

SIXTEENTH Sunday in Ordinary Time YrA 23 July 2023

PARISH BULLETIN

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Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tues to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6pm
- Sunday: 9am, 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am
[1st Friday of each Month]

YOUTH MASS: 2nd & 4th Sunday
each Month 5pm.

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

- Every Friday after 9:15 Mass
- 1st Saturdays each month after 9:15am Mass
- 3:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION:

After 9:15am Mass: Wed & Saturday

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE:
Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community House / Hall / Church.

ENCOUNTER: Youth Group: Primary school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month. Community House.

Video Sunday Mass

NEW SETTINGS FOR VIDEO MASS

Watch Mass Live: Every Sun. 9AM

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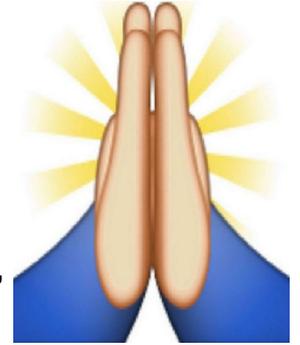
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Upcoming Holy days:

- Tue 25th: St James, Apostle
- Wed 26th: Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sat 29th: Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Kevin Paganoni, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Evan Senn, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill, Poala Solvy, Geoffrey Lane, Terry Said, Kathleen Rose, Barbara Seymour, Barbara Hent, Collen Steele, Gai Beveridge, Barbara Hunt, Dr Ron Fitzgerald, James Tokarczyk, James O'Meara, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Pat Guest and Rhonda Vernon.



Death Anniversaries: Patricia Brooks.

Recently Deceased: Mate Jurjevic and Marc Coulter.

Funeral: Service will be on 26th of July 2023 at 1pm at St Macartan's Parish.

First Reading [Wisdom 12:13.16-19](#)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5](#)

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R.)**

2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **(R.)**

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Romans 8:26-27](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation: [Matthew 11:25](#)

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](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Communion Antiphon Psalm 110:4-5

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

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Agents of change

We often hear that to fully live out the kingdom message of Jesus is to be counter-cultural. These parables are a perfect example of that call. Jesus himself acted in contrast to his cultural context and often used examples in his teaching that flew in the face of cultural expectation. What does it mean to be counter-cultural today? Our world is driven by an emphasis on the individual; an emphasis on acquisition; an emphasis on consuming. The kingdom parables of today's gospel call us to be the agents of change that 'irritate' in our own small way to make a difference in the world.

Gospel Reflection

Today's reading features three parables about the kingdom: the weeds in the field; the mustard seed; and yeast in the flour. They are three fascinating parables about something undesirable or unwanted being mixed in with something that is apparently good – and Jesus presents them as descriptions of what the kingdom of heaven is like. Let's look at the imagery of these parables. Darnel is a weed that looks exactly like wheat while it is growing. Only once the ears have formed can it be distinguished from the wheat. It is a malicious prank to sow darnel among wheat. The mustard seed grows into such a large tree that birds come and nest in it. Why would any farmer want to deliberately plant a tree in the middle of his fields that attracts birds that will destroy his crops?

Three measures of flour is an enormous amount of flour; enough to make 50 or 60 loaves of bread! Yeast begins to ferment the dough mixture and if not baked the dough goes mouldy and goes bad. To leaven that much dough at one time is somewhat foolish. The Hebrew word used for leavening in scripture is Chametz, it literally means 'sour'. It is that essence by which things decay. Leavening is a fermentation process – a process of breaking down or corruption. To describe the kingdom of God in these ways may seem a bit odd. Can the kingdom of God be a 'corrupting' or 'souring' or 'irritating' influence? The kingdom message of Jesus can be seen as a corrupting force in that it set about corrupting and destroying what was a flawed system. The parables also demonstrate that it only takes a tiny amount of this 'corrupting' influence to have a dramatic effect.

