

The Kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.

In all the Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables, indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and esound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house and his disciples came to him and said, "Explain the parable about the dandel in the field to us. He said in reply, "The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the dandel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the dandel is plucked up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send the angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offenses and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Shout for 1724-1730

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES CREED
O Lord, the Father, who art in heaven...

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried, / he descended into hell, / on the third day he rose again from the dead, / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and the everlasting Amen.

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL
After the priest raises the paten with the bread and wine, and then the chalice, we respond to each people.

R. Blessed be God for ever.
P. Pray, brethren brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. O God who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you

blended the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honor of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is right and just.

PREFACE VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME
After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION
P. The mystery of faith.
All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE
P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
All: Our Father, who art in heaven...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...
All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...
R. Amen.
P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.
All: exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD
All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
R. Lord, I am not worthy.

but you should enter under my tent, but only: say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIIPHON Ps 110:4-5
The Lord, the generations, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders;

he gives food to those who fear him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those who have imbibed with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE GOSPEL RITE

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.
R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

PATIENCE IS BETTER THAN MISPLACED ZEAL

Today's Gospel presents a further image from agriculture in Palestine. A poisonous weed called dandel affects wheat crops. In the early stages it looks very like the young shoots of wheat. By the time both plants can be distinguished their roots are so entwined as to make tearing out the dandel very injurious to the wheat.

The parable addresses the disciples' dismay at the continuing prevalence of evil in the world. If, as Jesus teaches, the Kingdom of God has dawned, why has God not intervened to root out evil once and for all?

Like the wheat and dandel in the field, good and evil are at present so inextricably enmeshed as to make too ruthless an attempt to eradicate the one fatal to a successful harvest of the other. In the harvest time to come, however, God will deal once and for all with evil, before gathering in the wheat of the kingdom.

The parable also challenges the kind of religious zeal that, filled with moral outrage, wants to go in and root out from the community of believers any considered unworthy to be there.

It can even apply on an individual level. So often a person's good qualities spring from the same source as their less desirable ones. An irascible person may struggle vigorously for justice; a laid-back character may be a good listener – and so on.

Christianity's long history of intolerance – the Inquisition, etc. – shows the tragedy and folly of being more zealous to root out evil than to encourage good. The final judgment belongs to God.

Brian van Dyke, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

19 July 2020

WHEAT AMONG THE WEEDS. The world in which we live is a mixture of wheat and weeds. Wonderful acts of heroism and self-sacrifice occur alongside shocking acts of violence and abuse of power. In the midst of a world haunted by sin we are called to live the values of the kingdom of God. This can be difficult, but the Spirit will help us in our weakness and God, the just and merciful Judge, will reward us.

IN THE GOSPEL RITE

ENTRANCE ANTIIPHON Ps 53:6, 8
See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

GREETING
P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT
P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation. Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
R. Amen.

GLORIA
Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O Lord, almighty Father, / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / you take away the sins of the world, / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer, / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us, / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father, / Amen.

COLLECT
P. Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made even in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commandments. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in

the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

FIRST READING Wis 1:17-2, 10-19
A reading from the book of Wisdom
In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god other than you, who comes for everything, / for whom you might have to prove that you never judged impudently. / You justice has its source in strength, / your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. / You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned, / and you expose the insolence of those who know it. / You, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, / you govern us with great lenience, / for you have only to will, and your power is there. / By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people, / how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, / and you have given you sons the good hope, / that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 105:1-6, 9-10, 15-16 R. 5
R. Lord, you are good and forgiving, / full of love to all who call, / Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer, / and attend to the sound of my voice. R.

2. All the nations shall come to adore you, / and glorify your name, O Lord, / for you are great and do marvelous deeds, / you who alone are God. R.

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, / show to anger, O Lord, / abominating in love and truth, / turn and take pity on me. R.

SECOND READING Rom 8:26-27
A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans
The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that we cannot express. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what we mean, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are precious to the mind of God. The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Gl Mt 11:25
Alleluia, alleluia! / Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, / you have revealed to infants these mysteries of the kingdom, / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 13:24-43
P. A reading from the book of the Gospel according to Matthew.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Let them grow together until the harvest.
Jesus put a parable before the crowds. The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep, his enemy came, sowed dandel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and grew, the dandel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, why is your field full of weeds? Let us go and pull them out." He replied, "First collect the dandel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

The parable of the wheat and the dandel. The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed in the field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.



