



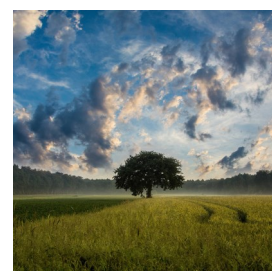
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B SUNDAY 13TH JUNE 2021

This Sunday we have two parables about the steady growth of the Kingdom of God from insignificant beginnings.

We live in the age of the push button. All we have to do is turn a switch, or push a button and things happen. Unfortunately the push button age encourages minimum effort and the shortcut approach to everything. It can lure us into always seeking the easy option.

In Jesus' story of the farmer he did his part, he sowed the seed. Things were now beyond his control, The one thing he wanted to see happen, namely, for the seed to grow, he couldn't do anything about. All he could do was wait in patience, humility and hope.

These are not easy virtues. We are called to be people of hope.



We Acknowledge the traditional owners of this land the Awabakal Peoples. And pay our respects to the elders past and present, and any that may be with us today.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Foundation	Leader	In Office
1. Identity and Community		
2. Worship and Prayer.	Uta France	Mon
3. Formation and Education		
4. Mission and Outreach.		
5. Leadership and Structure.	John France & Juliet Hutchins	Sat & Sun Tues

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If you have any concerns or questions you can also talk to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) who are: Mal and Pam Melvey, Kerry Lendon, and Rod Hay.

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(Please submit all Bulletin Notice requests to the parish office by 2pm Wednesdays)

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of our Parish bulletin, please call the parish office or send an email request to morparish@mn.catholic.org.au

UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :

Sunday	13th June 9.30am
	Mass— Morisset
Sunday	20th June 9.30am
	Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	22nd June 9.30am
	Mass— Morisset

DUE TO VERY LIMITED CAPACITIES BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

Book via the Eventbrite App or Website:

<http://vianneymorisset.eventbrite.com> or click on the Book for Services button on the Parish Website, or call the Parish Office between 9am & 2pm Weekdays.

When you come to Mass or Liturgy please be aware that the NSW Government requires you to check in and those who are able to check in electronically with a QR code or via the Service NSW website are required to do so.

It is highly recommended that Face Masks should be worn by those in Places of Worship, on Public Transport, and those Carpooling.

PASTORAL CARE

If you would like to speak with or see a priest please contact Fr Kevin on 02 4973 1537 .

Our PPC and PFC have resumed face to face meetings.

REFLECTION FOR THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR B

'From Little Things Big Things Grow'.

You probably know these words from one of Australia's inspirational songs, composed by Paul Kelly and performed by Archie Roach and Sara Storer. The phrase was originally intended for the indigenous struggle for land rights and reconciliation. These days, it is better known in the advertising campaigns for Super Funds.

Today's Gospel contains two parables: the scattered seed growing of itself, and the mustard seed. What is common between the two? Both parables speak of small and insignificant seeds. But when they sprout and grow, these smallest of seeds become the largest of plants. How many seeds are cast to the wind? Some seeds have grown and taken root., producing fruits that mobilise people.

Let us recognise the humble beginnings of the work of God. Good, willed people meeting together to solve a community problem, or a word of kindness, in an unfriendly environment. The seed grows and the person who has welcomed the Word walks more confidently on the path where God leads.

Big things often come from small beginnings. The insignificant can become important, the ordinary can become special. Whatever we have, no matter how ordinary, can contribute a lot. Whatever we are, unskilled or average we can make a difference.

Today's scripture reinforces the notion that there is something fundamentally counter-cultural about Jesus and what he stood for. The kingdom, for instance, does not manifest itself in size, in success or in power. Instead, it is found in the smallness of the mustard seed in the insignificance of the yeast. Much of our culture stresses the importance of self-reliance and imposes upon us the idea that the more independent we are the more secure we are. The lesson Jesus is teaching can be very hard to receive.

We are living in a time of diminishment as far as the church's influence is concerned. But if the kingdom is like a mustard seed, then the size of our institutional church is not as important as the quality of our witness. As Pope Francis maintains we must be a church where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live according to the Gospel. If we can embody that vision of church in our practice, we can become a lighthouse for the world. John France.

