

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;
Whoever finds this seed will remain for ever.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

Adult Confirmation

For adults who have been baptised but not yet confirmed, the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at the 6pm Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday July 29. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be the celebrant. There will be two preparation sessions for all candidates. These sessions will be held on Saturday July 15 and Saturday July 22, from 1.30-3pm, in the hall adjacent to the Cathedral. For further information and to register, contact the Office for Worship P: 8210 8130, or Kathy Horan P: 8210 8288.



Parish Bulletin

15th Sunday Ordinary Time, Yr A

15/ 16 July 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A sower went out to sow



FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 64(65):10-14

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-23

Response : The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **R**

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **R**

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R**

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R**

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

LISTEN, ANYONE WHO HAS EARS

Do we really listen when the Word of God is proclaimed at Mass? Do we allow it to take root in our hearts and yield a rich harvest? If we try to listen at Mass, we will learn to listen also to the many voices that cry out to us in the midst of our busy lives—the voices of our children, of our parents, of our spouse, of those who need us to hear

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 47:10-11

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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Rosters—22/ 23 July 2023 16th Sunday Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Fil Ciancio Chris Platten Bronwyn Gleeson
9:30am	Antonetta Bartley Sandy Mazzarolo Stephanie Roach
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays
Count team	Andrew Gaal Gail Gaal Saveria Librandi Shane Foley
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers
<i>All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass</i>	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	8/9 JULY
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$1873.50
Open Plate	\$225.25
PARISH TOTAL	\$2098.75

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$650

**NEW PARISH SECRETARY
PAT KWOK**
Ms. Pat Kwok has been appointed as the Parish Secretary of St. Joseph's Church Tranmere on 4th July, 2023. The Parish Community is happy to welcome her with best wishes & God's blessings.

Although mask Mandates have been lifted by the State Government we highly recommend you continue to wear a mask while inside the Church.
Our Parish is committed to Health and Safety




Please remember in your prayers
Death of Fr. Kevin O'loughlin, aged 88, who died on 12th July 2023. May his soul rest in peace.

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

Anniversary of death:
Stefan Sciancalepore,
Taima Wai
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick of elderly parishioners who are house-bound of in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

WEDNESDAY JULY 12TH, 2023
 **"Let us ask ourselves: In the deluge of news that overwhelms us, do I know how to stop before the great things of God, those that God accomplishes? Do I allow myself to marvel like a child at the good that silently changes the world? Have I lost the capacity to be amazed? And do I thank the Father each day for his works? May Mary, who exulted in the Lord, make us able to be amazed by his love and to thank him with simplicity."**

Pope Francis

Parish Announcements

LOCAL WORLD YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS
The Catholic Officer for Youth and Young Adults, is organising a local World Youth Day
Saturday August 5: World Youth Day Adelaide celebration from 1:30pm-9:30pm at Sacred Heart College Marcellin Campus, Somerton Park
Sunday August 6: World Youth Day celebrated at Masses, local parishes and communities across the Archdiocese of Adelaide
Details for WYD Adelaide 2023 can be found on www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au/world-youth-day or by contacting Julian Nguyen, Coordinator of the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (email: julian.nguyen@cesa.catholic.edu.au; phone: 0472 577 112).

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites couples, priests and religious for a virtual marriage encounter weekend to enrich and revitalise your sacrament of service. For information of time and booking, please visit: <https://www.wwme.org.au>

DEANERY MEETING
On 19th July, 2023, at 2:00pm, Deanery Meeting will be taking place at Parish Hall. Hearty welcome to all the priests of the Deanery.

Parking
You are always welcome to use the church car park. We need to keep the front of the church drive clear for occasions when invited visitors or children from the school come to Mass. Please park at the rear of the church, much closer to the church side door and keep the side of the office clear. Thank you.




St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship for Lay Ministry
The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and applications forms are available on the website pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship Closing date: August 4 2023.






Women's Afternoon Retreat
Sunday July 30 1-5pm
Bethany Centre, Mary MacKillop Precinct, 4 High St, Kensington, SA
An afternoon of talks, guided scripture meditation, quiet personal reflection time, sharing and simply being in peaceful surroundings. For more information and to book contact Rachel: rachelfleurant.mgl@gmail.com or Petranel: petranelfer-rao@gmail.com (please book by July 23)

The Kids' Bulletin



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16th, 2023


Here is the parable Our Lord told in today's Gospel reading, with pictures!

A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some of the  fell on on the , and  came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil.

It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the  rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of . Some  fell among , and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some  fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty, or thirty-fold.

God's Word is Like Seed...

 In today's Gospel reading, Jesus explains the parable of the sower and the seed to the disciples. Like the seed, the word of God comes to all sorts of people. Some people hear it and the devil takes it away, like the seed that falls on the path and is eaten by the birds. Some people hear God's word and love it for a little while, but they don't let it grow deeply in themselves, like the seed on rocky ground that doesn't grow good roots. Some people hear God's word and it starts to grow in them, but they have so many other things going on in their lives that they forget God. 

The people who hear the word of God and let it grow in them are like the good soil. When the sower plants the seed in the good soil it gets deep roots, grows high and produces a good harvest. When we receive the word of God well, it takes root in us so that it is really deep in our hearts. It grows when we feed it by learning more about God and trying to love Him more. It produces a harvest when other people come to love God because of us. 

What kind of soil are you like? Do you let God's word be snatched away as soon as you hear it? Do you let it take root in your heart and love it, or is it like the seed sown on rocky ground that is too shallow? Do you let other things in your life crowd out God's life in you, or do you let God's word in deep and feed it and let it grow? 