Scriptural context – Matthew's explanation

In the gospel passage, following the presentation of the three parables, Jesus explains the parable of the wheat and darnel to his disciples. It is explained in terms of a final judgment. (Compare it with Matthew 25: 31-46.) The parable of the weeds, or darnel, and its explanation only appear in the gospel of Matthew – although the parable does occur in the non-canonical gospel of Thomas. The interpretation belongs to Matthew more than it belongs to Jesus. It is an unapologetic direction to his community that living a righteous life in the midst of wickedness will be rewarded.

Cardinal Zuppi meets with US President Biden about suffering in Ukraine

Cardinal Matteo Zuppi, the Pope's special envoy to seek peace in Ukraine, meets with US President Joe Biden to discuss the Vatican's work to return Ukrainian children who have been brought to Russia.

By Salvatore Cernuzio & Devin Watkins

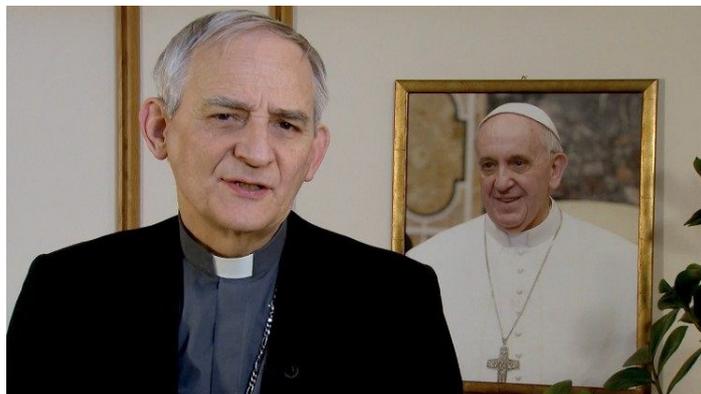
As part of his peace mission for Ukraine as Pope Francis' special envoy, Cardinal Matteo Maria Zuppi has held talks with US President Joe Biden at the White House. The meeting took place at 5 PM (GMT-4) on Tuesday, and lasted approximately two and a half hours.

Appreciation for Holy See's humanitarian efforts:

A statement released by the White House said that President Biden "shared his wishes for Pope Francis's continued ministry and global leadership and welcomed the recent nomination of a US archbishop as Cardinal." The president and the Cardinal also spoke about "the Holy See's efforts providing humanitarian aid to address the widespread suffering caused by Russia's continuing aggression in Ukraine." They went on to discuss the Vatican's "advocacy" for the return of the estimated 19,000 Ukrainian children who have been brought to

Advocacy on behalf of

Ukraine's government Ukrainian children in Russia. Cardinal Zuppi, the President of the Italian Bishops' Conference, had already brought up the topic during his previous missions to Kyiv (5-30 June). In Russia, the Cardinal spoke about it with Yuri Ushakov, Vladimir Putin's foreign policy adviser, and Maria Lvova-Belova, Children's Rights Commissioner for the President of the Russian Federation. The Commissioner's website confirmed that the topic was discussed, and published a photo of the Cardinal's visit explaining that they had spoken about humanitarian issues related to the "military operation" and the protection of children's rights.



Russia since the renewed invasion on 24 February 2022.

children:

says the true number of children could be much higher. Archbishop of Bologna and President of the Italian Bishops' Conference, Cardinal Zuppi discussed the topic during his pre-6 June) and Moscow (28 June) missions. Italian-born Cardinal Zuppi said the true number of children could be much higher.

'Promote peace in Ukraine':

Cardinal Zuppi traveled to Washington on 17 July, along with an Official from the Vatican's Secretariat of State, and his visit is due to conclude on Wednesday. Ahead of his meeting with President Biden, the Cardinal met on Capitol Hill with several members of the US Congress. The Holy See Press Office had announced on Monday that Cardinal Zuppi would visit Washington to "promote peace in Ukraine". His mission, according to a press statement, "seeks to facilitate the exchange of ideas and opinions regarding the current tragic situation, as well as to provide support for humanitarian initiatives aimed at alleviating the suffering of the most vulnerable people, particularly children."

