

The Living Word

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

16 June 2024

First Reading Ez 17:22-24

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!

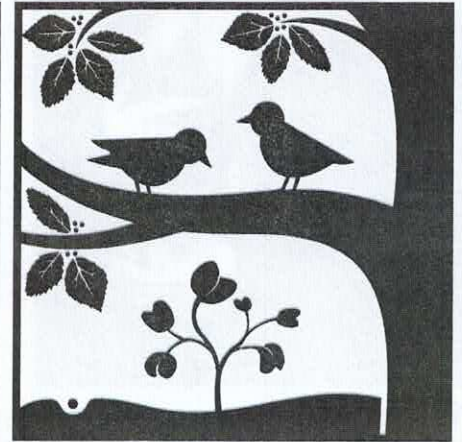
Gospel Mk 4:26-34

*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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Entrance Antiphon: Cf Psalm 26:7,9
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: Psalm 26:4
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. ©Liturgy Help 2024

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(36 Verner St, Goulburn)goulburn@cg.org.au Ph. 0403 631 797**WEEKEND MASSES****Saturday** ----- 5pm SPP Goulburn
5pm Taralga**Sunday** ----- 8am (OLOF), 10 am (SPP)
9am (Crookwell)

Binda -10.30am (1st Sunday)

Marulan - 8.30am (2nd Sun)

Tarago - 8.30am (3rd Sun)

Tuena - Nil until further notice

Bungonia St Michael's: 7pm, Thurs Rosary

CONFESSIONS**SPP:** 11.30 -12 (Wed /Thurs/Fri), Sat 4.15pm**OLOF:** Sat. 9.30am -10am**Taralga:** 4.30pm (1st Sat)**Crookwell:** 8.30am (2nd Sun)**ADORATION & BENEDICTION**

SPP 11am Fridays

Holy Hour: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 5.30pm OLOF**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday - 5pm (OLOF),

Wed, Thurs, Fri - 12md (SPP)

Sat - 9am (OLOF)

Mass Offerings: Please send
to office, or central
collection boxes.**ROSTER Coordinator-**judith.stuart11@gmail.com**BAPTISMS:** Book through the Parish Office.

our website:

**DATES FOR THE DIARY****June 18:** RSVP Parish LUNCHEON cut off for booking**June 19:** Taralga Prayer group 10.30 CTK**June 26:** Ex Students of St Joseph's Morning Tea K&Gz**June 30:** Parish Luncheon (Sts Peter & Paul Feast) Sunday**July 6:** Women's Morning Tea- K&GZ Saturday 10 am**Confirmation program:** 8th August Goulburn
Confirmation in Goulburn : 21/22 September**MQA Parish Gala Luncheon.**12 pm Sunday 30th of June we welcome everyone to
share together in the Parish Feast Luncheon. Come
and enjoy some light entertainment to share in the
Feast of St Peter and Paul.www.trybooking.com/CRYIF.**PARISH LUNCHEON BOOKING LINK****Bookings cut off is Tuesday 18th of June.****Gay McManus of Trinity Catholic College** sleeps
out this Thursday to raise money for the homeless.
www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/gayemcmanus**Thank you** to the 13 women and 4 men who
generously volunteered on Sunday at the Bunnings
BBQ, headed up by Dennis and Chanel Bourke. The
takings realised a profit of \$1,485.70 which included
\$289.15 in donations, covering much of the recent
Cathedral heating costs.**Community Refugee sponsorship**

Check the parish notice board for more details.

SVDP Winter Appeal A Wonderful Response.
Goulburn - \$2,836.20, Taralga - \$507.65, Crookwell-
\$500. Thank you for your generosity which will help
to assist those in need in our community.**CROOKWELL****We need your Help:** Reopening of the Church

- Sunday 16 June 2024: **after 9.00am Mass** to shift the pews back to the Church & Minor cleaning.
- Thursday 20 June 2024 **9.30am:** Mass of the Reopening of the Church

TARALGAChrist the King celebrates 90yrs! To be on the
celebration planning committee please speak with
Fr Hilary or Brendan Capplis.**Recently Deceased:** Esme Clunes, Eileen Hutchins, Theresia Neonbasu, William(Tom)Manning, Kevin Storrier, Desmond Anable, John Moloney, Greg McGufficke, Neil Munro, Sue Hall, Diane O'Connor, Elizabeth Jones, Rodney Williams, Bernard Croker, Faye Croker, Sue Owen,**Anniversaries:** Merryl Thistleton, Maurice King, Fred Lee, David Evans, Cheryl Anderson, Gloria McDonald, Peter Neonbasu, Francis Neonbasu, Leo Barry, Sam Cummins, Elaine and Ray Jones, Catherine and James Jones, Bill Elliott, Robert Elliott, Ignacio P. Juanzia, Giuseppe Prevedello,**Prayers:** Leslie King, Diane McCalister, Sue Harris, Denis Berger, David Flannery, John Hall, Gavin Mckenzie, Dorothy Brewer, Damien Gleeson, Ruth Read,