VINNIES WINTER CASH APPEAL

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is holding their Winter Cash Appeal during this month of June.

Any cash donations for our local needy people will be gratefully received.

There will be a 'Bucket' in the Church, or you may leave an 'Envelope' with a Donation in the 'Mail Box' outside the office. Receipts are available on request.

Thankyou. Monica Gray

COVID RESTRICTIONS FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP AND RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AT PLACES OF WORSHIP

As there appears to still be some confusion with COVID restrictions we feel there is a need to clarify how they impact **our parish community**.

Currently under the Public Health (COVID-19 Gathering Restrictions) Order 2021 the capacity of a Place of Worship, Building or Outdoor Venue holding Religious Gatherings is determined by using the 2 square metre rule and the ability to practice safe social distancing by keeping people 1.5m apart. For us this means that our capacities are as follows: Morisset Church: 40, Cooranbong Church: 30, and the Callinan Centre: 20. Whilst we have these restrictions that have greatly reduced our capacities to **less than half of our PRE-COVID attendance levels** parishioners and congregants need to book and reserve a place at a service or **risk being turned away**.

As each parish and church have different capacities due to their size and seating configuration, as well as having differing sizes in their usual worshipping parish community means that every parish and church have different conditions of entry requirements. This means that booking in may not be required at some parishes who have larger churches, large gaps between their rows of pews and smaller congregations.

Please be aware that all parishioners, congregants, volunteers and staff attending any Place of Worship and Religious Gatherings are required to check-in either by using a QR code on an electronic device or by providing their contact details upon entry. **Please note that if you are able to check-in with a QR Code the NSW Government requires you to do so.**

The Vicar General has reviewed the Public Health Order and has issued instructions that comply with the Health Order which we are following, to do otherwise places us at risk of being closed down and penalized.

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

Thank you to those who contribute to the parish's planned giving program, your support helps the mission of the parish. Thank you to those who have already responded to emails and letters sent last month.

If you are completing a tax return and require a tax receipt you need to contact the parish office as soon as possible as requests as per the emails and letters sent in May are now overdue.

Please be aware as the number of givers who request a TAX RECEIPT is used in calculating the percentage claimable, we are unable to provide TAX RECEIPTS for submissions made after 30th June 2021.

Please note that no requests will be taken after the 23rd June as the Parish Office will be closed from 2pm Thursday 24th June until 9am Monday 5th July

LET NATURE NURTURE

Of an evening, you will find Max and Bronwyn perched on the veranda of their Fosterton home. Together, they watch the sun's rays drop below the rolling green hills that surround them on their 40-hectare property.

ELIZABETH SNEDDEN PUBLISHED MAY 06, 2021

It is a ritual completed in silence, sometimes with a glass of wine or pot of tea. It starts by leaving their phones inside and includes taking five deep breaths.

Then, they reflect internally on questions adapted from the Josephite Nun's Prayer Book, which prompt them to consider what they are thankful for, what they are least thankful for, what can they smile over, what is stirring in their heart, how they are feeling, and what their body is telling them. "No two sunsets are alike, and we are often filled with gratitude and wonder at this moment of day's close," Max says. "Silence, gratitude and observing whilst sitting in nature is a great tonic."

When Max speaks, he does so gently. There is a soothing eloquence in his voice you might not expect given the boldness of his attire. You get the impression everything he says is done so with purpose, influenced by his Christian faith and love for nature, which he describes as "God's canvas".

It's a love shared by Bronwyn, Max's wife of more than 30 years. Seeing them together and listening to their stories is a joy that all can experience at Fosterton Retreat.

"We like to help people in their quest to find a greater depth, meaning, peace and enjoyment in life," Bronwyn says.

And, if their credentials are anything to go by, the couple are more than qualified to assist those seeking spiritual and personal growth.

Max has training in Choice Theory, spiritual direction, labyrinth facilitation and years of experience in welfare. Bronwyn is trained in Choice Theory as well as The Enneagram and is currently undertaking a PhD in Natural History Illustration and spiritual direction training. They are also both practising artists, with decades of experience in creative pursuits.

