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02 6746 1133
Mon & Tues 9.00 - 11.00am
Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

13 June 2021 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Sacred Liturgy

Weekday Masses:

Monday No Mass today
Tuesday 9.30am - Quirindi
Wednesday 9.30am - Werris Creek
Thursday 9.30am - Werris Creek
Friday 9.30am - Quirindi

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: Vigil Masses
5.00pm - Quirindi
6.30pm - Werris Creek

Sunday:

8.00am - Willow Tree
9.30am - Quirindi

Carona: Last Sunday of the Month

Baptism: At any Sunday at 11.00am, arrangement to be made with the Parish Secretary. A Baptism preparation seminar is held every 1st Saturday of the Month at 10.00am at the Presbytery Meeting Room.

Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 4.15pm - 4.45pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every first Friday of the month, after the 9.30am mass until 5.00pm.

Rosary is said 30 minutes before the Mass during weekdays.

Coming Events

Mon 14 No Mass today
Sun 27 Holy Father's / Peter's Pence Collection
Thurs 1 CWL Meeting in the Fr Stan Campbell Hall at 10.00am
Sun 4 Morning Tea after 9.30am Mass

St Peter's Pence Collection The Holy Father's Collection. Will be on Sunday 27th June. The Annual Collection to go to the Holy Father for his express intentions. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Many thanks.

The NSW Government has recently announced that it will merge all cemetery trusts into a single government-run trust and to dismiss faith-based operators. An online petition page has been established www.saveourgraves.com.au Please sign this petition and to circulate it to your family and friends in NSW. Please also write and or phone your local NSW Member of Parliament in an appeal to reverse this decision. Read Archbishop Fisher's article in Catholic Weekly <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/archbishop-anthony-fisher-op-caring-for-the-dead-is-a-spiritual-mission/>

This weekend we welcome Spencer & Hugh Tourle into our Christian Community and Baptised into the Mystery of Christ and his Church. Please pray for Spencer & Hugh's parents Elliot & Jenna-Lee and the Godparents.

THANKS to all who purchased tickets in the Josephine Companion's raffle which was drawn last Sunday. Congratulations to the winner - Anita Lomax. A generous donation, from an anonymous donor, enabled us to purchase the Cordless Leaf Blower to be used by the Parish. Net proceeds from the raffle including the donation was \$276.70.

Planned Giving Those of you who are not yet Planned Givers are invited to join. Please remember it is not a binding contract but an offer to help support your parish with its day to day expenses. Many thanks to all those contributors for the support given to the Parish. If you wish to use direct debit for your Planned Giving our Bank account details are as follows:

Account Name: St Brigid's Church Account
BSB No. 082 105 Account Number is 001001457
Please ensure that you write your name on the deposit or email the details to:
stbrigid3@bigpond.com
Please collect your envelopes from the back of the Church

As the Financial Year 30 June 2021 falls on a Wednesday the Parish books will close on Monday 28th June 2021

Prayer to St Joseph, Patron of the Holy Catholic Church

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and defend us from every evil. Amen.

COVID-19 PRAYER - PHILIPPINES & INDIA

Heavenly Father, You are the loving God of all the nations and peoples on this earth. Please look with mercy and compassion on all you have created. Deliver us we pray from the coronavirus and limit its impact on our global world. We pray especially at this time for the nations of the Philippines and India. In your mercy bring a swift end to this crisis. Heal and comfort those who are sick and suffering. Protect and guide the health professionals who are at the front line. We ask that wisdom and courage be given to those who bear responsibility for confronting this challenge. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

Planned Giving \$575.00+ \$20.00 = \$595.00
First Collection \$254.60

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Coronavirus - The following must be observed at all Masses:

1. If you are unwell, stay at home and get tested as soon as possible.
2. Please check-in with your details by scanning the QR code using your smart phones or by the log sheet
3. Sanitise your hands before entering and when leaving the church.
4. Please observe physical distancing inside the Church, at the foyer and immediate surroundings
5. People from the same household may sit together
6. Before and after Mass celebrant and faithful alike should minimize any time spent together, and particularly avoid gathering in large groups
7. This church bulletin / hymn sheet notice is for single use only. Kindly take this home with you or put it in the bin after use.

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



THE SAVING WORD

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

13 JUNE 2021

LIVE BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT

The parables of Jesus have a marvellous way of giving us the feeling of having Jesus sitting beside us. They have always been able to cross barriers of time, space and culture. They have a power to delight and unsettle, to console and challenge that is undimmed with the passing of nearly 2000 years. They are deceptively simple and always invite further reflection. When Jesus spoke of the kingdom or reign of God he drew on the image of the mustard seed. In doing this he was able to speak of the hidden beginnings of God's reign and, at the same time, the certainty of its growth. This of course is where the parable is deceptively simple, and where its challenge is to be found. As in the time of Jesus, it is still difficult to believe in the certainty of the coming of the kingdom, especially when its growth continues to be hidden, and the hearts of many seem to remain unchanged.

It is precisely here that Paul's reflection on his life as a Christian in the first century can be a source of encouragement. While we can picture Paul's ministry as one of on-going successes, the reality was not so simple. Faced with rejection and misunderstanding from some of the community in Corinth he does not lose heart. Sometimes growth among them was hard to see but he keeps his eyes firmly on what lies ahead. He knows there are many times when we must have the trust to live by faith and not by sight.

Christopher Monaghan CP

Ezek 17: 22-24

FIRST READING

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 saps, 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.

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