

# Eleventh Sunday Ordinary Time 16 June 2024

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Welcome to the community of the Catholic Parish of St John 23rd Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens where the love of Christ is shining in so many ways.

and Gundungurra people. We would like to pay our respects to the Aboriginal Elders past, present and future for they hold the traditions, memories and wisdom of Mother Earth on which we place our feet upon today.

The two agrarian parables of today's gospel (Mark 4:26-34) share the feature of seeds. The first, which is unique to Mark, begins with no interest in what the variety of seed is—just that the seeds are sown and in the incomprehensibly marvellous manner of seeds they sprout and grow and reproduce. It is only in the second part that the seed is said to be grain, and it is harvested like grain, for literally "he sends (in) the sickle" (borrowed from Joel 3:13), but it still matters not which grain—wheat, spelt, barley, rye or oats, the five grains of Israel. The farmer literally throws seed on the ground—an act that spoils any other food—and his risk pays off so that he gains more than he threw away. Farming is always a calculated risk taken in trust and hope in future possibilities. The farmer knows that without risking seed that could be eaten today the hope of food tomorrow is gone.

In the second parable (shared by Matthew and Luke) we are told immediately that the seed is mustard (sinapi in Greek), but exactly what plant was meant is uncertain since neither Brassica nigra nor Sinapis alba fits the second part of the parable; neither grows branches that in any way could be called big. Perhaps something was lost in very early translations, or perhaps the form of the parable we have received blends two parables. Perhaps the point of the first part of this parable is, like the previous one, on the miraculous nature of growing things, indeed of all plants that come from seed: that anything of their size can unfold from something so small is simply wondrous. So too the kingdom of God may grow from small beginnings. However, the second part of this parable opens another possibility that the Lectionary itself has prepared us to hear; it uses the same language as that of the great branched cedar that shelters the birds in Ezekiel 17:22-23. That ceda grows from a mere shoot that God planted; it will remain where it is put, where it belongs, and there it provides sanctuary also for humble creatures. The word cedar (Hebrew: 'erez) pure with land ('erets) to represent the land and people of Israel, just as the later references to trees ('ets' represent the other nations. But the usage in Ezekiel follows criticism of the prior behaviour of the kings of Israel who sought to promote it via political dealings with other nations. According to Ezekiel success will come only when God is recognised as king, only when Israel trusts in God. It is not responsible for its own greatness, and the hospitality it offers is God's doing.

There is a tendency for Christians to see in these parables' fruitfulness and the plenty that grows from precarious and small beginnings a parallel in the worldwide Church that began with such a small group of disciples of Jesus. The danger here is in equating the kingdom with the Church as if located in or constrained to it, rather than in seeing the Church as being a collaborating servant of the kingdom. The kingdom is God's doing, and what is produced is inherently open to others because that is God's intent. In this venture the disciples, as also us today, are indeed co-workers, Jesus cultivating them (and us) by teaching in private. In a real sense the Eucharist is one of these private moments, and so it is never to be a gathering of the self-satisfied; it is a teaching and feeding of workers in the harvest that goes on throughout the world and to which they shortly return.



# Our Parish Mission

Consult not your fears

but your hopes and

IN DIRES.

Pope St John 23rd

The Parish of St John XXIII is a faith community with the Eucharist as its heart. Inspired by John XXIII's prophetic opening of the windows of the Church, we welcome the fresh air of the Holy Spirit, inviting every person to share in the responsibility of enriching the life and faith of our community by sharing their gifts and talents."

