

The Living Word

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

19 July 2026

First Reading Wis 12:13.16-19

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 Rom 8:26-27

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.

Gospel Acclamation See 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

(or shorter form Mt 13:24-30)

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 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."



Reflection by Greg Sunter

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.

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!'

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19th of July 2026

PARISH RCIC PROGRAM 2026

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Children-

Baptism for children aged 7 years and above)

Classes are held in the Church from 4 pm to 5 pm on the Monday afternoon of the 20th, 27th of July, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st of August and 7th September.

Baptism Celebration at St. Patrick's church: Sunday September 13th, at 12 pm.

PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2026

(For children who have received the sacraments of

Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist already)

Classes are held in the church from 4 pm to 5 pm on the Friday afternoon of the 24th, 31st of July, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th of August and 4th, 11th of September.

Confirmation Celebration at St. Patrick's church: Saturday September 12th, 2026 at 12:30 pm & 2:30 pm.

If you are still interested in your child completing either of these sacraments, you still have time to enroll your child, please contact the parish office by 1pm on Monday 20th July, by emailing: kilmore@cam.org.au

TRAINING SESSIONS FOR EUCHARIST MINISTERS AND MASS READERS

- Training for Eucharist Ministers - 25th July at 12 noon, Our Lady of the Way Church, Wallan.
- Training for Mass Readers - 15th August at 12 noon, St Patrick's Church, Kilmore.

(Please note: Change of venue—for those who have already been notified.)

This invitation is extended to any Eucharist Ministers and Mass Readers, who want to do a refresher course, you are also welcome to come along.

Synod Corner: *Synodality and joy*

When people are invited to participate meaningfully, joy increases. A synodal Church is not weighed down by bureaucracy but energised by shared mission.



Melbourne Synod 2026 – Theme Paper Release

The Synod theme papers are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. The papers aim to foster a spirit of hope and imagination—trusting that, as we walk together, God is calling us into a future marked by faithfulness, renewal, and deeper communion. The suggested reflection process is a 'Conversation in the Spirit' or a Spiritual Conversation. This method is based in prayer and allows people to come together to both speak and to listen. Different from a discussion, it is an attentive listening process that aims to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. At the conclusion of each theme paper, there are prompt questions for reflection. Responses to these prompt questions can be provided via the QR code which is at the end of each paper. **Copies of these theme papers are available in church.**

We pray for the Melbourne Synod:

That our preparations will be marked by wisdom in decision-making, courage in leadership, and humility in listening to one another. May the Spirit guide our every conversation and action. **Amen.**

CHURCHES

St. Patrick's, Kilmore
Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford
Our Lady of the Way, Wallan
St. Michael's, Wandong

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat (Vigil) 5 pm, Broadford
6.30 pm, Kilmore
Sun 8.45 am, Wallan
10.45 am, Kilmore

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu-Sat 9 am, Kilmore
Wed 9 am, Wallan
(Please note: out of school terms, Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)

CONFESSION

9.30 am, Thursday morning during Adoration

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction
Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore

Divine Mercy Chaplet
15 minutes prior to each weekday Mass, Kilmore

Rosary
after each weekday Mass, and Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan) & 10.20 am (Kilmore)

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St. Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding the safety, wellbeing, and dignity of children, young people, and adults.

PARISH DIARY:

Sat, 18 Jul: WEEKDAY, 15TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 19 Jul: 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Mon, 20 Jul: WEEKDAY, 16TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

No Mass
2 pm Safeguarding Committee Meeting,
St Patrick's Presbytery
4 pm RCIC Classes Lesson #1, St Patrick's
Presbytery

Tue, 21 Jul: WEEKDAY, 16TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Wed, 22 Jul: ST. MARY MAGDALENE

9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church

Thu, 23 Jul: WEEKDAY, 16TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Fri, 24 Jul: WEEKDAY, 16TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
4 pm Confirmation Classes Lesson #1, St
Patrick's Presbytery

Sat, 25 Jul: ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11am Baptisms, Our Lady of the Way Church
12 noon Eucharist Ministers Training, Our Lady
of the Way Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 26 Jul: 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

New Parish Administrator Announcement

We are pleased to announce that we have received the formal appointment letter for our new Parish Administrator, Rev. Fr. Antony Santhiyagu MGL. His appointment comes into effect on 25 November 2026. We look forward to welcoming Fr. Antony as the spiritual leader of our faith community.



Update on the repair of St Patrick's Church foyer door

The replacement of the foyer glass door in St Patrick's Church has been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. We understand that it is very cold in the church at the moment, however the local glaziers expect to have this completed in approximately 4 weeks.

Thanks for your patience, for a few more weeks, while we try to resolve this situation.

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>18/19 Jul</u>	<u>25/26 Jul</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	18 Jul	25 Jul
Reader	P. Donovan	A. Putker
EMHC	A. Donovan	J. Dixon
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	18 Jul	25 Jul
Reader	J. O'Callaghan	M. Fleischmann
EMHC	J. Jain	C. Clancy
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
<u>WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):</u>	19 Jul	26 Jul
Reader	M. Carocci	N. Ryan
EMHC	T. Cooney	A. Moore
EMHC	J. Sapiano	C. Banon
PowerPoint	R. Quinn	F. Thompson
<u>KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):</u>	19 Jul	26 Jul
Reader	C. Edulan	C. Dodd
EMHC	A. Liddle	C. Mathew
PowerPoint	W. Reece	K. Curry
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	M. Fleischmann	P. Duff
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	TBA	H. Clancy
	TBA	P. Duff
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	G. Pereira	L. Beaumont
	& B. Collier	& C. Eid

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Recently Deceased

Brenda Elizabeth Sorraghan

Anniversaries

Deirdre Reed, Elizabeth Joyce Bowdern, Lindsey Murphy, Ursula M'Whinney, Veronica Laffan, Elaine Agnes Zoch, Jodie Smith, Carmel Kelly, Janet Leishman, Mary Ray, Maria Montero, Eric Torres, Francis Joseph Hart, Edith Florence Cameron, Alice Mary Scully, Neil Gough, Frank Buttigieg, Henricus Verbaken, Michael Delahunty, David Haine, Ricki Schwab, Br. Thomas Maher, Robert Barr, Joseph Francis Coleiro, Ray Mavro, Peter Liddle, James, Angela & Seamus Slevin and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'Agostino, Theo Aitchison, Julie Ahearn, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Liam Heffernan, Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michelle Chatfield and all people who are in need of our prayers.

Calling all performers!

St Francis of Assisi musical showcase

COG theatre group is preparing a musical showcase to commemorate the year of St Francis of Assisi so we are looking for those who'd like to use their skills to contribute or are simply curious, eager or interested to help front or backstage. Training is provided so beginners are welcome. All are welcome to join in. We are holding an orientation for this musical showcase on Sun 26 of July. Contact for further information:

cogtheatregroup@gmail.com or 0413 398 528

Or book for further information:

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