Five years ago, they started Fosterton Retreat, which is located 15 minutes outside of Dungog and not far from the World Heritage-listed Barrington Tops. There, they welcome singles, couples, families, work groups and staff leadership teams for retreats that can vary in focus from spiritual, to nature and the arts and even understanding personality types or, a combination of all the above.

"Our retreats, even the creative ones, are for stepping back, not running away; to take stock of the now, learn new things and go deeper within before heading forward," Bronwyn says.

"Over the years we have found a lot of guidance from practices used for centuries within various Christian traditions.

"At Fosterton Retreat, we go through a variety of these

including using imagination in prayer, Lectio Divina as we sit 'in' the scriptures and walk our onsite labyrinths prayerfully. We also engage our guests in more recent practices using pencils, colour and fabric as a creative way to connect with God influenced by the Celtic proverb: 'If you want to know the creator – create'," Bronwyn says.

The retreats range in length from a few hours to multiple days, with a variety of onsite accommodation available.

Whether it is at Fosterton Retreat or elsewhere, Max and Bronwyn's message is clear; allow yourself to be nurtured by nature and chances are you will find yourself developing a closer relationship with yourself, and God.

THE GOOD OIL 2021 WRITERS' AWARD

The Good Oil 2021 Writers' Award is an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. The award aims to support and encourage the development of emerging and published writers.

The Good Oil's editorial vision is to nourish the spirit, stimulate thinking, promote social justice, and encourage reflection and dialogue about issues of the day from a Christian, Catholic, Good Samaritan perspective. The theme for the award is Inclusivity, which is embodied in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37).

A panel of judges will award first, second and third place. The prize for the winning entry will be \$600; second prize \$400; third prize \$200.

Entrants may submit more than one piece of writing, to a maximum of three (3) pieces, in the following writing styles:

- Reflection – creative writing or first person reflective writing
- Opinion – first person personal opinion
- Profile – profile of a person based on an interview and research
- News feature – issues-based article written in journalistic style

For further information about the award, to download the guidelines and entry form, go to <https://www.goodsams.org.au/the-good-oil/the-good-oil-2021-writers-award/>

Entries close at midnight on Sunday August 22, 2021.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES

The parish office will be closed this Monday 14th June for the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday and then again from 2pm on Wednesday 16th June until 9am on Monday 21st June and then again from 2pm on Thursday 24th June until 9am Monday 5th July.

You are still able to call the parish office number and speak to a member of the Parish Leadership Team during this time.

TUESDAY MASS

There will be no Weekday Mass this Tuesday 15th June 2021.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS UPDATE

The Sacramental Team are currently assessing our Sacramental Program for next year. They are looking at What we do? & How do we do it? Especially given the COVID restrictions that are still in place for Places of Worship and Religious Gatherings.

PRAYING THE GOSPELS

You are invited to connect and pray with each other across the Diocese from your own home.

God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel and then through artist's images of the Gospel message.

Join us each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm.

Zoom link: <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/96144217758>

Password: pray

For more information contact:
rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>

JUNE AURORA

Copies are available at the back of the Church.

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMNITIES

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS— 11TH JUNE

THE MOST IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY— 12TH JUNE

SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA— 21ST JUNE

SAINTS JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE— 22ND JUNE

THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST— 24TH JUNE

SAINT IRENAEUS— 28TH JUNE

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL— 29TH JUNE

SAINT THOMAS— 3RD JULY

SAINT BONAVENTURE— 15TH JULY

Please pray for those who are sick, in hospital or recovering at home:

Mark Patrick, Bill Fenton, Maureen Phillips, John Francisco, Ian Douglas, Patricia Jones, Bev Loft, Robert Jay, Michelle Clipsham.

Please pray for those who have been called to eternal life may they always be in our prayers.

