

FR ALO WRITES...

Good and Evil in Our Hearts

Last Sunday we heard that Jesus used various ways in delivering his message on the Kingdom of God. Today's Gospel (Matt 13:24-43) is a continuation of the parable of sowing. He probably addressed this message to his audience of farming background. It was meant to be understood easily. What can malicious weed-sowing tell us about the kingdom of God (Matthew 13:25)? The image Jesus uses in this parable is a common everyday example of planting, harvesting, and sorting the good fruit from the bad. Weeds can spoil and even kill a good harvest if they are not separated and destroyed at the proper time. Uprooting them too early, can destroy the good plants in the process.

Nature teaches us patience. From this parable we come to understand God's patience. God teaches us to look after the seed of his word which he has put in our hearts and to beware of the power of evil that can destroy it. God's word brings life, but the devil tirelessly finds ways to destroy the good seed which has been planted in the hearts of those who have heard God's word. God's judgment is not rushed, but it does come. And in the end, God will reward each person according to what they have sown and reaped in this life. On that day God will separate the evil from the good.

What can mustard seeds and leaven teach us about the kingdom of God? The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seeds it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to the word of God. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within. The kingdom of God produces a transformation in those who receive new life which Jesus Christ offers. When we yield to Jesus Christ, our lives are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. Paul the Apostle says, *"We have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us"* (2 Corinthians 4:7).

Good and evil are sown in our hearts like tiny seeds which germinate, and in due time yield a harvest of good or bad fruit. Charles Read said: *"Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny."* On the Day of Judgment each will reap what he or she has sown in this life. Those who sow good *will shine in the kingdom of their Father*. They will radiate with the beauty, joy, and fullness of God's love. Do you allow the love of Christ to rule in your heart and in your actions?



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 19 JULY

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 20 JULY

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

11:00am French Mass

3:30pm Indonesian Mass

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 21 JULY

9:00am Mass

9:30am Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 23 JULY

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 25 JULY

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 26 JULY

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 27 JULY

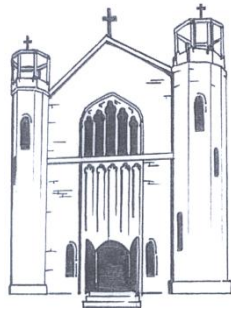
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ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome! Let us know how we can support you in your faith journey. Please introduce yourself to the parish priest and/or one of the hospitality team at morning tea.



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MASS TIMES
 Sat - 6pm (Vigil)
 Sun - 9:30am (Family), 6pm
 Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am
 Indonesian Mass Sun - 3:30pm
 French Mass Third Sun - 11am

RECONCILIATION
 Mon 9:30am or by appointment

HOLY HOUR + RECONCILIATION
 Thursday before 1st Friday - 7:00pm

INDONESIAN COMMUNITY
 Fr Aloysius Tamnge msc – 0426 042 624

BAPTISMS
 First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS
 By Appointment

SACRAMENTS
 Contact parish office

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
 See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING
 Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING
 Romans 8:26-27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL
 Matthew 13:24-43

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK
 Tom Regan, Derek Chick, Tony (Dulwich Hill), Sr Mary Duchesne Lavin olsh, Sr Eugenie Kennedy olsh, Br James Maher msc, Francesco Alessi, Fr Peter Robinson msc, Lucia Simeone, Assunta Ciaglia, Natalina Beghetto, Frank Zakrzewski, Llewellyn Samuel, Antonio Laquian, Joe Di Blasio, Rina Vecchief, Laura (Rose’s friend), Betty Mansfield, Anton’s mum, Nella Custorella, Marie LaBrooy, Patty Ingram, Dee Piper, Rosaria Ciaglia, Frank George, Colleen Corcoran, Zanita Banzon, Angela Breen Ortega

BELOVED DECEASED
 Judith Ann Bennett, Fr Peter Woodward

ANNIVERSARIES
 Jim Siely, Tom Longworth

ROSTERS

JULY 19/20	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Dennis Fenech	Gus Alimhamzah	Terry Gormley
Readers	Cathy Shiner Thelma Slunsky	Bernard Pacia Ana Corpuz	Jim Nguyen Marissa Meyn
E. Ministers	Alice Mouco John Ryan	Ana Corpuz Dewi Suryani Barbara Hitchcox Henny Ramali Amelia Iovanella Robyn Kildea	Marieann Duncan Francine Pirola
KidsChurch	Charisse Low, Jacki Ma		
Counting	Johannes Tantohardjono, Bob Brenac		
Comm to Sick	Roel Castillo		
JULY 26/27	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Roel Castillo	Fred Luca
Readers	Sr Monica Donnan Sr Helen Hearne	Big Kids Church Big Kids Church	Virginia Black Nicholas Black
E. Ministers	Dewi Suryani Vien Suhadi	Francine Pirola Sheila McAndrew Brigid Siely Nani Widarto Amelia Iovanella Vacancy	Lyn King Susana Taumoepenu
KidsChurch	Christine Mitchell		
Counting	James Lynch, John Sparke		
Comm to Sick	Sheila McAndrew		