Mass Timos

Sat Sun	8:30am Fri 9:15am 9.00am, 6pm Vigil 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm Cross Primary School 9:15am during school days						
<b>Masses of Devotion</b>							
1 <sup>st</sup> Tu 1 <sup>st</sup> Fri	es 7.30pm Novena Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:30pm Novena Mass Sacred Heart of Jesus						
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1 <sup>st</sup> Fri	after 9.15am 7.30pm						
	Reconciliation						
Sat :	the weekday masses after the 9am mass <i>until</i> 10.30am 5:15 - 5:45pm before the Vigil Mass or upon request						
	Sacraments						
Sun	12pm Baptism by appointment						
	Prayers						
Tue Fri	7.30pm Christian Meditation Frances Pegram 0417 406715 7:00pm Rosary and novena prayers (Church Tabernacle) 6.30pm Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039						
	Praise & Worship						
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	7:30pm Risen Lord Comm t 7:30pm SJ23rd Prayer Grp						
	Special Blessings						
1st Sur	ng during masses n Birthday celebrants n Wedding anniversaries						

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## **Entrance Antiphon**

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

## **First Reading**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 17:22-24

## I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 129

## **R.** Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R**.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R**.

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R**.

# Cultivating the Kingdom within



## Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:6-10

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

# Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

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

# Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 4:26-34

# The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Communion Antiphon**

Holy Father, keep in your name those you have given me, that they may be one as we are one, says the Lord.

# Special Intentions

## **Recently Deceased:**

Dante Reves, Benigno Agbulos, Gloria Bueno, Rueben Oringo

### Anniversary:

### **Deceased:**

#### Sick: Names published with permission.

Lord Jesus, heal me. Heal in me whatever You see needs healing. Heal me of whatever might separate me from You. Heal my memory, heal my heart, heal my emotions, heal my spirit, heal my body, heal my soul. Lay Your hands now gently upon me and heal me through Your love for me. Amen.

Joshua McCarroll, Jerwin McCarron, Ksenija Bosnic, Lucas Colleta, Troy James, Rosanna John Pellissery, Cesar De Jesus, Stella Drummond, John Todhunter, Margaret Harrison, Jude Newnes, Florentina Elisura, Dr Bronwyn Andrews, Mary Phillips, Cathie Christie Carlo Bueno, Jakov & Marija Franich, Peter Dawson Valeria Laureta, Virginia Villanueva, Jennifer Estrada Cindy Dadivas, Emma Q Fernando, Virginia Santos, Elizabeth Langley, Christina Properzi, Louise Smith, Emma Matoza, Dudley Francis, Barbara Thompson, Marilyn Nalapo, Peter McArdle, Ben & Etta Benesa, Geoffrey Robinson, Cristina Arceo, Matteazi Family, Brendan Prideaux, Obet Dionisio, Jonathan Gemin, Charlie Busuttil, Carrie Conolly, Raymond Lanzona, Jovita Castillo, Victor Pons, Bev Lewis, Paco Matias, Elsie Knapp, Zoey Illic, Helen West, Anna Sebastian Jovita Castillo, Lenka Olivier Talija, Isagani Ocampo John Tipton, Elizabeth Candame, Perla Magculang, Susanne Krajancic, Maria Romeo, Jackson Canlas, Jerry Bondoc, Manuel Sarris, Hilary Regan

## Thanksgiving:

If you or a family member is homebound and would want to receive communion in your home please contact the parish office.

## FLOWERS FOR THE **CHURCH** If you wish to donate flowers

for the altar, please phone James David on 0413 787596

## PRAYING in the SILENCE of the HEART

God, you love us and the contemplation of your forgiveness becomes a ray of goodness in the humble heart that entrusts itself to you. Brother Roger of Taize

#### June Church Calendar Mon 17 8:30am - Mass Tues 18 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary & Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Wed 19 9:15am - Mass Thurs 20 9:15am - Mass Fri Saint Aloysius Gonzaga (M) 21 9:15am - Mass Sat 22 Saints John Fisher and Thomas More (M) 9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

7:30, 9:00, 10:30am - Mass Sun 23 6:00pm - Mass

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer

O Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke your powerful name, the protection of the living and the salvation of the dying. Purest Mary, let your name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, Blessed Lady, to rescue me whenever I call on you. In my temptations, in my needs, I will never cease to call on you, ever repeating your sacred name, Mary, Mary. What a consolation, what sweetness, what confidence fills my soul when I utter your sacred name or even only think of you! I thank the Lord for having given you so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering your name. Let my love for you prompt me ever to hail you Mother of Perpetual Help. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for me and grant me the favour 1 confidently ask of you. (Then say three Hail Marys).



