

Year A/2
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26 July 2020
Liturgical Colour: Green



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The Kingdom of God

Matthew 13: 44-52

In the Gospel, Jesus invites us to hear and discover the richness of the parables. The parables do not give us a clear and exact description of the Kingdom of God, but an opportunity to discover and understand for ourselves. Jesus says: "The Kingdom of God is like...."

Through these ordinary examples, Jesus challenges us to see the world in a different way - His way.

How can we find the Kingdom of God?

This Kingdom can be found in the life and teaching of Jesus. The Gospel suggests that the Kingdom of God is the most precious thing we could have. Once we find it, we appreciate it more than everything else. It may come at the end of a long search as the person looking for the perfect pearl or it may come to us as a surprise as the person finding treasure buried in a field.

In the parable referring to casting a fishing net, the members of the Church were not guaranteed to get the Kingdom of God. Many can find themselves thrown back to the sea as useless fish. Jesus tells us that we have a purpose to fulfil.

Where is the Kingdom of God?

Jesus tells us: "The Kingdom of Heaven is in your midst" (Luke 17:21), "The kingdom of heaven has come near" (Mt 4:17), "This Kingdom is at hand" (Mark 1:15)

In the Lord's Prayer, we pray: "Thy kingdom come". It is coming to us in our time and in this world. Therefore, we don't need to wait in the next life but it is now.

Jesus doesn't teach us how to be rich and successful. But Jesus shows us how to recognize God working in our lives. God loves us and gives us a free and generous gift of grace. Grace comes as a hidden gift and often through the small, humble and simple ways that could be missed.

Once we appreciate that God gives us the gift of love what shall we do?

We imitate the merciful and compassionate heart of God: we forgive people even before they have asked us; we share with others "a cup of water to the least brothers and sisters"; we help those considered unworthy; we reach out to people in need and specially the least in society (Mt 25:40).

If we do this, we are living in the Kingdom of God - a Kingdom of Love, Peace, Freedom and Justice.

Van Huong Nguyen

Adaption from "Shalom - Thoughts for Prayer", Prayer Ministry Office, Vol 17, No 7 (July 2002) and Vol 29, No 7 (July 2014)

LITURGY TIMES

27th July - 2nd August

Grovely

St William's

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00am Mass
9:00am Mass
5:00pm Mass

Mitchelton

Our Lady of Dolours

Monday: 8:30am Mass

Tuesday: 8:30am Mass

Wednesday: 8:30am Mass

Saint Martha

Thursday: 8:30am Mass

Saint Peter Chrysologus

Friday 8:30am Mass

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Saturday: 10:30am Adoration &
Reconciliation

4:00pm Vigil Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Sunday: 11:00am Mass

Samford

Sacred Heart

Next Weekend Mass

Sunday: 8:00am Mass



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 10:30am - 11:30am

Our Lady of Dolours

Reconciliation will also be available at this time. Please continue to follow social distancing & COVID safety guidelines

Pope's Prayer Intentions: July

The Way of the Heart

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



Bible Quiz

What affliction did Hannah suffer from, that allowed Peninnah to provoke her?

Answer next Week

Last Week's question:

What tragedy did Jacob think happened to Joseph?

Answer:

An evil beast had devoured him (Gen 37:33)

This Week's Readings: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kg 3: 5, 7 - 12
Rom 8: 28 - 30
Mt 13: 44 - 52

Next Week's Readings: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55: 1 - 3
Rom 8: 35, 37 - 39
Mt 14: 13 - 21

COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS



Faithful Departed

Recently:

Gwen Kennedy, Tony Shanahan, Mary Hood, Denis Casey (*Mary Murphy's Brother*)

Anniversaries:

Mark Knox, Phillip McKee



We pray for the Sick

We pray for:

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

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.

GROVELY

Baptisms: We joyfully announce the baptism of Finn Cashman and welcome him 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.

Future Masses At St Williams

From Aug 2, there will be an additional Mass on Sunday evenings at 5pm. Because of upcoming RCIA events, there will be fewer places available at the 9am Mass on Sunday Aug 9. Please consider attending a different Mass.

Sacramental Program

Thank you for your patience and understanding about all the changes we have had regarding our Sacramental Program and celebrations.

First Communion Workshops:

St Williams: Aug 4, 5, 6 & 10 at 3:30pm
Sacred Heart: Aug 7 at 3:30pm
Our Lady of Dolours: Aug 18 at 3:30

Enrolment & Confirmation Workshops:

St Williams: Sep 8 at 9:30am &
Sep 8, 9 & 10 at 7:15
Our Lady of Dolours: Sep 8 at 6pm

Marie-Louise F. Singson

What kind of music should you listen to while fishing?



Something catchy

July 19, 2020

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."
(Romans 8:28)

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

Parish Pastoral Council Update

- School Masses are scheduled to resume next week for students and teachers with some restrictions still applying to other adult participants.
- Receptions of the Sacraments of Confirmation & First Communion is able to proceed for the children who have completed their preparation.
- The PPC has commenced discussion on representative restructuring to align with the Parish Mission Statement; "Towards 2023".

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:

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| 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. 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.