



St Mary's Parish

Incorporating the Catholic communities of Hamilton, Dunkeld, Macarthur, Glenthompson and Penshurst.

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

17 June 2018

First Reading Ez 17:22-24

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.'

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

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.

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

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.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is a wonderful example of the teaching style of Jesus. It even tells us that 'he would not speak to them except in parables'. Jesus used the parable form almost exclusively to share his message. He used imagery that was familiar to his audience; parables about the everyday life of a rural community: seeds, planting, growing, harvesting. The secret of Jesus' parables, when we understand the cultural context, is that there was always a 'twist in the tale' - what is called a 'discombobulating shift' - that turns the expected outcome of the story on its head.

This is nowhere more evident than in the image of the mustard seed. On the surface the parable is about the kingdom of God starting from very small, humble beginnings and growing into something great. However, immediately prior to this kingdom parable, Jesus has reminded us that the community makes a living out of growing grain crops like wheat for bread, etc. His parable about the mustard seed describes a tiny seed that grows into a great shrub 'so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade'. A farming community that was growing grain crops would be greatly alarmed at the thought of actually attracting birds to their fields or even nearby. Jesus' message about the kingdom of God is that it is actually disruptive and invasive. The kingdom brings unrest and disquiet to the predictable. The kingdom of God is unsettling. This is a much more challenging parable than it appears from a literal reading.

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Reconciliation (Confession): Sat. 5.30pm

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We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the Gunditjmara people.

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	Mass	No Service (To Ham)	No Service (To Ham)	No Service (To Ham)	No Service (To Ham)

St Joseph's Penshurst

Tue. 19 - Hospital Ecumenical service
@ 11am.

24th June 2018

Lector	St Joseph School Mass
Prayers	St Joseph School Mass
Gifts	St Joseph School Mass
Special Minister	Helen Brown
Leader	St Joseph School Mass
Communion to Hospital	Anita Holmes

Our Parish Collections

1st Collection: Priest Support: \$818

2nd Collection: Stewardship (2017-2018 FY)

Pledged: \$107,369 Given: \$ 97,258

St Mary's Parish Mission Outreach

(10% of Stewardship) This Financial Year;

Sr Lourdes—Kenya Mission \$5,000

St Mary's Parish Ministry Roster

	16 & 17 June Ministers of Communion				23 & 24 June Minister of Communion			
6 pm	R Roache, Z Celewych & T Groves				R Roache, Z Celewych & T Groves			
10.30am	Nola J, D Brody, T Hurley, G Howell & F Soulsby				Nola J, D Brody, T Hurley, G Howell & F Soulsby			
Date	Welcome	Computer	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Commentator	Gifts	Cuppa	Count Team
16/06	G Healy J Schurmann	Jacinta Ryan	Margaret Meagher	Pauline Kelly	Ray Corbett	Francis Rosemary	Helen & John Watt	Frank & Di Soulsby
17/06	Noreen McLeish	O'Brien Family	Geraldine McDonald	Jo-Anne Bond	Ursula Murphy	Debra Fitzgerald	Kim & Rohan	
23/06	Sandra McCaskill	Pauline Kelly	Jacinta Ryan	Ian Ferguson	Karen Brewis	M Walter J Gustus	Kylie-Anne Shanahan	Glenn & Jo Howell
24/06	O'Brien Family	Glenn Howell	Charlotte Stanhope	Volunteer	Chelsea Storer	P Blohm J Daffey	Sherrie & Geraldine	

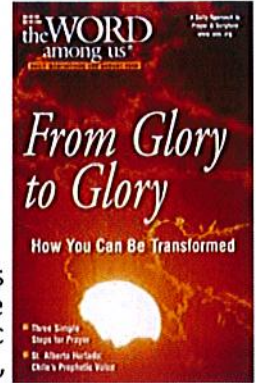
The Australian Christian Meditation Community

- ecumenical community committed to Christian Prayer
- promotes an stillness & silence
- lead to a personal encounter with the sacred
- assists meditators to live more fully in the presence of divine love



Meets Wed. 7.30-8.30pm - Parish House Dinwoodie St
All Welcome, especially newcomers.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Deaths: Margaret Ball (Funeral Wed. 20th @2:30). Catherine Edlich (St Joseph's Penshurst Funeral Thurs. 21st @ 2:30). Jack Foran.

Anniversary:

Patricia Cullinane, Claude Benbow, Graham Torbett, Maeve Glenn, Gordon McDonald, Joyce Griffin, Peter Phyland, Victor Annett, Stanley Stewart, Eileen Finnegan, Fr Patrick Downes, Fr Tom Russell, Sr Eileen Monagle.

SICK: Jean Hilton, Mary Kearney, Diane Creasy, Noreen Kenny, Br Dan Geary.

**SHE SHOULDN'T
HAVE TO CHOOSE
BETWEEN VIOLENCE AT HOME
OR SLEEPING ON THE STREET.**



**VINNIES
WINTER
APPEAL**



**Collection
this weekend
Sat. 16 & Sun. 17**

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

Sunday: Children's Liturgy of the Word
Rosary 7pm St Mary's Church.

Wednesday: **Wed. Meet up 9.30-11am Dunworth Centre**
Meditation 7.30-8.30pm Parish House.

Men's day out Dunworth Centre 1.30-4.30pm.

Thursday: **Craft group** Dunworth Centre 10am -3pm

PRAYER

From your bountiful hand, O God,
you have sown generously in our hearts
the seed of your truth and your grace.
May we welcome with humility and confidence
what you sow in the soil of our lives
and cultivate its growth
with the patience the gospel teaches,
trusting completely
and knowing full well
that peace
and justice increase in this world
every time your word bears fruit in our lives
AMEN.

