



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 June 2018

Year B

"We are a child safe Parish"



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS		RESPONSE	ACCLAMATION
	Vigil Mass	Day Mass	
1st Reading:	Jer 1:4-10	Is 49:1-6	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!</i>
2nd Reading:	1 Pet 1:8-12	Acts 13:22-26	
Gospel:	Luke 1:57-66, 80		

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS THE GROWTH OF GOD'S RULE IN HUMAN HEARTS

Today's readings are about the birth and growth of the reign or rule of the Kingdom of God, in human lives and about the gigantic growth of the Church from very humble beginnings. Both growths are slow and mysterious, guided by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the growth of the Kingdom of God to the germination of a wheat seed and that of a tiny mustard seed. Both have very small beginnings. The wheat seeds, by gradual but steady growth, give the farmer a bumper crop. In the same way, the life principle in a tiny mustard seed enables it to grow into a large bush. The reign of God in human hearts and the growth of the Church in the world also have small beginnings. But the Source of all life, God the Holy Spirit, gives to both a steady, persistent and gigantic growth, provided we cooperate with His grace.

The Kingdom of God is the growth of God's rule in human hearts that occurs when man does the will of God and surrenders his life to God. The seed of Faith lies dormant within each of us. When we permit the Holy Spirit to nurture it with tender loving care, it grows miraculously into gigantic proportions. The growth is slow and microscopic in the beginning. But the seed grows by using the power of the Holy Spirit, given to us through the word of God, the Mass, the Sacraments and prayer. As we learn God's will from His words and try to put these words into practice, we participate in the growth of God's Kingdom on earth, a growth which will be completed in our Heavenly life. But since we need the special anointing of the Holy Spirit to be doers of the word of God, let us offer our lives before God every day, asking for this special anointing.

Excerpted from the homily of Fr Tony Kadavil available at <http://stjohngrandbay.org/>. Image from <http://thethoughtsofasimpleman.com>



NUNCIO TO KOREA: SINGAPORE SUMMIT IS TRULY HISTORIC

The Apostolic Nuncio to Korea and Mongolia, Archbishop Alfred Xuereb hailed Tuesday's 'truly historic' summit between the leaders of the U.S. and North Korea, saying the

Church is 'full of hope and confidence' but warning we're still at the beginning of a long process.

Speaking from Seoul, Archbishop Xuereb said that the Korean people and the local Church had been anxiously awaiting 'these truly historic events.' He described the summit between US President Donald Trump and the North Korean leader Kim Jong-un as 'marking an important page at the beginning of a long and arduous road' towards peace.

At the same time, said Archbishop Xuereb, 'we are hopeful because this beginning was very positive, very good' and we've moved from rhetoric and words like 'fire and fury' and 'the complete devastation of North Korea' to more conciliatory words that speak about peace.

Saying the Church in Korea is living these events 'with great faith,' the Nuncio described how the Catholic Cathedral in Seoul has been holding special prayers for peace and reconciliation every Tuesday. He also said the Catholic Bishops of Korea have proposed a novena from the 17-25 of June to pray for peace, reconciliation and unity on the Korean peninsula.

'The Holy See wishes to offer its support to any initiative in favour of dialogue and reconciliation and also take advantage of this to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to North Korea,' he said.

Full report at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

ANNIVERSARIES: Lucila Roque, Vincenzo Antidormi, Joan Holly, Frank Hill, Margaret Endacott, Thomas Belt, Margaret Reid, Leo Clarke, Darren Blampied, Val Carrey, Glenda Newton, Margaret Macartney, Steven Geldrich, William Hardy, Diny Driessan

SICK: Mary Edmonds, Marta Kristan, Geoff Bell, Peter Lisle, Margaret Ratcliffe, Margaret McLean, Matthew MacDonald, Nigel Goggin



CATHOLICS WELL REPRESENTED IN QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

The founder of the Vinnies CEO Sleepout, Bernie Fehon, is among a distinguished group of Catholic lay people, clergy and religious to receive Queen's Birthday honours this year. Mr Fehon was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia, for service to the community through social welfare programs.

Sr Patricia Powell rsm was recognised with an OAM for service to the Church in Australia and the Diocese of Bathurst. Reflecting on her Queen's Birthday honour, Sr Patricia was quick to point out she hadn't done it alone. "Really, I've done, nothing, this (award) is for everyone who has supported or assisted Rahamim in any way," she said.

