

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13<sup>th</sup> JUNE

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** *Ezekiel 17:22-24 (JB)*

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.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**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.**

**Second Reading:** *2 Corinthians 5:6-10*  
(NRSV)

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 for ever.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** *Mark 4:26-34 (JB)*

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.



# Welcome

## Parish of Cororooke

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St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday/ 5pm 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led/Mass 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

### ST BRENDAN'S: 20<sup>th</sup> June

Commentator: K McKay

Reader: C Grist

Communion: A Ruddell

Leaders: M Finn/M Carmody

### ST JOSEPH'S: 20<sup>th</sup> June @10:30

Family: Hickman

Communion: R Whytcross

Lay-leaders: T&D Ryan

### ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

St Brendan's: 13<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> June: A Bayne/M McGee

20<sup>th</sup>-27 June: C Grist & M Allan

St. Joseph's: Mulheron

Counters: June 20: J Miller

### RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Ron Foster, Clarice Walters,  
Tom, Jack & Peter Foster, Sr Helen Lombard,  
Mary Kealy, Denise Moore, Theresa Naphine,  
Tom Fleming, Kay Embrey, Jack Illet

### Those seeking our prayers for healing and wellbeing:

Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn,

Goldie Elsum

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

17<sup>TH</sup> June: PLT@5pm

### Calling All knitters!

Ann-Maree has a very simple beanie pattern to keep those who are sleeping rough outdoors or in cars, a little warmer this winter. Requires size 7 needles and 2 balls of same/different colour 8ply acrylic, knitted together(16ply). Please contact Ann-Maree if you'd like the pattern. [aconvery123@gmail.com](mailto:aconvery123@gmail.com)

## Understanding the Word

### The seeds of God's kingdom

The first parable in this week's gospel, of the seed that grows by itself without the sower knowing how, is unique to Mark. Despite its polyvalent meaning, it is a clear call to hope, patience and readiness. It likens God's kingdom to a man scattering seed upon the ground and, after the seed grows of its own accord, the man starts to reap the harvest when the crop is ready. The more familiar parable of the mustard seed follows immediately. In this case, God's kingdom is likened to a tiny mustard seed which produces a great tree. Australians are all too familiar with the hard work and patient faith associated with farming. Beyond planting the seed, watering and fertilising, the farmer must rely on the unseen work of God in transforming tiny seeds into a rich harvest, and thus possess a spirit of gratitude and trust in God's work.