# Novena mass - 7:30pm every First Tuesday

**Praying together** 

Join us for rosary and novena prayers every Tuesday at 7:00pm For the opportunity of having the statue of Our Lady visit your home, please contact either Techie Sarlabus techie.sarlabus@gmail.com or Melva Paguinto emcipi85@yahoo.com.au.

Families on the roster, if unable to pick up please don't hesitate to contact Techie or Melva. You may invite Fr Jolly to join you in prayers at home. Please organise with the parish office.

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"A family that prays together, stays together - Fr Patrick Peyton"										

# Paying our debt together

We are very grateful to all our parishioners who always generously support our Parish.

FIRST COLLECTION supports the priests and deacons of the Diocese. SECOND COLLECTION goes to the running costs of our church, ministry expenses and specially to pay off our church mortgage.

A Planned giving Program is in place to help with the planning/budgeting of church expenses. The Parish Finance Committee encourages parishioners to register for direct debit or credit card deductions instead of the envelope system. An SJ23rd registration form is available at the church foyer or from the website.



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Parishioners who want to make a financial contribution are encouraged to use the TapnGo machines by the entrances or online via BPoint.

# **Pastoral Ministries**

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. Mahatma Gandhi We are in urgent need for volunteers to assist in the different pastoral ministries in our Parish.



# $\Rightarrow$ SRE Teachers

If you could spare an hour during weekdays to spread God's word teaching the scriptures to children, WE NEED YOU. We currently have 4 public primary schools and a high school in our parish where we hold scripture classes during school hours for 30 minutes during Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. For more information please call Asoki 0430 020265 or Renuka 0414 795814. Training and resources will be provided.

# $\Rightarrow$ GARDENERS AND CLEANERS

Now that the church is open for celebrations, its floors need to be swept of dust, cobwebs brushed off, candle stands cleaned and garden kept green. We would like to request all our volunteer cleaners and gardeners to come back and continue their ministry. For more information contact maintenance@john23rd.org.au or the parish office.

# $\Rightarrow$ MUSIC MINISTRY

If your passion is music and are interested to assist with the music ministry, you are most welcome to join and make our liturgy celebrations more alive.

Please contact Neil Mascarenhas, our music ministry coordinator via email neil.mas@gmail.com

## YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS GROUP



The Seniors Group of SJ23rd Parish would like to invite all senior parishioners to come along and join our very active, not to mention fun-loving Seniors' group.

We would love you to join and be part of this vibrant group.

For more details please contact the following Frank 0459 504625 or Trevor 0407 150399



John McCabe Karen Green Julian Martin Suni Fernando

Mei Velasco Ajith Lobo Helen Festejo **Rebecca Reynolds** 

# DRIVEWAY/CARPARK SAFETY

For everyone's safety, please park at least 1.8 meters from the church's driveway entrance.

Your parked vehicle must not block the flow of traffic or impair the vision of other drivers getting into or out of the parking lot, basically impeding vehicles from entering, exiting or turning into or from the church's driveway.



Vehicle safety is more than just staying alert when parking your car. Let us not become a danger to other road users.

Remember to please always use the footpath on both sides of the church car park when walking around the church parking lot, again for safety reasons.

Please make sure when you come to Mass, let us consider our neighbours. Do not block the neighbours' driveway.





## Face-to-Face Renewal Safeguarding Training at St John XXIII

Are you new to ministry or have not yet completed the initial Cycle 1 Safeguarding Modules 1 -3

Mandatory Safeguarding Training will:

- Introduce the NSW Child Safe Standards
- Explain our roles and responsibilities as Mandatory Reporters in our Parish Ministries.
- Demonstrate ways to apply the Child Safe Standards to continue to build safe parish communities for children and all adults at risk.

St John XXIII will be hosting these three Mandatory Safeguarding Modules on: Saturday 27th July (10.00am - 3pm)

Please register your attendance with the Parish Office. If you wish to complete these modules independently at times convenient to you, please 'sign up' to: https://learning.safeguarding.org.au

If you completed the initial Cycle 1 Modules 1 -3 two years ago, you are also able to complete the renewal modules 4-5 online.

