

## GOOD AND EVIL

Why do bad things happen to good people? It is a question often expressed in different ways. Bad people seem to get away easily with their bad deeds. Today's Gospel teaching speaks into this perspective. Jesus' parable teaching from last Sunday with his focus on seed continues today. Grain was an important agricultural commodity in the ancient world. It was the source of food and the means of addressing stressing taxation demands. Like last Sunday, the parable is about the Kingdom of God. In the parable, the farmer sows good seed but, unbeknown, a nighttime enemy sows darnel in the same field. Both seeds sprout and produce. The workers query the farmer about the reason for the presence of the darnel. It is the classic query of life: why is there evil in a world that is essentially good? Why darnel among the wheat when only wheat was sown?

The solution offered by the farmer recognises the presence of 'an enemy' and the need to allow both seeds to grow until the harvest when the wheat could be gathered into the barn and darnel destroyed. Jesus' wisdom in this parable is salient. We live in a world and faith communities where good and bad co-exist. The coexistence of 'darnel' and 'wheat' should not surprise us—but it is not forever. There is the harvest time when justice will be meted out. This awareness of a definitive act of divine justice at time's end, one for which we pray in every celebration of the Eucharist for the coming of Jesus at the end of time, allows us to live in this in-between time as we seek to do good but, at times, experience the presence of evil and the agency of the 'enemy'. Nevertheless, God's kingdom will be ultimately fruitful.

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kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all 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 fulfil 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!'

## The Gospel of the Lord.

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## FIRST READING

Wis 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.

## The word of the Lord.

RESP 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

Rom 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.*

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.

## The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mt 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

Mt 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Let them grow together until the harvest.*

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 re-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



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## ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you" John 11:28

**Adorers are needed for these hours:**

**Tuesday:** 6am

**Wednesday:** 5am

**Friday:** 5am

**Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823**

**Archbishop Peter Comensoli, D.D.**

Let us all welcome His Grace, Archbishop Peter Comensoli in our Parish.

**Thanksgiving envelopes.** For those who are in the Thanksgiving program, envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church. Please contact the Parish office if your details have changed. Thank you for your support.

**Catholic Mission.** Total collection **\$1,550.50**

**ADORATION RECRUITMENT THIS WEEKEND** THANK YOU! to all those who signed up for a weekly holy hour with the Blessed Sacrament. We still have a few vacancies to fill. Please contact Lucy 0424 056 823.

**Next Week: 26 July 2026**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A**

**DEATH REMEMBRANCE:** Joseph Grima, Gregorio Kempis Abrenio, Emmanuel Bonelo, Nair family, Petrinella Fernandez, Elizabeth Ngili, Roko & Anica Koprivanac, Stephen Stolinik, Maree Lauren, Enrique & Haydee Copari, Georgia Micallef, Frank Payne, Erasmo Sandoval, Alfredo Cargo, Criselda Fernandez, Milagros Misards, Ramona, Concetta Molluso, Salvatore Spiri, Norman, Artemio Alcalde, Joselito Evangelista, Vincent Paul, Ken Brown, Phero & Anton, Slavkizic, Nica Lovackic, Monico Saladures, Emanuel Attard, Donato Sr, Manuela Ly, Juanto, Leonela Ocampo, Adryn Gibson, Nguyen Tam Giuse, Buenaventura, Elizabeth Jua Sz, Felicity Hassah, Anthony John Roberts, Maria, Julia & Carmelo, Mary Camilleri, Candida Frias Quiros, Maria Canturi, Teresa Bono, Frank Pulitano, Victor Lomiglio, John Okuha, Jacob Olanya, Robert Okema, Helen Manicaro, Renato Sr, Heather Fernandez, Margaret Muscat, All Souls in Purgatory

**RECENT DEATH:** Eugene Laughlin, Marie Gawran, Vincent Onudha, Nicanor Baluyot, Materno Vicenta Brorres Jfelleror Ravana-Espeleta, Rogelio Sajo Sr, Milan Gorene, Kenny Ross

**SPECIAL INTENTION:** Alfredo Correia, Mark Daniel Dela Cruz, Annabel, Frank Losonski, Clydel Marie Lawang, Maria Muscat

**HEALING:** Pauline Gatt, Tony & Agatha Saliba, Charlie & Helen Aquilina, Arlyn Lim, Lydie Etienne, Koprivanac family, Gauci family, McKenzie family, Nicely Preston Albert, Peter Zammit, Joseph Emitu

