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**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Year A**

**Readings**

**First Reading:**

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Lord, let your mercy  
be on us as we place  
our trust in you.

**Second Reading:**

Romans 8:26-27

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Halle, halle, halle lu jah!  
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Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and  
earth; you have revealed  
to little ones the  
mysteries of the  
kingdom.

**Gospel:**

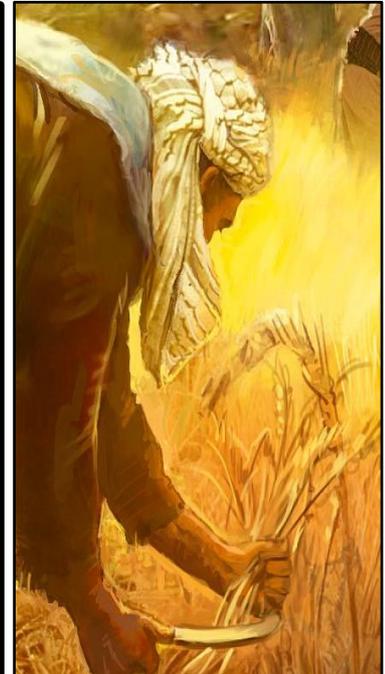
Matthew 13:24-43

**Eucharistic Acclamation**

Save us, Saviour of the  
world,  
for by your Cross and  
Resurrection  
you have set us free.

**Gospel Reading: MT 13:24-30 (short form)**

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying:  
"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man  
who sowed good seed in his field.  
While everyone was asleep his enemy came  
and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off.  
When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as  
well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said,  
'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?  
Where have the weeds come from?'  
He answered, 'An enemy has done this.'  
His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them  
up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds  
you might uproot the wheat along with them.  
Let them grow together until harvest;  
then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,  
'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning;  
but gather the wheat into my barn.'"



**Looking at the Gospel**

Three Parables in today's Gospel: the wheat and the weeds; the mustard seed; and the yeast all begin with: "the Kingdom of Heaven is like...". In one way the Kingdom of Heaven is a mystery of faith. Therefore, a variety of parables help throw light onto the mystery - we can see it from different perspectives. In another way these parables contain messages for us to accept and act upon the teaching of Christ. Therefore, we see more deeply into the mystery of life.  
Listening carefully to the three readings and the psalm we see God's patience, justice, gentleness, perseverance, will and desire for our happiness. Therefore, we are called to act with justice, patience and gentleness and in our weakness we pray that "God's will be done" The two great mysteries of faith and life are encountered in our relationship with God and one another.

**Mass Intentions**

**Recent Death:**

Michael Robertson  
Robert Porker  
Angela Infantino

**On the Lighter Side**

Knock, knock! Who's there? Mustard. Mustard who? Mustard done something right!"  
Knock, knock Who's there? Hatch, Hatch who?  
God bless you!



**Liturgical Jottings: Omission of texts**

The omission of verses in readings from Scripture has at times been the practice in many liturgical traditions, including the Roman. Admittedly such omissions may not be made lightly, for fear of distorting the meaning of the text or the intent and style of Scripture. Yet on pastoral grounds it was decided to continue the tradition in the present Order of Readings, but at the same time to ensure that the essential meaning of the text remained intact. One reason for the decision is that otherwise some texts would have been unduly long. It would also have been necessary to omit completely certain readings of high spiritual value for the faithful because those readings include some verse that is unsuitable pastorally or that involves truly difficult problems. *General Introduction to the Lectionary n 77*

**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 (22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020)

The following continues: Liturgies or prayer groups with up to 20 attendees (in addition to celebrant, readers, musicians, servers, door attendant, etc.). 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.

#### Quote of the Week

The word of God is a light to the mind and a fire to the will."  
St Lawrence of Brindisi (1559-1619), Feast day 21 July

### Prayer for the week

It is truly right and just, ...Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, whose mercy is no less than His power, to preach the Gospel to everyone, through Christ, our Lord. In the garden He appeared to Mary Magdalene, who loved him in life, who witnessed his death on the cross, who sought him as he lay in the tomb, who was the first to adore him when he rose from the dead, and whose apostolic duty was honoured by the apostles that the good news of life might reach the ends of the earth. ... Mass Preface of St Mary Magdalene

### Parish Council Meetings:

St. Patrick's Parish, Kerang: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 5pm  
St. Mary's Parish, Cohuna: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 at 10am  
St. Patrick's Parish, Pyramid Hill: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020 After Mass

### VCE Examination Chief or Joint Chief Supervisor at Kerang Christian College

- Casual position, Supervising the GAT Examination (September 2020) & VCE Examinations (November through December 2020)
- Training for this position will be provided by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority. The position entails supervision of examinations under conditions set by the VCAA.
- Enquiries regarding the position can be directed to Michelle Café, Head of Secondary & VCE, on (03) 5450 3894 and [mcafe@kccs.vic.edu.au](mailto:mcafe@kccs.vic.edu.au).
- Expressions of interest close: Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020

The Mass schedule continues and still can include **20 attendees; in addition to celebrant, readers, musicians, servers, door attendant, etc.** For all our Masses, it 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 (26<sup>th</sup> July)

Cohuna: Sunday Mass - 8:30am

**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](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

**When I was little**



### 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.



**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 [novielitolim@yahoo.com](mailto:novielitolim@yahoo.com).