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Big Kids' Church

Join the team and lead the 9:30am Mass every fourth Sunday. Ages 10-15.
Contact: Ana Corpuz – 0416 166 149.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

**Proven results | Private and confidential | Spiritually sound**

All couples go through periods where their relationship gets stuck. Stress, sleep deprivation, demands from family and work combine to starve your marriage of the positive energy it needs and deserves. If this sounds like you, or someone you love, it's time to do something about it!

BreakThrough Workshop

(Spouses can attend on their own or together)

Holy Spirit Parish, Kincumber | Sun, July 27 | 1.30-4.30pm

www.smartloving.org | [02 9319 6280](tel:0293196280) | info@marriageRC.org

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

Weekend dates: 12 – 14 September (7 – 9 November) at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or

wsharpe@bigpond.net.au www.wwme.org.au www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit

**MSC Mission Office at Kensington is looking for a
Donation Data Entry Operator**

This requires -

- Maintaining database;
- Processing donations;
- Being a point of contact for donors;
- Providing a high level of client service.

If you are interested in applying for this position please contact Fr Adrian Meaney at the MSC Mission Office, 1 Roma Av. Kensington on 02 9697 0983.

Email- mscmisio@acon.com.au

Planned Giving Receipts

Receipts for Planned Giving, CWF and Project Compassion are available for collection in the church foyer.

PARISH CHAT.....

Holy Hour - First Thursday Vigil (7pm)

This Hour of Grace and Mercy is a time to encounter the healing presence of Jesus and refresh your soul. Reconciliation is also available during Adoration.

Volunteers sought to assist with the running of Holy Hour. Please contact Francine Pirola 0433 451 433.

Fr Alo's Birthday Celebrations

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the party last weekend. Over 200 gathered to celebrate with Fr Alo and the singing continued well into the night. A particular thanks to Stephen Chiew who coordinated the event.

**Evangelisation Core Group Meeting**

As part of our ongoing parish leadership development, the Evangelisation Core Group will meet for the first time on Friday evening Aug 15th.

Please contact Francine Pirola if you are interested in attending this meeting.

0433 451 433 or francine@pirola.com.au

We will begin with a shared meal at 7pm.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL
WINTER APPEAL**

Our Parish has only one Appeal each year to support the poor and disadvantaged in our area.

This year's appeal will be on the weekend of 26-27 July. Envelopes will be on the Church Pews and Donations are Tax Deductable. There will be a sale of Scarves, Hats etc before and after all Masses.

After the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 27 July, Morning Tea will be provided by local members of our Parish Conference. A gold coin donation for morning tea would be greatly appreciated.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

Congratulations to Fr Peter Robinson msc who celebrated 50 years of Priesthood on 18th July 2014.

NOTICES

Spirituality Evening

Thursday, 7th August, 6.30 - 8pm at Kincoppal-Rose Bay School. Three speakers will examine the theme, "Corresponding to the Light Within": a Foundation for Catholic Education. The speakers will examine the theme based on the thinking of Janet Erskine Stuart rscj.

