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## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 16th June 2024

### FIRST READING

**Ezekiel 17:22-24**

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.'



### 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!**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2

**(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

1. 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.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. 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.)

### GOSPEL

**Mark 4:26-34**

Jesus said to the crowds, '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.

### SECOND READING

**2 Corinthians 5:6-10**

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.



We are located on the country of the Tyerenotepanner, the Panninher and the Litarimirina people of the Stoney Creek Nation. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners, who have cared for land, sea, waterways and sky, as the ongoing custodians, for thousands of years. We honour Elders, past and present. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

### **Dear Parish Family,**

In today's Gospel the Lord wants us to focus on an area of life that appreciates growth. Jesus speaks of the parable of growth, using examples from nature. He illustrates that the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, the smallest of all, and yet, when fully grown, has branches for the birds to build their nest.

A seed follows the law of nature, which is the law of growth. Time is used to measure for the seed to develop, sprouting to its first leaves. We cannot rush a tree into bearing fruits if it is not yet its time. Thus, for a good result, we need to respect the law of nature, the law of growth.

The word "waiting" may not be easy for us to understand and appreciate in this digital world, with the rising of technology using our electronic gadgets, computers, and cellular phones. The image of a farmer planting crops and waiting for harvest has been replaced by young people sitting before a computer downloading information in a split second and gathering images in a blink of an eye.

This translates our relationship with God, when we are tempted to take short cuts in life. Our spiritual life is a series of steps in growing our faith in the Lord. Are we willing to follow every step faithfully and to learn patience in following the Lord? The Lord nurtures us patiently as He awaits for us to become a full grown tree, to bear fruits which provide shelter and food for all birds and any other creatures. May we grow and learn how to wait. -

**Fr. Jessie Banez**



### **Parish Safe Community News (Save the date)**

The Archdiocese of Hobart, Safe Communities Team, have organised 3 sessions of an hour each for all volunteers in our parish and Archdiocese. I would like to invite all of you to be part of this programme as it is mandatory for the safe guarding initiative in our parish. All those involved in various tasks in the parish and work as Volunteers, such as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, welcomers, those who take communion to the sick, those involved in children's liturgies, cleaners, morning tea organisers, Youth Group parents, Parish pastoral council members and finance and maintenance team and other volunteers are required to attend this workshop. **The information sessions are for volunteers over the age of 18.**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024** Time: (Session-1) 11 am – 12 noon; (Session-2) 3pm – 4pm (Session-3) 6pm – 7pm

You may choose any one session that works for you, and please register by filling in your details in the form found at the back of the church with your contact details and drop it to the collection basket or at the parish office. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is also asked to attend a meeting. **Fr Leonard**

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

*Planned Giving Envelopes for the next financial year will be distributed during the next few weeks to those who already donate to the Parish finances in this way. If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program and contribute through weekly envelopes, please contact the Parish Office on 6331 4377 or email: [apostles@bigpond.com](mailto:apostles@bigpond.com) to arrange for a set of envelopes. Other options to donate are via direct debit from your bank account/ credit card account into the parish bank account. Thank you for your continued financial support to the Parish and please contact Carolyn in the office if you require any further information.*

### **YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY**

**FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED** especially **Elliot Phlipa** (Michael and Katherine) and **Jack Goodwin** (Michael and Mirella) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Fiona Hood, Marlene Egidio Tosello, Ray Atley, Sr Mary Joseph OCD, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Kathy Aldred, Cheryl Dawtrey, Rowena Villacampa, Kevin Quadros, Will Smith, Merrill Thompson, Tina La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Maria Holton, Louisa Buttazzoni, Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Alida Moolenschot, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Bev Callahan, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Kristel Latham, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean, Peter Marshall, Ellen Bortolot.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Beverley Kiely, Marlene Bilowus, Margaret Rickard and Marjorie King who have died recently, Patrick Dunn, Sean Hegarty, Herminigilda M Arguero, Felipe G Arguero, Marilyn Lodge, Katherine Quill, Purification Tubb, Graham Salter, Maria Pel, Geraldine Coogan, Jennifer Brown, Sergio del Grande, Troy Knowles, Kathleen Mackrill, John Hennessy, Jack Wade, Betty Aspinall, Patricia Manzone, Wilma Miles, Helen Johnston, Avis Bishop, Michelle Schafer, Perry Pereira, and we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus.

**FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY:** We continue to pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital, and for their families.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS**

**MORNING AND EVENING MEDITATION** will be held in the *Stables, Emmanuel Centre* on **Tuesdays at 11am** and **Wednesdays at 5pm**. All are welcome. **Enquires: Tina: 0417305546**

**MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY** Every Monday in Church of the Apostles at 7.30pm. Come along and offer your thanks to "Our Blessed Mother Mary" for the Blessings she bestows on us each day. **All Welcome.**

**LECTIO DIVINA** Every Friday morning 10.30 am for 1 hour, at the Pastoral Centre, Lectio Divina - Contemplating and praying the scriptures for the upcoming weekend Mass readings. A time to slow down, to listen with the ears of your heart. Everyone is welcome.

