

Year A/2
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
12 July 2020
Liturgical Colour: Green

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The Parable of the Sower

The word "parable" comes from the Greek word *parabole*, which means putting two things side by side in order to confront or compare them. And that is exactly how Jesus uses parables: He places a simile from life or nature against the abstract idea of the reign of God. Jesus' parable of the seed sown in various soil types was an attempt to boost the morale of his frustrated disciples. They were upset and discouraged because they realized that their master was facing opposition and hostility from the scribes, Pharisees and priests. The synagogues refused to admit him to preach. So Jesus had to go to beaches and hillsides. Some of the Pharisees were planning to trap him, and the common people were more interested in his ability to heal them than in his preaching. Using the parable of the sower in today's Gospel, Jesus assured his disciples that the "Good News" he preached would produce the intended effect in spite of opposition and controversy.

How do we respond to the Word of God and to the various Acts of God in our lives? Do we allow the trials and tribulations of this world to overwhelm the tender seed growing within us? Do we decide, because things are not working out the way we think they ought, that God doesn't care for us, or that He is powerless, weak and not to be needed? Do we allow the cares of this world, our ambitions or our desires for success and happiness, to choke out the messages that God sends us through the various events of our daily lives and through the various people we encounter?

How we respond to the Word of God is the key to how fruitful the Gospel is going to be in our lives. Unlike the situation in nature, we can, as it were, change the kind of soil that we are. God allows the seed to land on the hard paths, on the rocky ground and in the thickets of our lives in the hope that in those places it will find a place to mature and bear fruit, that those things which impede growth will be removed and that the soil may be just a little deeper than it at first appears to be in those rocky places. Jesus challenges us in the parable of the sower to sow seeds of encouragement, joy and reconciliation regardless of the "soil" on which it is scattered, and to imitate the seed's total giving of self that becomes the harvest of Gospel justice and mercy.

Nigel Sequeira

LITURGY TIMES

13th - 19th July

Grovely St William's

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00am Mass
9:00am Mass

Mitchelton Our Lady of Dolours

Monday: 8:30am Mass

Saint Henry

Tuesday: 8:30am Mass

Saint Camillus de Lellis

Wednesday: 8:30am Mass

Saint Bonaventure

Thursday: 8:30am Mass

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Friday 8:30am Mass

Saturday: 4:00pm Vigil Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Sunday: 11:00am Mass

Samford Sacred Heart

Next Weekend Mass

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

Changes to Liturgy Times

Please check the weekday
Liturgy Times carefully

Can't Make It To Mass?

Watch Online:

Sunday Mass is being streamed live at **10am** from the Cathedral of St Stephan and can be viewed on the Archdiocese of Brisbane website or YouTube channel. There is also **Weekday Mass** at **8am**.

Watch on TV:

'Mass for You at Home' can be viewed on Channel 10 at **6am** on **Sunday**

Pope's Prayer Intentions: July

The Way of the Heart

*We pray that today's families
may be accompanied with love,
respect and guidance*



Why don't some couples go to the gym?



Because some relationships just don't work out.

This Week's Readings: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55: 10 - 11
Rom 8: 18 - 23
Mt 13: 1 - 23

Next Week's Readings: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12: 13, 16 - 19
Rom 8: 26 - 27
Mt 13: 24 - 43

COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS



Faithful Departed

Recently:

Gwen Kennedy, Tony Shanahan, Nora Smith, Denis Kelly

Anniversaries:

Anne Osbourne, Ben D'Mellow



We pray for the Sick

We pray for:

Maureen Campbell, Nita Leigh, Dominic Condon, Lalie Bojar, Kathleen Edden, Kieran Hogan, Joyce Powell, Cindy Roberts, Denis Kelly, Naomi Wala, Teresa Pitman, Betty Feldman, Annelie Honsig, Louise Rhode, Jeane Karema, Carolyn O'Donohue

Please note All requests to have a Mass offered for someone, or newsletter requests for the name of recently deceased family members, prayers for the sick and anniversary ies, need to be given to the parish office in writing. Forms and Mass request envelopes are available from the sacristy at all 3 churches, or from the Parish Office. Completed forms/envelopes can be given to the priest or handed in at the office.

Mass Bookings

With the easing of COVID restrictions, we can now have more people at Mass. Due to the size of the churches, the numbers are as follows:

Sacred Heart: 50
Our Lady of Dolours: 60
St Williams: 85

To guarantee a seat at a weekend Mass, booking is essential. Contact the parish office on **3355 2667** or email bulletin.grovely@bne.catholic.net.au

We will be taking bookings on a weekly basis, so you will need to register each week. **Bookings for weekend Masses close Thursday 9pm.**

To allow for contact tracing, we require your name, phone number and address. You will receive an email or phone call to advise you of the Mass you have been allocated to.

All people attending Mass will be divided into groups of 20. Please avoid moving between groups and adhere to social distancing guidelines at all times. There will be a Marshal that will record your time of entry/exit, direct you to your seating area and coordinate end of Mass cleaning. If you are interested in being a Marshal, contact the parish office for more information.

At each Mass we ask that you sign-in, use the hand sanitiser provided, respect the social distancing guidelines, stay home if you are unwell and follow the procedures and protocols in place.

GROVELY

Baptisms: We joyfully announce the baptism of Tom Hughes and Liam Duffy and welcome them into our faith community.

SVDP Grovely

Please place donations to St Vincent de Paul in a **marked SVDP envelope** before putting it in the collection box. Loose donations will be assumed to be for the St Williams collection.

July 12, 2020

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"The seed is sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." (Matthew 13:22)

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

Bible Quiz

To which tribe did Jesus belong?

Answer next Week

Last Week's question:

When there was no water to drink in the wilderness, how did Moses provide it?

Answer:

God told him to strike a rock (Exo 17:6)

Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club

The BCBC is proud to announce that they will be able to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Mt Barney Mass near the base of the mountain on August 12. Contact bcbc.barneymass@gmail.com or Graham on 3371 9623 for more info.

Sea Sunday

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work on the sea. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Today's Appeal supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. During the COVID-19 pandemic, seafarers continue to bring products to sustain our population and economy, often at personal risk to their health. To support this ministry, donate to: bit.ly/seasundayaustralia

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