Recently Deceased: Tony Riviere, Rosemary Oakley (nee France), Margo Von Sanden (nee Foo)



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE BULLETIN

If you would like the parish to pray for a **family member who is sick, recently deceased or you would like remembered** please call or email the parish office or complete a prayer card for each person and place in the mail box near the parish office door. Cards are available at the back of the church and at the Parish Office. **All prayer requests require permission from a family member or the person. Due to Australian privacy laws.**

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite
myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



WEEKEND ROSTERS

		<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>Presiders</u>	9.30	Mass	Mass
<u>PROCLAIMER:</u>	9.30	L McRae	M Foo
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	9.30	H White	L Hutchinson
<u>UNIVERSAL PRAYER</u>	9.30	H White	L Hutchinson
<u>SERVERS</u>	9.30	V Paulo	V Paulo
<u>AV:</u>	9.30	U France	T Alexander
<u>SOUND/ VID-EO:</u>	9.30	L Hutchinson G Hutchinson	L Hutchinson G Hutchinson
<u>SIGN IN</u>	9.30	J Hutchins	H White
<u>TEMPERATURE</u>	9.30	B Hutcheson	T Alexander
<u>USHERS</u>	9.30	P Herbert M Melvey	R Hay J France
<u>COMMUNION USHERS</u>	9.30	COVID-19 Safety Team	COVID-19 Safety Team
<u>CLEANERS</u>	9.30	COVID-19 Safety Team	COVID-19 Safety Team



HEAL COUNTRY!

4-11 JULY 2021

NAIDOC Week is an occasion for all Australians to come together to show care for Country. This year's theme calls for all of us to continue to seek greater protection of our lands, our waters, our sacred sites, to be protected against exploitation, desecration and destruction.

Heal Country, heal our nation,
is a way to join together and celebrate our Country as one nation.

***Please join us at the
Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St Newcastle West
Sunday 4th July 2021, 1.30pm-4.00pm***

Commencing with music in the garden and smoking ceremony to lead us into an ecumenical service followed by soup and damper.

Please complete the
[NAIDOC Registration](#)



The Uniting Church in Australia
The Hunter Presbytery



SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 13 Jun 2021

The Introductory Rites

Gathering

The Lectionary/Roman Missal or a Bible may be placed on a table together with a candle and a cross.

A short hymn might be sung.

Sign of the Cross

Leader:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All:

Amen.

Greeting

Leader:

Blessed be Jesus who makes us one,
and strengthens us
by the power of his Spirit.

All:

Blessed be God forever.

Introductory Remarks

Leader (in these or similar words):

Friends in Christ,
although we cannot celebrate the Eucharist this day,
we gather in God's name
for when two or more come together
God is always with us.

We worship in union with the whole Church
keeping this day of the Lord holy.

Opening Rite

LITANY OF PRAISE

Leader:

Before listening to the Word of God
let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ
who has raised us to new life.

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you gather all nations in peace: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you come in word and sacrament: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you show us the way to God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader:

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

All:

Amen.

Opening Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray.

All pause for silent prayer.

Lord Jesus,
grant us the courage and strength
to work towards building
your kingdom on earth.
We make this prayer through

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

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.’

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see 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.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Reader:

From the holy Gospel according to Mark.

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mk 4:26-34

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.

Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All are seated.

Reflection on the Word

A short period of reflection may be observed.

Q. What messages about the kingdom of God do the two parables relate?

Q. Why might Jesus have used the device of comparing the kingdom to familiar images?

Q. Why is it important to have a contextual understanding of scripture?

Q. What image could you use to describe the kingdom of God?

Q. What is your understanding of the kingdom of God?

Profession of Faith

Leader:

In union with the whole Church
let us profess our faith.

All:

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

**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 life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: Sisters and brothers, let us bring our prayers before God, the source of all grace and goodness.

Reader: That our Holy Father Pope Francis will cultivate the Church on earth through the redemption of all creation.

(pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That world leaders focus on environmental and climate challenges in order to care for the world's resources and foster harmony in God's kingdom.

(pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who work on the land will remember the Lord's environment in their tending, and be blessed with flourishing growth and produce.

(pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community will live in obedience and reverence to the Church as the source of all goodness and grace.

(pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all the sick in the world will be raised in health and spirit, especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all those who have died will find eternal love in heaven, especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: God our Father, we live to increase your kingdom. Hear our prayers and help us to grow our faith community through flourishing branches and welcoming spirits. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader:

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

All:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Concluding Rite

Blessing

Leader:

May the Lord be with us
and protect us
now and for ever.

All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.

All:

Amen.

Dismissal

Leader:

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All:

Thanks be to God.

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