



St Mary's Parish

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

23 July 2017

First Reading Wis 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you,
who cares for everything,
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
power 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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) 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 Rom 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

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.

Gospel Acclamation See 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!

Gospel Mt 13:24-43

(or shorter form Mt 13:24-30)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the
foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'



Reflection

by Greg Sunter

Today's reading features three parables about the kingdom: the weeds in the field; the mustard seed; and yeast in the flour. They are three fascinating parables about something undesirable or unwanted being mixed in with something that is apparently good - and Jesus presents them as descriptions of what the kingdom of heaven is like.

Let's look at the imagery of these parables. Darnel is a weed that looks exactly like wheat while it is growing. Only once the ears have formed can it be distinguished from the wheat. It is a malicious prank to sow darnel among wheat.

The mustard seed grows into such a large tree that birds come and nest in it. Why would any farmer want to deliberately plant a tree in the middle of his fields that attracts birds that will destroy his crops?

Three measures of flour is an enormous amount of flour; enough to make 50 or 60 loaves of bread! Yeast begins to ferment the dough mixture and if not baked the dough goes mouldy and goes bad. To leaven that much dough at one time is somewhat foolish. The Hebrew word used for leavening in scripture is Chamez, it literally means 'sour'. It is that essence by which things decay. Leavening is a fermentation process - a process of breaking down or corruption.

To describe the kingdom of God in these ways may seem a bit odd. Can the kingdom of God be a 'corrupting' or 'souring' or 'irritating' influence? The kingdom message of Jesus can be seen as a corrupting force in that it set about corrupting and destroying what was a flawed system. The parables also demonstrate that it only takes a tiny amount of this 'corrupting' influence to have a dramatic effect.

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Country Mass Schedule

	1 st Sun	2 nd Sun	3 rd Sun	4 th Sun	5 th Sun
Penshurst 8:30am	No Service (To Ham)	Mass	SAWC	Mass	Mass
Dunkeld 8:30am	Mass	No Service (To Glen)	Mass	SAWC	SAWC
Glenthompson 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	No Service (To Dunkeld)	Mass	SAWC
Macarthur 8:30am	No Service (To Ham)	SAWC	Mass	SAWC	Mass

St Joseph's Penshurst

30th July 2017

Lector	Don Adamson
Prayers	Terry Pezutti
Gifts	Kelly Family
Special Minister	Helen Brown
Leader	
Communion to Hospital	Catherine Loria

Our Parish Collections

1st Collection: Priest Support: \$1094 (Last Week)
2nd Collection: Stewardship (2017-2018 FY):
Pledged: \$118,820 Given: \$2,745

St Mary's Parish Mission Outreach

(10% of Stewardship) Given last Financial Year;
Sr Lorudes—Kenya Mission \$6,000
Children of Phoenix \$3,000

St Mary's Parish Ministry Roster

	22 & 23 July Ministers of Communion	29 & 30 July Ministers of Communion
6 pm	Z Celewych, M Byrne & J Gustus	K Brewis, P Kelly & K Stevens
10.30am	V Lovell, P Stanhope, P Fitzgerald, N McLeish & M Bell	Priya, Angus C, Charlotte, Sebastian F & G Howell

Date	Welcome	Computer	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Commentator	Gifts	Cuppa	Count Team
22/07	Helen Watt J Schurmann	Bev Kaaye	Kerry Stevens	John Duyvestyn	Annette Mason	Francis & Rosemary	Jacinta Ryan	F&D Soulsby & G Howell
23/07	Irene Donne Terry Hurley	John Hockey	Carmel Schlaghecke	Patricia Blohm	Ilma Underwood	Debbie Fitzgerald	O'Brien Family	
29/07	S McCaskill J Schurmann	Pauline Murphy	Jacinta Ryan	Chris Jansen	Margaret Meagher	M Walter & J Gustus	Bob & Julie Roache	R Corbett, B Shanahan & T Oliver.
30/07	N McLeish Frank & Di	Carolyn Stanhope	Richard Beks	John Houlihan	Ursula Murphy	Noreen Doherty	Anne & Des Slattery	

"Pink Lady" Volunteers (WDHS)
Needing donations of magazines please
Women's Weekly
Woman's Day, New Idea,
Reader's Digest.
Contact Kay Hadden to organise pickups
0448 479 371



Wednesday Mass
St Mary's Day Chapel
5:15pm
All Welcome
Please join us for the
celebration of Mass .

