



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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WELCOME TO ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GREYTHORN

St Bridget's Greythorn is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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.'

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.

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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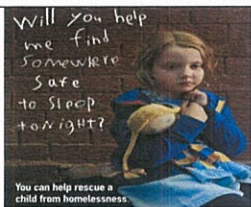
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NOTE: Baptisms and Weddings by appointment only. Contact the Parish Office for details.

Mass times at our affiliated Churches:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St Bridget					5.00pm	10.00am
St Bede	9.15am		9.15am	9.15am	9.00am 6.00pm	9.00am 11.00am
St Anne		9.30am			5.00pm	10.30am
St Joachim						8.30am

First Friday of each month - St Bridget's @ 8.30am (with Anointing) and St Anne's @ 10.30am



St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal 2021

Greythorn St Vincent de Paul Conference will be seeking your support at all Masses on 19/20 June. During this COVID time the Conference has continued to assist those who request help. This has been done safely by phone contact, postage of vouchers and delivery of furniture.

These are difficult times for everyone, so any donation you can make will assist in providing a hand up to those in need during the coming winter months. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. How to donate:

- **At church** – use envelopes provided and give to collector or place in poor box
- **Online** – vinnies.org.au (write Greythorn Conference in comments box)
- **Phone** – **13 18 12** (specify donation for Greythorn Conference)

His Hands Remain at Work.

NOTE: Under revised Lockdown Restrictions Mass will resume across all our affiliated churches at the usual times, but limited to 50 worshipers in attendance at any one time.

Booking to attend is essential using Trybooking. Details on how to book are in the email.

When arriving for Mass, you need to be ticked off the booking list as well as register with the QR Code. So, please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass so you have time to register or be assisted, so that Mass may still start on time.

The government QR coding is now compulsory in all our Churches. So parishioners will be required to check in with the QR code provided each time you attend any of affiliated churches for any service or meeting. There will be parishioners on hand to help those who are not familiar with the process or who do not have a smart phone. Wearing of masks is compulsory indoors.

We Remember: We pray for Cath Hudson recently deceased and for Nancy Carbone, Angela Formica, Clare Gamble, John Kitchener and Josephine and Gabriel Silvapulle whose anniversaries occur at this time, may they rejoice with our Risen Lord. We also pray for the sick and housebound of our parish community may they experience the healing power of God's love.

Prayer meetings this week: Meditation Wednesday 9:30 am, and Scripture Reflection Tuesday 7:30 pm both via Zoom. For information or connection details contact: Susiehii.hc@gmail.com or 0410981080.

Rosters for 19 & 20

	Saturday @ 5.00pm	Sunday @ 10.00am
Minister of Holy Communion	M Stewart	A Mariampillai
Lector	Sr P Keogh	A Mariadason
Communion to the Sick	To be advised	

NOTE: Ministers distributing Communion at Mass and visiting the sick at home must wear masks whilst doing so, and must sanitise their hands before and after administering the Sacrament.

Safety Of Children And All Vulnerable People: We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of all children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish. The Parish Statement of Commitment and Reporting Process are on display in all churches and all Parish Policies are available on the website or at the parish office

Stewardship: For convenience, parishioners who still use envelopes may wish to do a Direct Credit Transfer to the parish accounts directly online, details are:-

- **Church Account** – for envelopes and donations; Bank NAB, BSB 083-347; Acct. No 64 341 3829 (Please include your name and if applicable your Stewardship Envelope Number for correct recording)
- **Presbytery Account** – support of the Parish Priest; Bank NAB, BSB 083-347; Acct. No 64 341 5066