

## 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

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## 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

## FIRST READING

Ezek 17: 22-24

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 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

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.

✠ The word of the Lord.

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**WEEKEND MASSES**

Malabar

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

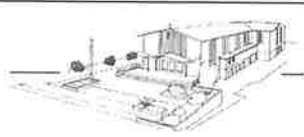
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**WEEKEND MASSES**

Matraville

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs

**RECONCILIATION:**

Sat. 5pm - 5.15pm

Also available by appointment

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### From my desk

Greetings one and all, this weekend we recommence in full, our Sundays in Ordinary Time of the Year which we left back on, 17 February, at the beginning of Lent. We will continue to celebrate Sundays of Ordinary Time of the Year, until the Solemnity of Christ the King, our last Sunday of the Church's year on Sunday 21 November. There will be two exceptions this year on 8 August, St Mary of the Cross, MacKillop and 15 August, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Both Solemnities take precedent over Sundays of Ordinary Time.

Congratulations to all our 80 young parishioners, who last Sunday, at St Andrew's received their First Holy Communion, celebrating with their families. I also wish to thank all those who prepared them, at School and Catechists, together with Mrs Lee Leo for preparing St Andrew's so beautifully.

SAVE OUR GRAVES, to express your concerns about Sydney cemeteries takeover by the NSW Government of Rookwood Catholic, Liverpool Cemetery, Kemps Creek and Macarthur Memorial Parks, we urge all to sign the petition. There are QR code's posters and leaflets to assist you. This is a profoundly serious issue that the NSW Government should rescind, this act of takeover of Cemeteries Trusts!

At the conclusion of our 10am Mass this Sunday at St Agnes' Church, there will be the blessing of St Anthony's bread. You are asked to take a small amount of bread as there are other people who wish to receive St Anthony's Bread also. Donations to St Anthony's Bread, go to St Vincent de Paul Society.

Just for your information, the school will be installing a Boom gate at the bottom of the drive into the St Andrew's carpark. I wanted to bring this to your attention. It will be installed it on Wednesday, 30 June and Thursday, 1 July, in the interest of the children's safety. Please note, that during Masses the boom gate will be raised. God bless you all.

Fr John

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for St. Andrew's

Please pick up your new set of envelopes at the back of the church.

A few have a **different** number so please check your name and address.

**You are encouraged to stay in or join the Planned Giving Program even if you will not be claiming a tax deduction.**

## 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Go Make Disciples,*

**The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney**

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

**Recently deceased:** Gregorio Waban SR. John Malcaus Charlie Jurisic, Joan Hill, Adriano Maradini, and Roy Lloyd.

**Anniversary:** Bruce Leo, Carmelo Borg, Tony Gauci, John Weeks, George Kerbage, Aldo Viselli, Daisy Joseph, and Leonarda Cipriano



Please try to download the Service NSW app so that your phone can scan the QR Code

**St Agnes' and St Andrew's are registered as COVID Safe. Those who are unwell or at high risk are asked not attend. Please observe signs on the pews.** Please keep the physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.

### Where will Fr John be??

This Week Saturday 12 June - 5.30pm Matraville, Sunday 6, June, - 9am Malabar

Next Week: Saturday, 19 June - 5.00pm Malabar, Sunday 20 June - 10am Matraville

## PLEASE CONSIDER AN INVITATION TO PROTEST AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT TAKING OVER ALL CEMETERY TRUSTS:

[saveourgraves.com.au](http://saveourgraves.com.au)

Position paper for your consideration towards your protest, can be picked up at the entrance of the Church.

Dear Parishioners, as you may have noticed the Malabar Processional Cross had been missing, for some time? The reason was, that it had been at the Restorers being restored. This is a wonderfully, beautiful cross, that we now can appreciate fully in its restorative beauty. There are other items of beauty that are also in need of restoring, since our church opened in 1977. A book of donors has been acquired, so that anyone wishing to make a donation (please place in an envelope and place in any of the collection baskets), can write your name or your family's name to be remembered and inscribed in the Donors Book. Thank you, for your generous giving.