Nuncio's comment on Zuppi's mission:

Speaking on Tuesday to several Italian media outlets, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States said Cardinal Zuppi's mission is to "open a dialogue: to listen and be listened to." Cardinal-elect Christophe Pierre said Pope Francis hopes to "contribute to peace, and more specifically to find inroads on humanitarian grounds, particularly with regard to children." "The idea is to consider peace, amid the complicated context," he said. "The Cardinal is very realistic, and we try to do what we can."

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Please email Michael Kerr: mkerr@padua.vic.edu.au or contact our office 59752200

The first class is - Tuesday 25th July at 4pm

Venue: Parish Community House (white house) - 8 Drake Street

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Another tricky round to find winners saw 5 tippers tip best at 7/9 last week. Lincoln is still in front. She is 7 ahead of Peter Keightley, Pauline Peters, DoggiesDF and Geoff Walsh with another one, back to 5 others trying hard to catch our leaders.

DID YOU KNOW---last weekend one of the umpires became only the second field umpire to have officiated at 500 AFL games. Do you know who he is and who is the other umpire? What about another two who have umpired more than 460 AFL games?

Any competition queries or help contact [James: jflob@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jflob@bigpond.net.au) / 0418 491781,
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Jokes of the Week



1#) “Your Excellency, your cabin-mate left his valuables with me for the same reason!”

A Bishop was sailing for Europe on one of the great transatlantic ocean liners. When he went on board, he found that another passenger was to share a cabin with him. After unpacking his bags, he went to the purser and inquired if he could leave his gold watch and other valuables in the ship’s safe. He explained that he had just met the man who was to occupy the other berth in his cabin and he was afraid that the man might not be trustworthy. The purser smiled, accepted the valuables and remarked, “It’s all right, Bishop, I’ll be very glad to take care of them for you. The other man has just been up here and left his valuables for the same reason!” — Today’s Gospel reminds us that we should not judge others hastily. There is a lot of good in the worst of us and a lot of evil in the best of us. In other words, the best of us are still “weeds” in God’s garden.

2#) Here is a “weed-gatherer”: A teenage daughter asks her father, “Why don’t you go to Church?” He replies, “Because the Church is full of hypocrites.” “What do you mean by a hypocrite?” she asks. He thinks for a moment and answers, “A hypocrite says one thing and does something else.” “That sounds like you, Daddy!” she replies. “I’m no hypocrite!” he responds. “Yes, you are,” she says. “You tell me that going to Church is important. You say that I have to go to Church, but then you don’t go. You say one thing and do another. Doesn’t that make you a hypocrite? I wish you could go with me because there is room in the Church for one more hypocrite.”

3#) “You are a good boy.” A little boy not familiar with an echo thought he had heard in the woods the voice of another boy not far off. He shouted: “Hello, there!” and the voice shouted back, “Hello, there!” He cried again: “Who are you?” and the voice replied, “Who are you?” He cried once more: “You mean boy,” and the cry came back: “You mean boy.” Then this little boy went home and told his mother that there was a bad boy in the woods. His mother understood how it was and said to him, “Well, speak kindly to him and see if he does not speak kindly to you.” — The boy went to the woods again and shouted, “You are a good boy.” Of course, the echoing reply came, “You are a good boy.” “I love you,” he said loudly. “I love you,” replied the faithful echo. The story of the echo is the story of the good and bad in life.



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11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Danielle Field: 0410 596 637

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 22nd & 23rd July 2023

6.00pm Readers : Fay Murphy, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward, Tricia Hird

9.00am Readers : Kathleen Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Michael Harrison, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins, Sandra Barrett

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 29th & 30th July 2023

6.00pm Readers : Brian Scantlebury, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Fay Murphy

9.00am Readers : John Azzopardi, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina Di Petta, Barbara Ensil

The Transfiguration of The Lord – 5th & 6th August 2023

6.00pm Readers : Carmel McGrath, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Ministers: Alis Fisher, Fay Murphy

9.00am Readers : Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Crea, Christina Llopart

11.00am Readers: Gabriella Fialla, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandra Barrett, Evelyn Atkins

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