

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessing of Milestone Wedding Anniversaries Sunday September 17

Celebrations for milestone wedding anniversaries in the Archdiocese will again be held in local parish communities to recognise couples in their life-long commitment. The Archdiocese will provide parishes with a digital resource via email. In addition to the resource, there will be a digital form for parishes to nominate married couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries to receive a certificate for presenting in their parish. For more information contact, Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or events@adelaide.catholic.org.au



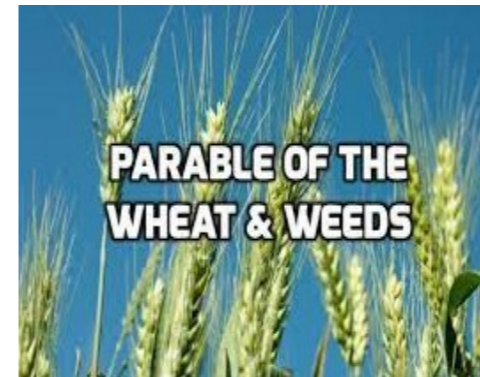
Parish Bulletin

16th Sunday Ordinary Time, Yr A

22/ 23 July 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Let them both grow
together until the harvest**



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 tainted 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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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.

FIRST READING

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign poser is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, 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 your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

**Response :Lord, you are good
and forgiving.**

O 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**

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord:

For you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **R**

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. 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 he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him..

National Vocation Awareness Week – August 6 - 13

Over the weekends of August 5-6 and August 12-13 throughout the Church in Australia we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. In the first week, we acknowledge the unique call or vocation that God has for each of us through our baptism. In the second week, we acknowledge the unique calls to the Consecrated Life of Sisters and Brothers, to the Diaconate and to the Priesthood. ([Click here for more information](#)) ([Resources](#))

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Mass Times
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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Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

Vinnies Assistance Hotline
1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

Rosters—29/30 July 2023 17th Sunday Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Jim Litchfield Michelle Page
9:30am	Paul Halliwell Richard Dale Sheila Hoogland
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays
Count team	Peggy Buckler Gareth West Doreen Ryan Wendy Rahaley
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers
All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	15/16 JULY
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$1995.50
Open Plate	\$262.60
PARISH TOTAL	\$2258.10

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$736



Pope Francis @pontifex

Let us imagine a seed: it is tiny, barely visible, but it makes plants grow that bear fruit. The Word of God is thus: think of the Gospel, a small book, simple and within reach of all, that produces new life in those who receive it.

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

Let's pray together

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:

Domenic Cesarina,
Angelo Giuliani
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 or sick of elderly parishioners who are house-bound in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Prayer and Blessing for Grandparents and the Elderly

All-powerful and ever-living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we thank you and praise you for giving these members of this community long years, lived in faith and in doing good. Grant that they may have the loving support of their friends and relatives, that in good health they may be cheerful, and in poor health not lose hope. Sustained by the help of your blessing, let them spend their old age giving praise to your name.

Through Christ our Lord.

Parish Announcements

LOCAL WORLD YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS
The Catholic Office 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).

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

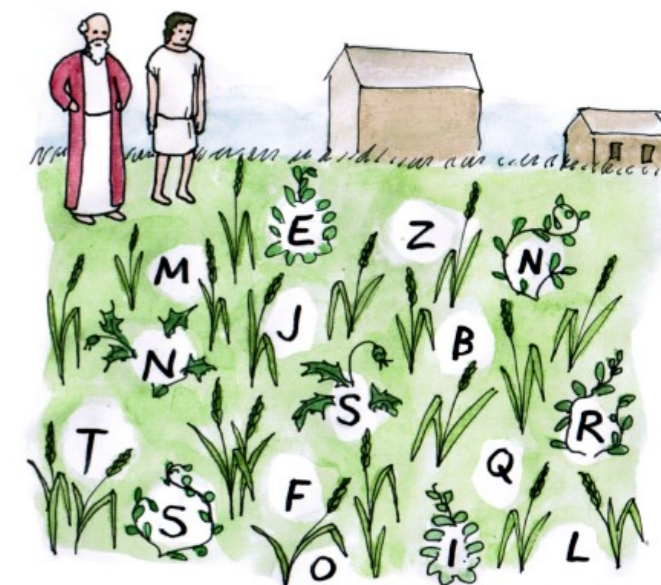
St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship for Lay Ministry
The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information 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)

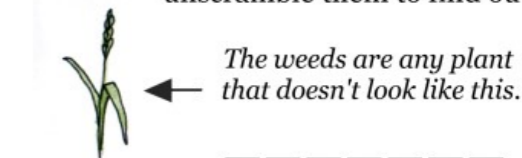
Adult Confirmation
For adults who have been baptised but not yet confirmed, the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at the 6pm Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday July 29. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be the celebrant. There will be two preparation sessions for 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.

The Kids' Bulletin

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23rd, 2023



What did the weeds in today's parable represent? Find all the letters that are in the weeds and unscramble them to find out.



Weeds Among the Wheat

Weeds are plants that shouldn't be there. They use the sun and water that the good plants need. Have you ever helped pick weeds in the garden? In today's parable Jesus tells about a man who lets the weeds grow along with the wheat until harvest time, so that the good plants don't get pulled up along with the weeds.

The weeds represent the bad people, who will go to Hell at the final judgement. God lets them stay alive as long as the good people. He wants to give sinners lots of time to repent so that they can go to Heaven instead.

All the readings today are about God's mercy. God is the most powerful of all, but instead of destroying sinners He wants to give them more chances. When you think about it, you will realize God has already been merciful to all of us- because we have all sinned. We should thank God for His mercy, and if we do sin again we should show Him we are sorry by going to Confession.