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19th July 2020 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased:

Deceased:

Anniversary: Sheila McNamara; Anthony T O'Donnell; Ena O'Donnell; Victoria Ignacio; Jesse Ignacio; Gloria Gannon; Ken Wilson & Family; Pat Driscoll; Sonny Raymond; Helen Easey; Peter Kerklaan; Val Piggot; Kevin Mitchell; John O'Connor; Dorothy O'Dwyer; Daphne Barnister; John Curran Sr;

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace. Amen.

And for those who are ill:

Rita Looney; Ashley Sparkie; Bobbie Paton; Fr John Willis; Judy Purcell; Fr John McHugh; Molly, Joel & Charlie Ineson; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Billy Gooden; Ros Turron; Gavin Sewell; Ian Gallagher; Michael Guer; Fiona Nolan; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lucy Gigg; Father Pat O'Neill; Tom Sanderson; Colleen Hyatt; Michael McCormick; Dan O'Donnell; Marie Dalton; David Williams; Jack Dunn; Colin Gallagher; Andrew McManus; Ivy Taylor; Joan Greenlee; Rosalyn Chan; and all the members of the Parish who are ill.

Other Intentions:

Roster

25/7/2020 R: W Rheinberger
EM: G:
26/7/2020 R: M & J Eislely
EM: G:
C: M & P Perkins

Oratio Imperata Against the Spread of COVID-19

God our Father, we come to you in our need to ask your protection against the Corona Virus Disease-19 that has claimed lives and has affected many. We pray for your grace for the people tasked with studying the nature and cause of this virus and of stemming the tide of its transmission. Guide the hands and minds of medical experts that they many minister to the sick with competence and compassion, and of those governments and private agencies that must find cure and solution to this epidemic. We pray for those afflicted may they be restored to health soon. Grant us the grace to work for the good of all and to help those in need. Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen. Mary Help of all Christians; Pray for Us. St Raphael the Archangel; Pray for Us; St Edward the Confessor; Pray for Us; St Mary of the Cross; Pray for Us.

The Sacred Liturgy

Quirindi:

Vigil Mass 5.00pm
Sunday 9.30am

Willow Tree:

Mass at Willow Tree 8.00am
Sunday Except the 5th Sunday of the Month where it will be 7.30am

Confessions:

Saturday 4.15pm to 4.45pm and after each Mass except Saturday night

Weekday Mass Times:

St Brigid's: Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday at 9.30am.
Werris Creek: Wednesday & Thursday at 9.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:

Baptisms by arrangement with Parish Priest - any Sunday at 11.30am

Rosary is said prior to Mass only when there is no Benediction

No Anointing on the 3rd Sunday of the Month during Mass

Update on Coronavirus

- Increase from 50 Worshipers
- The upper limit of people who are allowed at an inside venue is now determined by the 1 person per 4 square metre rule.
- Funerals there can be up to 50 attendees (with the 4 square metre rule) provided non-household contact maintain 1.5 metre of physical distance.
- Holy Communion - please ensure that arrangements are in place for spatial distancing during the distribution of Holy Communion. Distancing is more easily observed when communicants form one single line instead of two.
- The following must be observed at all Masses:
 - No use of hymn books or shared missals or prayer cards;
 - No Congregational Singing; Only Father to sing
 - Printed bulletins are for single use only and must not be reused by other people;

Saints to Remember

St Apollinaris - Memorial - 20th
St Lawrence of Brindisi - Memorial - 21st
St Mary Magdalene - Feast - 22nd
St Bridget - Memorial - 23rd
St Sharbel Makhluf - Memorial - 24th
St James - Feast - 25th

Catholic Men's Gathering

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is being offered as a free event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length, available from Saturday 15th August 2020. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion (link to resource) or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group. As an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops, the aim of the ACBC National Men's Gathering is to inspire and encourage men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. The online program hopes to reinforce that it is important to gather as men in the faith environment of the Church and be challenged to ensure the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities.

Registration will be free and will be available from Monday 29th June
Event Program: Available from Saturday 15th August, 2020
Please see Father Vic for more information

Coming Events

- Marriage and Family Week Sunday 26th July 2020
- National Vocations Awareness Week 2nd—9th August 2020
- Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal and Good Shepherd Appeal For Clergy & Seminarian Education Support - Sunday 9th August 2020
- Catholic Men's Gathering Saturday 15th August 2020

Memorare

Remember, Our Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears you shed for me on Calvary. Remember also the care you have always taken to keep me faithful to Christ your Son. After having done so much for your child, you will not now abandon me. Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at your feet in spite of my infidelities and ingratitude. Do not reject my prayer, O merciful Virgin, but intercede for my conversion, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus above all things, and to console you by a holy life, that I may one day see you in heaven. Amen.

Our Lady of La Salette reconciler of Sinners
Pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to thee.

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