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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – 16th June 2024

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Listening to Trees — (Mark 4: 26 - 34)

Jesus continued, “How can we picture God’s kingdom? What kind of story can we use? It’s like a pine nut. When it lands on the ground it is quite small as seeds go, yet once it is planted it grows into a huge pine nut tree with thick branches. The birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” (Mark 4: 30 - 32)

If you ever wanted to reduce the teachings of Jesus to a single theme, you might not do better than to focus on the kingdom of God. “The kingdom” isn’t a fairytale place of castles and royal courts. The reign of God, as some translators phrase it, is a matter of allegiance more than geography. We don’t move to “kingdom come” when we die. We reside there in the here and now if we choose God’s way over our way in every decision.

Jesus compares the kingdom to a tiny seed hidden in the ground small, obscure, seemingly without relationship to anything but its secret self. But kingdom seed will emerge to become its own universe of roots and branches, connecting earth and sky and all of life together. What seemed irrelevant becomes paramount. What was unseen emerges as dominant against the horizon. It is so impossible to imagine that one day, everything we can hold in our hands will become worthless? And that invisible things like truth, goodness, faith, love, hope and justice will become the only things that matter?

How do you invest in the kingdom today? What seeds are you sowing now for the harvest to come?

A notice for the Second Sunday of the Month Readers and Communion Ministers for Mass. Please note that the Second Sunday of the Month Teams will be looking after Mass duties on the weekend of the 29th & 30th June, as it is the Fifth Sunday of the month of June.

Today's Readings: Ezekiel 17:22-24, Corinthians 5:6-10, Mark 4:26-34

Response to the Psalm: Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Reconciliation 4.30pm

Mass 5.00pm Vigil

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

(Liturgy of the Word with

Communion – every other

Saturday at 11am)

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

MACLEAY ISLAND

June 2, 16, 30 – 2pm

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sundays at 9am)

RUSSELL ISLAND

June 9, 23 – 2pm

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sundays at 2pm)

MONDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Mass – 9.00am

Rosary Crusade Pro Life – 9.30am

TUESDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Mass – 9.00am

Praise & Prayer – 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Mass – 9.00am

Art Group – 10.00am

Choir – 3.30pm

THURSDAY

St Rita's Church

Priest Day Off — NO MASSES

FRIDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

MAREBELLO

1st Wed – Eucharist

HEALING MASS

2nd Wed Mass – 9.00am



St Vincent De Paul meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, at 7pm, in the Ruby Room

Meetings held April 15th, May 6th & 20th, June 3rd & 17th, July 1st & 15th, Aug 5th & 19th, Sept 2nd & 16th, Oct 7th & 21st, Nov 4th & 18th and Dec 3rd

PETER'S PENCE - 29th/30th June

The Peter's Pence Collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See.

This will be a retiring collection taken up at all Masses on the weekend of 29th/30th June.

Please give what you can. Thank you.

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

Meetings are held on

Tuesdays at

7pm

St. Rita's Church



ABOUT THE SACRAMENTS

The sixth chapter in the Gospel of John is all about the Eucharist! It begins with the miracle of the 'Feeding of the 5000', which creates a catalyst for Jesus to teach the truth of who he is. 'I am the bread of life', he says, 'whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty'. He even goes on to tell them: 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.' John 6:53-58 (NRSVCE) So, in the miracle of the 'Feeding of the 5000', Jesus is giving us a foretaste of what is to come. There are a couple of scripture clues that stand out in particular. Firstly, Jesus goes 'up the mountain' (John 6:3).

This is a sign that something amazing is about to happen! Secondly, John 6:4 tells us that 'the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near'. This reminds us of the Jews great exodus from Egypt and connects the words and actions of Jesus to their experience of being saved from slavery. These clues tell us that this miracle is about more than feeding the people with ordinary bread, it prefigures Jesus' sacrifice on the cross when he gives himself as the living bread. This leads us to the story of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25 and Luke 22:14-23) in which Jesus institutes the Eucharist. While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." Matthew 26:26-29 (NRSVCE) Then, in the first letter to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 11:23-26), St Paul writes about the Eucharist, as something he received from the Lord to be passed on to others. Jesus said, 'Do this in remembrance of me' and that's exactly what the early church did! In the book of Acts we read: 'They spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other. They also broke bread [the Lord's Supper] and prayed together.' (Act 2:42). The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: 'From that time on down to our own day the celebration of the Eucharist has been continued so that today we encounter it everywhere in the Church with the same fundamental structure. It remains the centre of the Church's life' (CCC, 1343). Family Prayer Idea: How are you going with making grace before meals a part of your family life? Remember, giving thanks is good for the soul! Evangelisation Brisbane

