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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 12th July 2020. Year A

Readings

First Reading:

Isaiah 55:10-11

Responsorial Psalm:

All the earth proclaim
the Lord, Sing your
praise to God.

Second Reading:

Romans 8:18-23

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia!
The seed is the word of
God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will
live forever.
Alleluia

Gospel:

Matthew 13:1-23

Eucharistic Acclamation

When we eat this Bread
and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death,
O Lord, until you come
again.

Gospel Reading: MT 13:1-9

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."



Looking at the Gospel

This Sunday we begin Matthew's collection of parables of Jesus contained in Chapter 13 which we read over three weeks. Matthew carefully arranges the discourse with an introduction and conclusion, reason for telling parables, he places longer ones first and shorter ones last. He includes two explanations of the parables. We have the first in today's gospel: the parable of the Sower and the seed.

The First Reading and Responsorial Psalm set the scene of a fruitful earth where plants flourish and animals thrive. Isaiah prophesies that these natural images are sign of God's plentiful and effective word.

The Parable of the sower introduces to the listener blockages and distractions to God's providence and bounty. Jesus warns how God's word is stolen, choked or withered way but in turn offers us grace and power to hear his Word and be productive disciples.

When I visit farming communities and this Gospel is proclaimed, I ask the wheat growers after Mass what yield should we expect? Is Jesus prospects of thirty, sixty or hundredfold realistic. It certainly was unheard 2000 years ago. Answers to my questions are allusive. They speak of all the variables to be considered: soil, sun, rain, seed, timing etc. But all agree that a hundredfold would be miraculous. And that it what we should expect: The miracle of God's Word planted with our spirits.

Mass Intentions

Recent Death:

Michael Robertson
Robert Porker

Death Anniversary:

Des Schmidt

Special Intention:

Darren, John and Kealan
(from the Learmonth
Family)

On the Lighter Side

A group of neutrons walk into a bar and order drinks and sit down. The leading neutron asks the barman, "How much do we owe you?" The barman replies, "For neutrons, no charge!" Charles Dickens walks into a bar and orders a martini. The barman asks, "Olive or Twist?" The barman says, "We don't serve time travellers in here." A time traveller walks into a bar.

Kerang Masses Roster Clarification

Some people wonder why other parishioners are listed in our Masses roster twice in a week. There are always reasons why like: they have particular jobs to do especially on a Sunday (communion minister to the sick, PowerPoint, Music, readers), when there is a death anniversary (we invite families especially it is a significant event), parishioners who have not been in the list for 3 months and decided to attend Masses this time. I just would like to assure you that there is no favouritism in choosing parishioners to attend our Masses. At this time, we just need to be thankful that we have our Masses back compared to other churches who cannot because of lockdown and the difficulty to accommodate 20 because of the large number of parishioners. Hoping for your understanding and cooperation. If there are still issues and concerns, please contact Fr. Novie (0450185021) and we will find ways to address your concerns. (Fr. Novie)

Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson: St. Patrick's Parish, Kerang - Liz Bland
St. Mary's Parish, Cohuna - Peter Doyle
St. Patrick's Parish, Pyramid Hill - Carmen Cauchi

Revised Easing of Restrictions on Churches (22nd June 2020)

The following continues:

- Liturgies or prayer groups with up to **20 attendees** (in addition to celebrant, ministers, door attendant, etc.) until 12 July 2020.
- Funerals with up to 50 attendees (in addition to celebrant and funeral staff)
- Weddings with up to 20 guests (in addition to bride, groom and celebrant)

In all cases, the following requirements apply:

- **Distancing of at least 1.5m between attendees**
- **Signage at the church door specifying the maximum number permitted at any time, allowing 4 square metres/person and a register of attendees, including: first name, phone number, date & time of attendance.**

Mass for you at Home

TV Mass is Broadcast for you at 6:00am every Sunday CHANNEL 10



LIVE STREAMING MASS



Sunday Mass will be celebrated in Bendigo and be live streamed via the diocesan website at 10am:
www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Quote of the Week

"Since happiness is nothing else than the enjoyment of the Supreme Good, and the Supreme Good is above us, no one can enjoy happiness unless he rises above himself." St Bonaventure, The Journey of the Mind into God. (Died 15.7.1274, Feast day 15 July)

Prayer for the week

God of the heavens, God of the earth,
all creation awaits your gift of new life.
Prepare our hearts to receive the word of your Son,
that his gospel may grow within us
and yield a harvest that is a hundredfold. Amen.

Message from Fr. Novie

Thank you everyone for your ongoing financial support to our Parishes in Kerang, Cohuna and Pyramid Hill. This financial year may be a different one from the other years when our Parishes has stopped for around 2 months. Without you, the parishioners and your ongoing support and efforts and continuous planned giving, we may have had trouble, but things are manageable.

Thanks for all your understanding at this time as we face the limited number of attendees in our Masses, please be assured that we are all trying our best to accommodate everyone.

- Fr. Novie -



A Prayer from Pope Francis

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

The Mass schedule continues and still can include **20 attendees; in addition to celebrant, ministers, door attendant, etc.** For all our Masses will still be "by invitation only".

Kerang: Wednesday Mass - 9.15am
Friday Adoration - 8:30am
Friday Mass - 9:15am
Sunday Mass - 10:30am

Pyramid Hill: Saturday Mass - 6:00pm
Serpentine: Sunday Mass - 1:30pm (12th July)

Cohuna: Sunday Mass - 8:30am



Planned Giving: If you wish for your Planned Giving to continue during this difficult time you could Direct Credit into the Bank.

Parishes Bank details:

KERANG: BSB: 083543 Account No: 45742 3724 or drop in the letter box at the Kerang Presbytery
COHUNA: BSB: 083543 Account No: 45740 7185 or drop in the letter box at St. Mary's Church (Parish Office Entrance)
PYRAMID HILL: BSB: 633106 Account No: 169340536 or drop in Town's Post Office for Rachel Cain

If you wish a visit, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sacrament of Anointing and Communion at home, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Novie on his mobile 0450185021 or email him novelitolim@yahoo.com.