Fatima statue

Ted Oliver 298 Coleraine Rd Hamilton
Rosary 3pm. All welcome.

LUNCHEON

Gay? That's OK

Hamilton Pride and Inclusion Day

Saturday 23rd June, 2018

12 Noon – 2.30pm

Alexandra House 134 Brown Street, Hamilton.
Guest speaker Olympic Gold Medalist Daniel Kowalski
and triple Hawthorn premiership player, AFL MVP
and LGBTI advocate Russell Greene.

Contact: Marcus Lowerson
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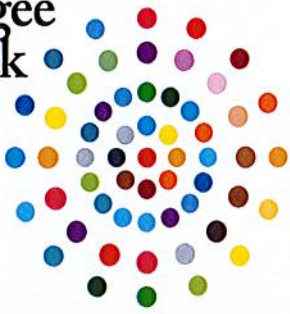


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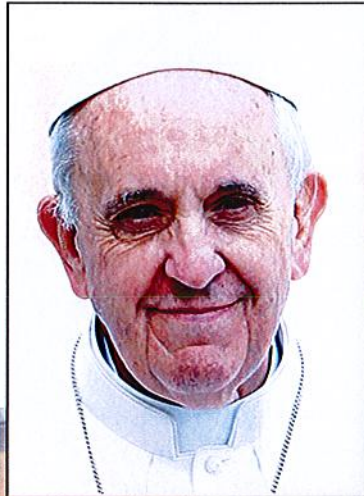
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Refugee
Week



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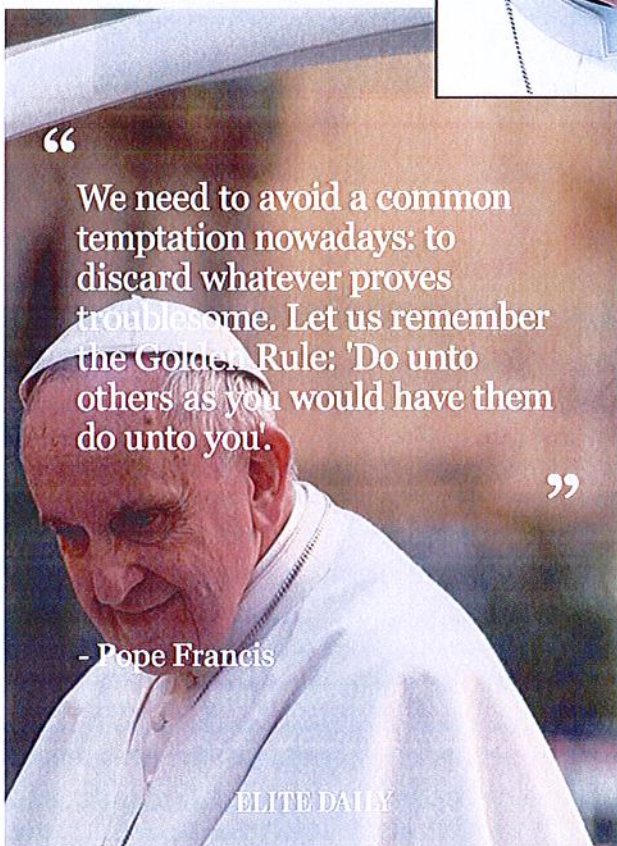
17th June—23 June 2018



Migrants and refugees are not
pawns on the chessboard of
humanity

— Pope Francis —

AZ QUOTES



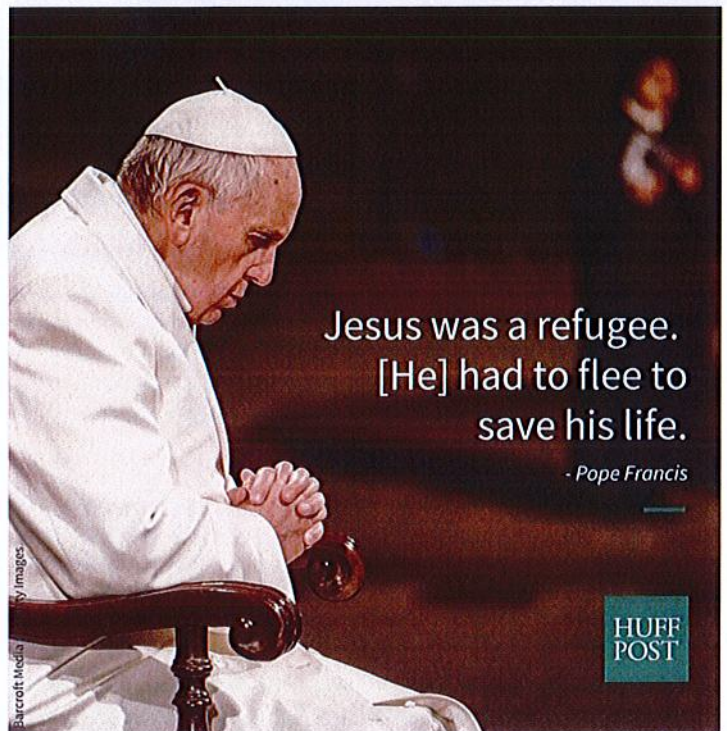
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We need to avoid a common
temptation nowadays: to
discard whatever proves
troublesome. Let us remember
the Golden Rule: 'Do unto
others as you would have them
do unto you'.

”

- Pope Francis

ELITE DAILY



Jesus was a refugee.
[He] had to flee to
save his life.

- Pope Francis

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Rural Australians for Refugees -RAR



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Hamilton and District RAR

Monthly meeting—
second Sunday of the month

2pm @ Hamilton Uniting Church Hall.
email: refugee2015hamilton@outlook.com

[Facebook](#)

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!