Feast Days of June

19	St Romuald
21	St Aloysius Gonzaga
22	Sts John Fisher & Thomas More
22/23	12th Sunday Ord. Time
24	Nativity of John the Baptist
27	St Cyril of Alexandria
28	St Irenaeus
29	Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles
29/30	13th Sunday Ord. Time

PLEASE COLLECT NOW!!!

Parishioners please collect new packs of planned giving envelopes from the church. They are located near the Entrance door on the table behind the Holy Water.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

WINTER APPEAL

22nd/23rd June 2024

St. Rita's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be holding its Annual Winter Appeal at all Masses next weekend.

Funds are urgently needed to assist our local Members in their work with the many families and individuals living in our Parish area, who turn to us for help on a daily basis.

Appeal envelopes will be available and there are donation boxes at the Church doors. Your generosity and support will be greatly appreciated.

PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Isabel Scullion, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Bill Mellor, Annette Doherty, Lucas Bernal, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Sebastian Ricca, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Margaret Ross, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Trubody, Jela Cicak, Matthew Scott and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them.

ANNIVERSARIES: *We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially Hazel Quilty, Laval Bosquet, Thomas Bierton and Colleen Ashe.*

DECEASED: *We commend the recently deceased, especially Harry Lovett and Kay Grieve.*



HAVE A CHAT Club!

Ladies will get together again at the Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club on Thursday 27th June at 11am.

Our club is for ladies who like to get out of the house and meet other ladies, have a laugh and a nice meal.

Seniors Meals available.

All Welcome!!!!

For more information call Elaine Pascoe 0429 925 989



Catholic Mission Calls for Parish Support for Refugee Families Sponsorship Initiative for a New Life In Australia

As Refugee Week approaches, Catholic Mission is inviting Parishes to take action and open their hearts and arms to sponsor refugee families to help them settle into their new life in Australia. The Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot (CRISP) is designed for community members to build social networks to welcome a family group who has been granted a humanitarian visa but is still waiting to arrive in Australia.

Resources are available to assist in this process. For more information on the program or how your community can get involved contact Anne Nesbitt at anne.nesbitt@catholicmission.org.au

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Our faith will sustain us through challenging times.

Please keep supporting your Parish by continuing your weekly offering if you can, either by using our periodic direct debit or credit card facility or by direct deposit.

Our planned giving bank account details for direct deposits are as follows:

BSB: 064 786

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Account Name: Parish Donation

Kindly **reference** your deposit with your **surname** and your **planned giving number/envelope** number if you have one. Please contact the parish office for further information on 3207 9177.

The total for both collections for the weekend of 2 June 24 is \$3 098.55

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – 6-monthly fire systems and equipment checks in Presbytery, parish office and OSHC, replaced ten missing screws from safety railings alongside OSHC pathway, replaced fluro and starter in Presbytery bathroom, removed old fridge from Ruby Room to recycling facility.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – replace rotted out timber planking in OSHC verandah, repair broken gate hinge support (entrance to Presbytery yard), painting of chapel wall after plastering repairs completed, complete the painting of OSHC verandah wall, removal of mould and sanding/ painting of presbytery window sills doors and door frames (scheduled for 2024), repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark (on hold), painting of presbytery gutters and eaves (on hold), plaster repairs to ceilings in presbytery, water blast pathways around Parish Office.

POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING – replace rotted-out fence posts (presbytery yard fence along side school oval).

If any parishioner observes any task on the Maintenance To-do List which they can carry-out or help in, please contact Mike Duggan



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A gentle reminder that the Church is a place of Prayer.
Please refrain from social "catch ups and chats" in the
Church prior to Mass starting.

Perhaps do so outside the Church and allow others to
pray silently inside the Church prior to the
Mass commencing.

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