**FRIDAY HOLY HOUR** Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

**THE CARMEL SHOP:** The Carmel Shop is open between 11am—4pm on Wednesdays.

**Evangelium Conference**

3 August 2024 | 10 am - 4 pm

Sacred Heart Catholic School, Launceston



Archbishop Julian Porteous invites you to the **5<sup>th</sup> Evangelium Conference** which will be held at **Sacred Heart School in Launceston on Saturday, 3 August 2024**. Our keynote speaker is Deacon Peter Pellican, Executive Director of Evangelisation Brisbane -the Archdiocesan Agency commissioned to work with, inspire and empower parishes and communities to encounter Jesus and live the joy of the gospel. We will be joined again by the exceptional musician, Stephen Kirk who will lead us in prayerful worship through his soul-moving music. This year's workshop topics will focus on Evangelisation and how we can do that more effectively within our parishes in line with this year's Pastoral Initiative: **A Vision for Parishes – Encounter, Discipleship & Mission.**

Early bird tickets are \$40 and include morning tea, a hot lunch and afternoon tea. Early bird ticket sales end on 14 July 2024. For more information - contact Ruth Sternberg on [evangeliumproject@aohas.org.au](mailto:evangeliumproject@aohas.org.au) or 0448 537 384.

<https://events.humanitix.com/evangelium-conference-2024>

**A VOCATION VIEW**

**Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So, Jesus could say: "If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me."**

**DINING WITH FRIENDS:** Tuesday 9th July, 6pm in the Pastoral Centre. Bookings are essential for catering purposes. with St Vincent de Paul office: 6326 5551

**NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:**

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 38:1,8-11

Psalms 106:23-26,28-31

2 Corinthians 5: 14-17

Mark 4:35-41



*Ponder and pray the living Word of God*

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

Saturday	5.00pm Vigil	Sacred Heart, Newstead
Sunday	7.30am	Carmelite Monastery
9.00am	St Finn Barr's	Invermay
9.00am	St Patrick's Chapel	Prospect
10.30am	Apostles	
5.30pm	Apostles (April to September)	

**WEEKDAY MASSES 17th –22nd June**

7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmelite Monastery

Tuesday:	12noon	Newstead
Wednesday:	5.30pm	Apostles
Thursday:	12noon	Invermay
Friday:	12noon	Apostles
Saturday:	7.30am	Carmel

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday :	9.30am-10.30am	Apostles
	4.15pm –4.45pm	Newstead

**Bank details for direct debit donations to support the financial needs of your Parish:**

Account Name: Launceston Catholic Parish

BSB: 067 000; Account No: 1031 6153.

Reference: "your surname"

**MASS LIVE-STREAMED** Each and every Sunday at 9am

On Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston if you don't have a Facebook account go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>

Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.

**PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN..*





## Church of the Apostles Stained Glass Project - How to donate Information

### NO RECEIPT REQUIRED

**Option 1** Place donation in an envelope marked "Stained Glass" and place it in the collection basket at Mass. You may wish to add your name to the donation.

**Option 2** Donate by electronic funds transfer, note "Stained Glass" and your surname in the payment reference. **Account details:** Launceston Catholic Parish; BSB: 067 000; Account No:1031 6153

**Option 3** Donations by debit/credit card can only be made at the parish office.

**Option 4** Contact the Parish Office or Father Leonard

### RECEIPT REQUIRED (*National Trust Church of Apostles Restoration Fund*)

**Option 1** Place donation as well as name and address in an envelope marked "Stained Glass" and place it in the collection basket at Mass.

**Option 2** Donate by electronic funds transfer, note "Stained Glass" in the payment reference and then advise the parish office of your name and address and the date of the deposit.

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### **COME AND SEE— Silent Retreat**

*Come and See where God is inviting you to notice God's presence, guidance and invitations within scripture, creation and your life story*

**Spiritual Directors:** Belinda Chapman, Maureen O'Halloran

**Friday 23rd August (6pm) - Sunday 25th August (2pm)**

**Camp Clayton, Ulverstone**

**Cost: \$380** (inclusive of accommodation, meals, spiritual direction, prayer resources) **Register:** [belindachapmansd@gmail.com/0418141171](mailto:belindachapmansd@gmail.com) This is a small group silent retreat and places are limited. Please book by Monday 23rd July

**Friends of the Missionary Sisters of Service** are invited to attend the Tasmanian celebrations to mark the **80<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the congregation's foundation in Launceston by the late Fr John Wallis in July 1944. **Mass followed by a light lunch** will be held at St Francis Xavier's Church and hall on **Friday, 12 July, from 11 am**. Please RSVP (include any dietary requirements) to Penny Edman, [edmanpenny56@gmail.com](mailto:edmanpenny56@gmail.com)

### **VINNIES WINTER APPEAL**



*Every day at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture and inspire –the power to change lives– is in everyone.*

*As we enter this winter season, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated.*

*If you are able to make a donation to Winter Appeal, please take a envelope from the church and return it soon or visit:*

**[www.donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal](http://www.donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal)**

## **Children's Corner**

### **What is God's Kingdom like?**



*Jesus described the Kingdom of God as being like a mustard seed - the smallest of seeds! - but once planted, it grows into the biggest of shrubs. What do you imagine the Kingdom of God to be like? Write or draw your answers*

### **LAUNCESTON PARISH YOUTH PROGRAM**

**For young students from grades 6 to 12**

Merin, Aleena & Fr Jesse invite you to join the Launceston Youth Group; a fun and vibrant evening filled with games, food, and Sainly content every second Thursday!

**When:** Thursday 20th June from 6pm - 7:30pm

**Where:** St Albies Hall, 46 Margaret Street, Launceston

For more information, contact the Launceston Parish Office on (03) 6331 4377



**The Catholic Parish of Launceston embraces and whole-heartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework.**

**Enquiries: Safe Communities officer- Parish Office 63314377 or email: [launceston@aohtas.org.au](mailto:launceston@aohtas.org.au) Safe Communities Information flyer available in the Church**