badly. The gardener has a vision of what it could be, so they prune it and sometimes cut it right back so that only a few branches are visible. Yet this harsh treatment is precisely what makes this rosebush formed into something beautiful and graceful. Even when it is not in flower, they stand above all of the other plants in the garden as a symbol of beauty. It is a very different thing to a wild rosebush. A wild rosebush

is free and never has to deal with the harsh treatment of being pruned but as a result they are sort of ugly. A wild rosebush would have many times over thorns and half the number of flowers. They may be free, but they have nobody to care for them. All their energy is focused on self-defence. Human relationships are very much the same. We may want all our relationships to be wild and free, spontaneous and instantly gratifying but the result is not that. They ultimately become self-defensive and kind of ugly. But if we want them to become beautiful and graceful we need to set healthy boundaries that will train them and prune them. We need to be prepared to set them restrictions or limits that will reduce our pleasure which will ultimately help the relationship to reach full maturity. Although this is the harder option, we need to hold to the truth that love grows when there are healthy boundaries.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are Baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you to choose from the families of our Parish many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved.

MASS INTENTIONS: Dear Parishioners, Church Canon Law permits a priest to offer only one intention per celebrated Mass. If a

priest receives numerous intentions and is unable to fulfill the request, he is directed to pass on the request together with the stipend to another known priest who can fulfill the obligation of offering the Mass. The Parish Priest is also obligated to Offer a Mass for his People on the Sunday. Parishioners as you can appreciate there are often more requests than the permitted number of Masses a priest can celebrate Mass. If you have any further enquiries about this matter please do not hesitate in contacting me Thank you for your understanding Fr Michael.

DURING REFUGEE WEEK WHY NOT CONSIDER SPONSORING A REFUGEE FAMILY?

In response to Refugee Week, Catholic Mission in partnership with the WA Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office (WACMRO) is inviting parishes to take action and consider sponsoring refugee families to help them settle into their new life in Australia. The Community Refugee Integration & Settlement Pilot (CRISP) programme is designed for community members to build social networks to welcome family groups who have been granted a humanitarian visa but are still waiting to arrive in Australia. Resources are available to assist in this process. For more information on the programme and how your parish can get involved, contact Anne Nesbitt at anne.nesbitt@catholicmission.org.au.



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MASS TIMES WEEKENDS: Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 7.30am & 9am.

MASS TIMES WEEKDAYS: Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 9am, Thursday 9am, Friday 9am & Saturday 9am.

RECONCILIATION - Saturday's: 9.30-10am and 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm & Friday 9.30 – 10.30am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS:

Christine Rhow, Veronica, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Martin, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Edward Fortune, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Anne & Justine Tonti, Greenville Paul, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Anibal Da Cunha, Peter Scanlan, June McGinnity, John Brackovich, Alison, Sofia, Rebecca, Fr Liam Keating SMA, Fr Francis Sundararajan, Graham Lynch, Fr Greg Carroll, Fr Wilson Donizzetti, Bill Watkins, Daniel DiMarco.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP:

Pilgrimage 15-26 October 2024. Find out more by phoning 02 8912 4812 or emailing national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au.

VOTIVE CANDLES: Donations towards the votive candles is always appreciated. To meet our costs each candle is 30c. your generosity is acknowledged.

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION FOR ALL CHURCH WORKERS (PAID / UNPAID):

All Church Workers (Volunteers or Paid) are to attend the Safeguarding Induction. A Church Worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session. To register please book online: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>.

Mater Christi, 340 Yangebup Road, Yangebup. Thursday 11 July 2024. 7-8pm.

SAFEGUARDING TALK: This weekend of 15-16 June 2024, Brigette Liddelow, OLMC Parish Safeguarding Officer, will give a talk at all the Masses to update you on matters of importance.

PLANNED GIVING: Dear Parishioners, I sincerely thank you for both your spiritual and temporal support throughout the past year. As we are well aware our new Planned Giving begins on the 7 July 2024. An invitation is extended to all parishioners to join the planned giving scheme. The contributions to the second collection goes towards meeting the costs of running of the Parish. I am most grateful for your generosity to date. For your information our parish expenses for the period March to May inclusive amassed to \$27303. Contributions in support of the Planned Giving Scheme permits us to both plan and to work to a budget. The work on the repair of the presbytery / office is still work in progress. There have unfortunately been some physical setbacks. It is visible to all that our

parish plant and buildings are in serious need of repair. This can only be achieved by your constant support and again I sincerely thank you. If you wish to join the Parish Planned Giving Scheme, please do not hesitate to contact Tereza at the Parish Office for some filling in of simple details. If you wish to contribute by Direct Debit that too can be organized. United much can be achieved even in the most challenging of times. Once again thank you. Fr Michael.

PRIEST and SECRETARY TEMPORARY OFFICE: Fr Michael's and Parish Secretary's Offices are temporarily in the Meeting Room while tradespeople are working through the Presbytery.

HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Monday night's 7-9pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 15 June

9am Mass: Intention of Donor

6pm Mass: In Thanksgiving Jan & Harry Collins + Antonio D'Alessandro (Ann) & Giovanna Sgro (Ann)

Sunday 16 June

7.30am Mass: For The People

9am Mass: Giovanna Mantegna (RIP) + Dianne De Olival (RIP) & Maria Da Silva (RIP)

Tuesday 18 June

9am Mass: No Mass

10am Funeral Mass for Guido Marrollo (RIP)

Wednesday 19 June

9am Mass: Cipriana Monding (Ann)

Thursday 20 June

9am Mass: No Mass

2.30pm Funeral Mass for Laura Jean Lloyd (RIP)

Friday 21 June

9am Mass: Intention of Donor



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

Mk 4: 26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.**

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Breaking Open the Word

EXPLAINING THE UNEXPLAINABLE

How do we understand the kingdom or reign of God? The Gospel of today brings two examples and a word about understanding parables. This passage is preceded by Jesus telling the parable of the sower and explaining it to his disciples. We have the inside running on this as we hear and read what Jesus explains, for we too are disciples. Today's first example tells what the kingdom of God is like, continuing the theme of the sower. We see the imagery of the kingdom of God as something that is not static but growing. It takes time to flourish and bring a harvest. Those on the land know this is an ongoing process season to season, sowing and harvesting. The kingdom of God is like this, growing wherever it is planted and harvested.

Then Jesus asks, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God or what parable will we use for it?' What follows expands further on the kingdom of God. It is like the smallest of seeds that will grow to become the greatest of shrubs giving shelter for further life and growth in its branches and shade.

It seems a mystery that Jesus used many parables like this to speak the word to them, 'but he explained everything in private to his disciples'. Jesus entices the crowd with images of what the kingdom of God is like. Jesus explains the meaning to those who believe. This echoes Paul's words in the second reading 'for we walk by faith, not by sight'. How would you explain the kingdom of God today?

Dr Rosemary Canavan