**THANKSGIVING:** Sr Regina Cabrera Primerose, Manuel Nepomuceno, David, Daniel, Veronica Laughlin, Saul Alcobor

| THIS WEEK: 19 July 2026 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A   |                      |            |                      |                     |                  |                          |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|
|                                                                   | 7:00pm               | 7:00am     | 8:30am               | 10:00am             | 12:00pm          | 6:00pm                   |  |  |  |
| Commentator                                                       | Grace S L            | Alister R  | Perly C              | Nelissa D           | Gloria S         | Andrea C                 |  |  |  |
| 1st Reader                                                        | Manoj L              | Richelle C | Gynn D               | Greah P             | Vernon P         | Rio S                    |  |  |  |
| 2nd Reader                                                        | Antonietta C         | Jessica C  | Wynna D              | Jennifer G          | Milo P           | Cyril V                  |  |  |  |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion                         | Nick S L             | Jessie M   | Teo C                | Alvin G             | Diana T          | Ric M                    |  |  |  |
|                                                                   | Ernesto Co           | Kurt C     | Roland D             | Julie Ann M         | Maria Sulfaro    | Antonietta C             |  |  |  |
|                                                                   | Delia J              |            | Greg G               | Anna C              | Jacqueline R     | Michael D                |  |  |  |
|                                                                   |                      |            | Ronald D             |                     | Oliver T         | Joe C                    |  |  |  |
| Altar Servers                                                     | George E             | Tony Cilia | Adrian D A           | Henry, Oliver Fawaz | Raphael P Rey S  | Jericho, Jude Jherzielle |  |  |  |
|                                                                   | Light of Jesus (LOJ) | AHFI       | MWF with LHM Sisters | Emmaus              | Arielle Mary Ann | Exxemoz                  |  |  |  |
| Choirs                                                            |                      |            |                      |                     | Lea Lapid        |                          |  |  |  |
| NEXT WEEK: 26 July 2026 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A |                      |            |                      |                     |                  |                          |  |  |  |
|                                                                   | 7:00pm               | 7:00am     | 8:30am               | 10:00am             | 12:00pm          | 6:00pm                   |  |  |  |
| Commentator                                                       | Delia J              | Richelle C | Hilda D S            | Eva O               | Diana T          | James J                  |  |  |  |
| 1st Reader                                                        | Gregg S              | Alister R  | Mario N              | Maria Mizzi         | Mel O            | Danica L                 |  |  |  |
| 2nd Reader                                                        | Ryson D              | Jessie M   | Lorraine B           | Teresa Tan          | Shereen Q        | Samantha D G             |  |  |  |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion                         | Rochelle R           | Kurt C     | Thi Pham             | Roger S J           | Gloria T         | Virgie G                 |  |  |  |
|                                                                   | Joan S               | Stefan P   | Shirley T            | Nohie G             | Oliver T         | Greg G                   |  |  |  |
|                                                                   | Paul M               |            | Wynna D              | Marilou S J         | Kirk D G R       | Teo C                    |  |  |  |
|                                                                   | Delia J              |            | Ronald D             | Joe M               | Toniette S       | Perry C                  |  |  |  |
| Altar Servers                                                     | George E             | Tony Cilia | Adrian D A           | Henry, Oliver Fawaz | Raphael P Rey S  | Jericho, Jude Jherzielle |  |  |  |
|                                                                   |                      | AHFI       | CFA                  | Exxemoz             | Arielle Mary Ann | MWF with LHM Sisters     |  |  |  |
| Choirs                                                            |                      |            |                      |                     |                  |                          |  |  |  |

**Feast. Mary Magdalene**  
Wednesday, 22 July

**Feast. St James, apostle**  
Saturday, 25 July

**Work With Children Check.** A friendly reminder to all new volunteers (over 18 years old) to please apply for WWCC immediately. And for those whose WWCC have expired, please renew your WWCC immediately. Thank you

**Parish Carpark.** Friendly reminder that the Parish/School Car Park is Closed Monday to Friday between 9:30am to 2:30pm due to new Children's Safety Regulation introduced to Parish and School organisations. Thank you for your cooperation.

**SPC Sunday School** every Sunday 11am-12pm, Marian House.  
Contact: Sr Catherine, LHM 0425157651

**SPC "ANIMO" Youth Meeting** every Tuesday, SPC Hall. Contact: Sr Pierre, LHM 0415306389

**Positions vacant:** Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people. Further details can be found on either the Archdiocese website at: <https://www.melbournecatholic.org.au/job-vacancies>

Please keep our crying room clean and tidy. Please pick up your rubbish before leaving. Thank you for your cooperation.

## A VOCATION VIEW

There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth, or prevent us from hearing clearly God's voice. We need time to reflect on the garden of our life.