Meanwhile, Melbourne priest Fr Joe Caddy was honoured with an AM for significant service to the community through a range of social welfare initiatives and policy reforms, and to the Church in Australia. Fr Joe is Episcopal Vicar for Social Services in the Archdiocese of Melbourne and served as Chief Executive Officer for Catholic Care Melbourne from 2004-2017. He is parish priest at St Mary's St Kilda.

Full report at www.cathnews.com

ACT LAW MANDATES REPORTING ABUSE ADMISSIONS MADE IN CONFESSIONAL

Laws requiring Catholic priests to break the seal of confession in some cases passed the Australian Capital Territory's Legislative Assembly in Canberra 7 June.

The purpose of the Ombudsman Amendment Bill 2018 was to expand the Reportable Conduct Scheme governing allegations of child abuse and misconduct to include religious organisations.

The legislation passed without amendment. The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has nine months to negotiate with the government on how it will work before the start of reportable conduct requirements. Writing in The Canberra Times 7 June, Archbishop Christopher Prowse of Canberra and Goulburn said he supported the revised scheme, but would not support a requirement to break the seal of confession. He said such a requirement would neither help prevent abuse nor efforts to improve the safety of children in Catholic organisations. Apart from the fact that child abusers do not confess their crimes to police or priests, such legislation would also threaten Catholics' religious freedom, he wrote. Full report at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- ♦ 21 June - St Aloysius Gonzaga
- ♦ 22 June - St John Fisher & St Thomas More

PETER'S PENCE ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER 24 JUNE

PROCLAIMERS OF GOD'S WORD

Present and future Proclaimers of God's Word
Please sign up now to participate in the workshop on 28 June, 7pm-9pm at Rowville Parish. Sign-off sheet is available in the Narthex.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

CLERGY CONFERENCE

JUNE 19-21, 2018

NO MASS HERE AT OLOL

Please be informed that MASS will not be offered this coming Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as Fr. Sebastian will be attending the Clergy Conference.

POPE ACCEPTS RESIGNATIONS OF THREE CHILEAN BISHOPS IN WAKE OF SCANDAL

After an in-depth Vatican-led investigation into clerical sexual abuse and cover-ups, Pope Francis accepted the resignation of 61-year-old Bishop Juan Barros of Osorno, Chile, and two other Chilean bishops June 11. The two other bishops, who had reached the customary retirement age of 75, were Archbishop Cristian Caro Cordero of Puerto Montt and Bishop Gonzalo Duarte Garcia de Cortazar of Valparaiso. The announcement came as Pope Francis was sending his Vatican team back to Chile to promote healing from the abuse crisis. Archbishop Charles Scicluna of Malta and Father Jordi Bertomeu Farnos were set to visit the Diocese of Osorno 'with the aim of advancing the process of reparation and healing of abuse victims,' the Vatican said in a statement 31 May. Full report at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 PLANNING TAKES OFF IN MELBOURNE

A team of Church leaders met in Melbourne to begin planning the first stage of the journey to the Plenary Council 2020 for the Archdiocese. Leading the group were Lana Turvey-Collins, the Plenary Council Facilitator, and Cathy Jenkins, Melbourne's Plenary Council coordinator from the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation (AOFE).

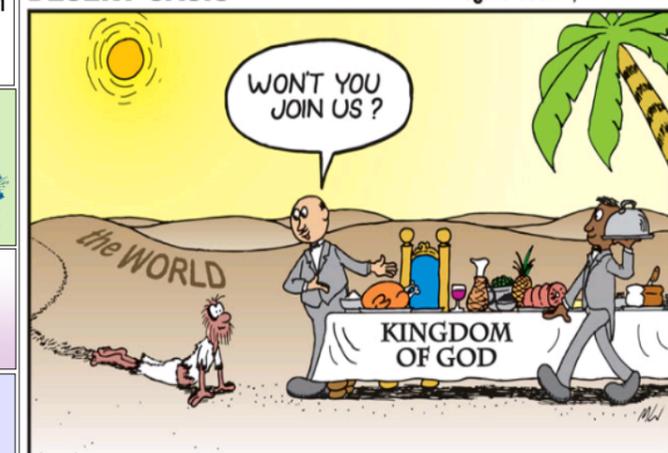
'The Plenary Council process opens for us an opportunity to engage people in conversations about God and the Church,' said Cathy. 'All around the country people will gather and develop a habit of dialogue as we reflect upon the question: "what do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"'

'Further details specific to the Melbourne Archdiocese will be available from the first week of July.

Full report at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

DESERT OASIS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. - ISAIAH 55:2 NIV