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Deaths:

Mary Taylor (Mother of Fr Joe Taylor)

Anniversary:

Glenn Storer, Ellen 'Nell' McNamara, Leslie Smith,
John McDonald, Leon Lowe, Rowena Finnegan,
Norman Parker, Harold Taylor.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Graeme Sewell, Andrea Andre, Carissa Watt, Mary Guy,
Rachael Cunningham, Jan Merrett., Naomi Phillips,
Kate O'Beirne.

Fatima Statue
Andy & Keryn Gordon
2304 Blackwood Road, Dunkeld.
7pm All Welcome



**MARY
GLOWREY**

Visit the Museum at:
Cathedral Hall,
20 Brunswick St, Melb.

Mon—Thursday 10-4pm & Friday 10-1pm
www.maryglowreymuseum.info

What's happening this week in
St Mary's Parish

Sunday *Rosary* 7pm St Mary's Church.
Wednesday *Meditation* 7.30-8.30pm Parish House.
Men's day out Maryknoll 1.30-4.30pm.
Wed. Meet Up 9.30-11.30am Dunworth.

Stephanie Kent contact details for those wishing to send
their condolences for Michael:
Unit 8, 510 Kline Street Canadian 3350.

PRAYER

With a love both powerful and patient, O God,
you sustain the growth of the good seed
your Son has planted.
Let your word, like a mustard seed,
bear rich fruit within us,
and, like a little yeast,
produce its effects throughout the whole church.
Thus may we dare to hope
that a new humanity will blossom and grow
to shine like the sun in your kingdom
when the Lord of the harvest returns
at the end of the age.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

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December 7-9



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Expression of Interest by SMS to

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World Day against Trafficking in Persons - Sun. 30 July

Human trafficking is a crime that exploits women, children and men for numerous purposes. The International Labour Organization estimates that 21 million people are victims of forced labour globally. Children make up almost a third of all human trafficking victims worldwide, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Global Report on Trafficking in Persons. Additionally, women and girls comprise 71 per cent of human trafficking victims. In 2010, the UN General Assembly adopted the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, urging Governments worldwide to take coordinated and consistent measures to defeat this

scourge. The United Nations designated **July 30 as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons**, declaring that such a day was necessary to "raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights." This is an issue that affects people in Australia as well as round the world. You can find more info at: <http://www.un.org/en/events/humantrafficking/index.shtml>



Gospel Leadership in Times of Chaos: the Hope of Pope Francis - eConference :

<http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/short-courses/eConference-2017>



Thursday 10 Aug 2017 10:30am-2:45pm

All welcome; Parishioners interested in viewing this eConference are invited to a the Parish House, Dinning Room.

Please RSVP by: Sunday 6th August
Parish Office: 5571 1161.

Speakers and Panellists:

Prof. Massimo Faggioli; *The State of the Catholic Communion Today.*

Mr Paul Kelly; *The Crisis of the West: the Failure to unite Faith and Reason.*

Prof. Hon Bob Carr; *The Responsibility to Protect; Peace and Security in Challenging Times.*

Sr Clare Condon SGS; *The Simplicity of the Gospel cuts through the Rhetoric.*

Rev Dr Gerald A Arbuckle SM; *Leading in Chaotic Times: The Example of Pope Francis.*

Ms Elizabeth Proust AO & Sr Ruth Durick OSU

I give you a new commandment: love one another; you must love one another just as I have loved you. It is by your love for one another, that everyone will recognise you as my disciples. *John 13: 34-35*

Please stay for a cuppa after Mass to live this Commandment!