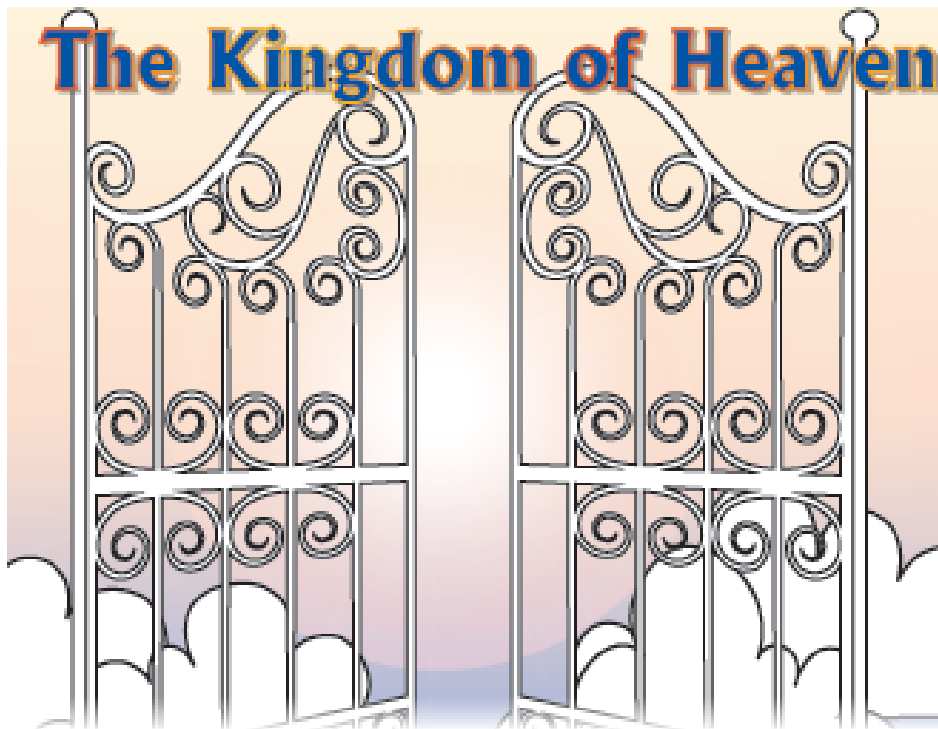
Mass for Pregnant Mothers

Are you expecting a baby or know someone who is? You are warmly invited to attend the annual 'Mass for Pregnant Mothers' to be celebrated by Bishop Peter A. Comensoli at **St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 24th of August at 10:30am**. Morning tea will follow in St Mary's Cathedral Chapter Hall. RSVP and enquiries can be directed to LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org or call 9390 5290.

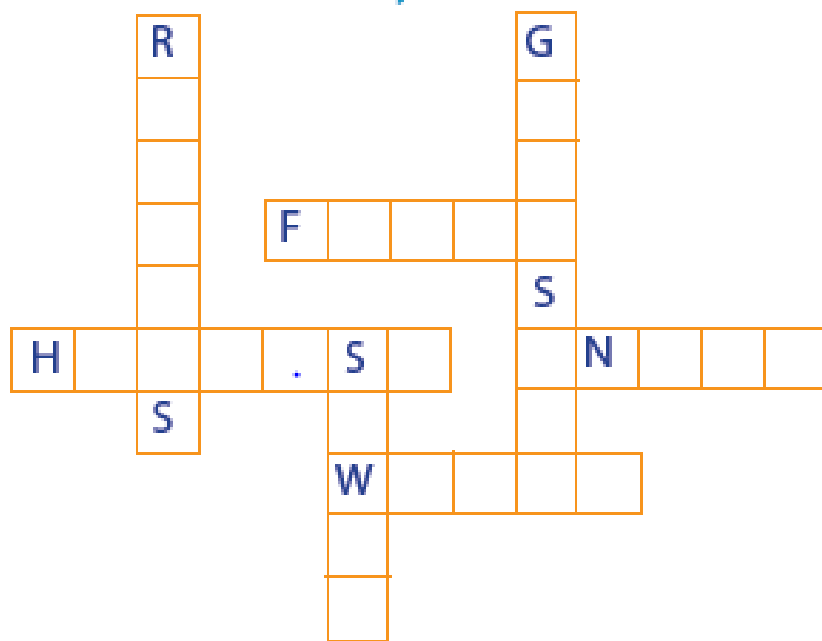
JOKE CORNER

Everybody knew the roof was leaking, but the church kept putting off replacement. Finally some areas of the ceiling in the sanctuary began to sag. They called a congregational meeting. A very wealthy member rose and pledged \$300 toward fixing the roof. Just then a small piece of the ceiling fell and hit him on the head. Somebody in the back of the church said, "Hit him again, Lord!"

The Kingdom of Heaven



Jesus explained to his disciples what the parable was about. All the words for the answers can be found in the story.



The Son of Man (Jesus) is the S _ W _ _ _
The world is the F _ _ _ _ _ in which he scattered his seed
The devil is the _ N _ _ Y who sows the weeds
The followers of Jesus are the G _ _ _ _ S _ _ D
The followers of the devil are the W _ _ _ D _
The H _ _ _ _ _ S _ _ represents the end of time
The R _ A _ _ _ _ S are God's angels