Parish News

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (Year 3)

Lesson 1	Monday 25 June at 6.00pm Tuesday 26 June at 3.30pm
Lesson 2	Monday 16 July at 6.00pm Tuesday 17 July at 3.30pm
Lesson 3	Monday 23 July at 6.00pm Tuesday 24 July at 3.30pm
Lesson 4	Monday 30 July at 6.00pm Tuesday 31 July at 3.30pm
Rehearsal 1	Monday 06 August at 6.00pm
Rehearsal 2	Monday 13 August at 6.00pm

Celebration of the Sacrament: **Sunday 19th August at 9am Mass**

*** Important Notice: Late enrolment, that means after 22nd June, will NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

2018 RCIA PROGRAM has commenced last Wednesday, the 13th June.
The session will be on every Wednesday from 4 to 5 pm in the Meeting Room.

Weekly Diary : 18th —23rd June 2018

Monday 18th : 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Novena
Tuesday 19th : No Mass.
Fr. John will be in Brisbane interviewing APRE candidates for our School
Wednesday 20th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Thursday 21st : 09.30 am. Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious, followed by Rosary.
Friday 22nd : 09.30 am. Memorial of St John Fisher, bishop and Thomas More martyrs, followed by Rosary.
Saturday 23rd : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.

Saturday 23rd : 5.30 pm. : Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist.
Sunday 24th : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist.

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of July will be on the 01st at 5.30 pm. : 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Mass Duty Roster : June 23rd/24th 2018

Mass Co-ordinator	*Lectors*	*Extraordinary Ministers of Communion*	*Servers*
5.30pm Pierrette & Rino	Joelle Braun Monique Labutte	Helen Topham, Rino Serra Rachelle Broughton, Clive Broughton, Julie Dakin	Mia Braun
7.00am Michael Nicholson	Danielle Carter Asha Cameron	Rose Hessen, Jackie Cameron, Bernadette Swindley Michael Nicholson, Danielle Carter	Brianna & Ashley Heal
9.00am Michael Laidler	Tatiana Austin Kathy Fuller	John Lynch, Pam Nelson, Jane Howard Marie Roberts, Joe Dorego, Averil Dorego	John & Matthew Healey

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 4 (25/6/18)

1st Collection	2nd Collection	Piety Shop	St Anthony's
$1036.00	$1439.90	$60.45	$45.30

If we are generous in our giving, and if all of us are prepared to share the load, then together we can help our Parish to move forward. *(Fr. John Khoai)*

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm 1st Saturday of the month.

Baptism Preparation at 7pm 1st Thurs of the month

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time B 17th June 2018—Issue No. 280

The Growing of the Kingdom of God

The parable of the seed tells us of the mystery of life and of growth of the kingdom of God. The seed that the farmer has sown on the ground sprouts, grows, forms leaves, and gets itself ready to produce, with no one understanding exactly how it happens. In a similar way, the kingdom of God goes on growing whether we are aware of it or not. It will not be frustrated by any opposition or passivity on our part. The reason is that the building of the kingdom is God's work.

We can see evidence of that in the way that the Christian faith has survived over the past 2,000 years. People, governments and other powerful agencies have done their utmost to obliterate Christianity from the area under their control. They have inevitably failed. The reason is that the values that the Kingdom stands for are so totally in harmony with the nature of things and the deepest aspirations of the human person that no intervening force can neutralize them for any length of time. This nature and these aspirations come, of course, from their origin and creator – God. So, while the outcome of the kingdom is inevitable, it is important that each one of us identify fully with it. The kingdom grows quietly without anyone being aware of it. It is the working of the Spirit that makes the growth possible.

The image of the mustard seed tells us how the Kingdom emerges from tiny beginnings. Here it is smallness against something very large. This is clearly a parable of encouragement, of enormous vote of confidence in the Church and the future of the Kingdom. We need to remember that when these words were written the Church was still relatively small. It consisted of tiny communities scattered all over the Mediterranean area. They were subject to savage persecution. It would be perfectly natural for them to wonder if they could survive into the future. They were like tiny mustards seeds. Yet, given time, despite its insignificant beginnings Christ's Kingdom has grown tremendously, and will continue to grow. It reaches far out giving shelter to all races and nations of people.

The Kingdom of God in today's two parables is seen as the rule of God in the lives of people and the way in which God works among us. Christians number well over one billion people now, a figure not even conceivable in olden times. Jesus tells us through the parable that we should never be daunted by small beginnings. We need patience and participation. We sometimes feel that our little contribution makes no difference. But it does as it is manifested the way we speak, doing a small act of kindness, giving a friendly smile, supporting the people at a good cause and every bit we contribute provides good results.

It was not the eloquence of the apostles or their learning that led the pagan world to Christ. It is grace of the Holy Spirit that brought the change and transformation. Today as we reflect on the word of God and respond to the call of God we remember the humility and smallness of the mustard seed. Let us come close to Jesus to give our contribution to the growth of this Kingdom.

Fr. John Khoái

LITURGY OF THE LIVING WORD

FIRST READING Ezekiel 17:22-24 ***I will make high the low tree.***

Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. "On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. "All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 92:1-15 ***R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.***

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night. ***R.***

The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. ***R.***

In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, showing that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. ***R.***

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 ***Whether in the body or away from it we make it our aim to please the Lord.***

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident, even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

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

GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34 ***The smallest seed becomes the greatest of all shrubs.***

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said: "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, without the sower knowing how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with the sickle, because the harvest has come." Jesus also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 26:4 There is one thing I ask the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

A big thank you to the generous contribution received for the local SVDP Holy Family Conference Winter Appeal held last weekend.

The amount collected was $2883.85. For those who are still holding on to their appeal envelopes, you can drop it off at the Parish Office or place them in the collection plates. Thank you.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Diane Cooke, Kathy Pearman
ANNIVERSARIES: Raymond Atama, Carol Martin
SICK LIST: Claire Mallon, Eileen O'Connor, Reginald Cox, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Letty O'Sullivan, Tony Collett, Val Wolfenden, Ben Cebuliak, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Robert Duff, Mary Ann Boeheme, John Nekvapal, Rita Ryan, Maureen Currie, Harry Hunter, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Kevin O'Donnell, Elizabeth Norris, Stephen Deshaies, Patricia Ryder, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. *(St Augustine)*

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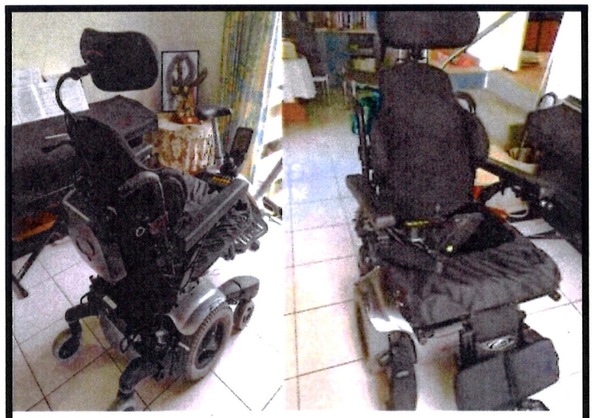
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