You can also find other face to face safeguarding training opportunities on the Diocesan Website at: https://parracatholic.org/ connect / events /?series = safeguarding-training



# **Community Events**



As we are now getting back together as a community of St John 23rd, let us keep up the momentum through organizing mini events to boost our parish engagements, as well, contribute to our much needed church funds.

We invite our different cultural community to host a Saturday Vigil or Sunday mornings mini event after our mass celebrations for a full community involvement and encourage our parish community to support these mini endeavour.

Any other suggestions for church fanfare, fundraising activities or just availability of support are most welcome and greatly appreciated. Please contact either Nanette - 0404 465600 or Techie - 0438 201436.

## UPCOMING EVENT/S | Save the dates in your diary



# IGNITE

**THANK YOU** to everyone who came to IGNITE'S first Young Adults session.

It was lovely to meet all the young people in our Parish community. We hope that you had a fantastic night.

Our next session will be on 7th July. We hope to see you all soon.











# CONTACTS

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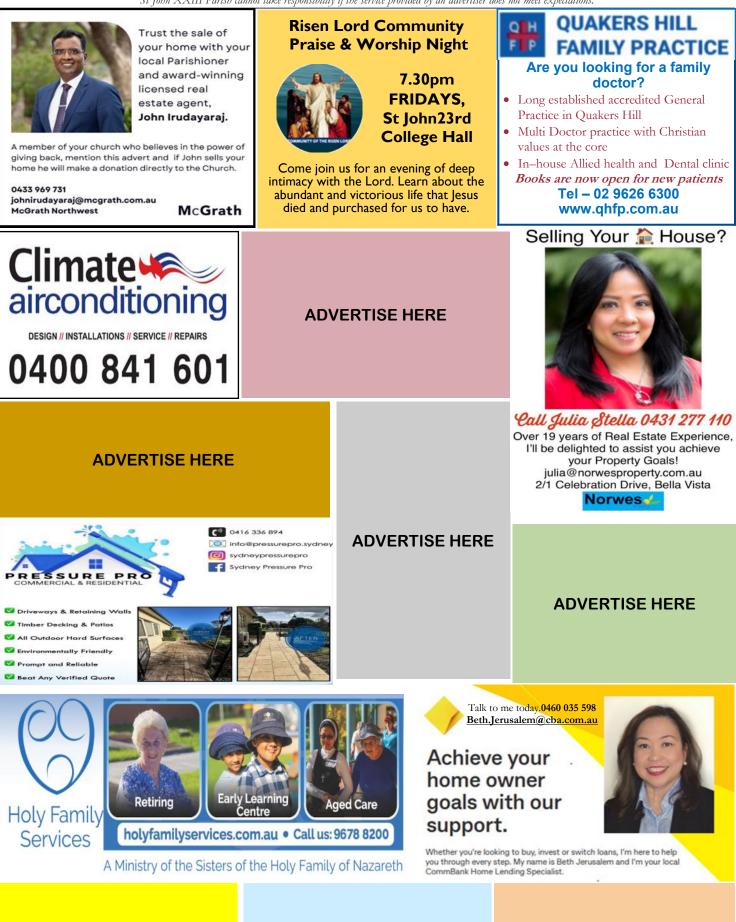
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YOUTH MINISTRY								
<b>BLAZE</b> An initiative to encourage community amongst the youth, an open space for encouragement and open faith talk. <b>WHO:</b> Year 7 to Year 12	<b>IGNITE</b> A community where young people can come together, build friendships and learn about their faith. <b>WHO:</b> 18 - 35 years of age				David Gorkic <i>maintenance@</i> <b>Columbarium@</b> Columbarium@			
WHEN: 7:00 - 9:00pm WHERE: St John XXIII College - C	Block (Bell space)	WHEN: Every first Sunday of the month TIME: 7:00 - 9:30pm				NEW TO OU		
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