

**First Reading:** [Ezekiel 17:22-24](#) A reading from the prophet Ezekiel  
*I have made the small tree great.*

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: [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.)

**Second Reading:** [2 Corinthians 5:6-10](#)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

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,

**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](#) A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

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.

asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

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*11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B*  
*16th June 2024*

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate *The Sowing of the Seed*

A peasant in Galilee would hope for a return of 7:1 when sowing seed for a crop. So when Jesus pictures the Kingdom of God as a wonderful harvest (returning 100:1 as he put it in another parable), his peasant listeners would envisage a future without hunger, without servitude to rapacious landlords and money-lenders. A true liberation (such as Mary sang of in the Magnificat)!

Naturally, they and we want to know when this new way of life, this fulfilling of the Kingdom of God, will come about. Our Lord replies: 'Be patient. Your job is to sow the seed. Something will happen out of all proportion to your part in the process, just like the disproportion of the mustard seed to a mustard bush' (which he exaggerates into a tree sheltering birds).

God's creative power worked in the depths of stony ground of the tomb to raise up the Gospel Seed who is Jesus Christ. From that, a community has grown which, at its best, leads to a fair and just distribution of the world's resources, as Pope Francis insists is a major test of authenticity of our claim to be Christian.

We could take a moment to pray for the courage to sow the seed of the Gospel whenever an opportunity presents itself, and the patience to await the germinating power of the Resurrection to create the Tree of Life such that all peoples 'can shelter in its shade'.

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### WEEKDAY MASS

*Week 17th June - 23rd June*

**Tuesday**  
St Francis de Sales No Mass

**Wednesday**  
Holy Rosary Church, Marian 6.00pm

**Thursday**  
Immaculate Conception, Mirani 8.00am

**Friday**  
Adoration - Holy Rosary Church, 8.30am  
Mass- Holy Rosary Church, Marian 9.00am

### NEXT WEEKEND:

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

**Saturday**  
Holy Rosary Church, Marian 6.00pm

**Sunday**  
Immaculate Conception, Mirani 7.00am  
*Reconciliation: - Before Weekend Mass*  
**Regular Mass times :-**

### Holy Rosary Marian

Every Wednesday 6pm  
(Healing Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month)  
Every Friday 8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (Starting 7th June) 9am Mass  
Every Saturday 6pm

### Immaculate Conception, Mirani

Every Thursday 8am  
(Healing Mass 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month)  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 7am

### St Francis de Sales, Finch Hatton

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 8am (Healing Mass)  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 7am

### Immaculate Heart of Mary Mt Charlton

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 4pm.

The Rockhampton Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites all to their annual gathering for 2024 – Encounter School of Ministry Winter Intensive. This will be a powerful experience that helps bridge the gap between the supernatural lifestyle of Jesus and the everyday experience of many believers, and a chance to hear from engaging and faith-filled speakers.

Venue Emmaus College, Rockhampton. From Friday 23 August @ 6pm concluding Sunday 25 August @ 12.30pm. Registration includes meals Adults \$90-00, Students and Young adults 18 to 25yrs \$45-00. A bus will be travelling from Mackay.

To register use the QR Code or <https://app.tickets.org.au/ESMbrisbane/EncounterWI>  
Any queries call Deirdre 0419 028 016.

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**Donate to Vinnies Winter Appeal:** Donate today to provide people who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness and those struggling with cost of living pressures. Please visit [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au) or call 13 18 12. Donations can also be dropped off at the Regional Council Office on the corner of Hamlet & Juliet Streets, South Mackay.

“The Catholic Dinner Club (**Note, name change**) will meet on Mon. 24th June at 6.30 pm for a 7 pm start at the Boomerang Hotel, Nebo Rd. The guest speaker is **Michael Bichler, Officer in Charge Mackay Aviation Rescue and Fire-fighting**. Visitors/New members are always welcome. **RSVP to Peter Sheedy by text or mobile at 0418 186 691**”.

### *Please Pray For:*

**The Sick:** Jim Scriha, Earl Neilsen, Eric O’Neill, Kacey Sanfilippo, Charlie Axiak, Joseph Agius, Nancy Curran, John Fordyce, Matt O’Neill,

**The Recently Deceased:** (2024)

Annie Anderson,

**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** (Dates are in front of names)

24/5 Angie Caruana,

**Remembrance Mass that have been requested:** Jan Webb, Michael Sarich, Stuart Sarich, Trevor Lamb, John Caruana, Charlie Caruana, Angie Caruana, Annie Scriha, Dale Axiak, Sarino Ferlazzo, John Breen, George Lando, Monica & Tony Baldwin, Monty & Bess Martin,

*Permission must be sought from the person for their name to be added to the sick list.*

*Names of recently deceased family members and names for anniversaries will only remain in the bulletin for 30 days. Thank you.*

**Reclaim Young Adults Retreat:-** Brisbane Archdiocese is running a young adults retreat in the Sunshine Coast on the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> of July. A chance to get away, rest, make some new friends and make space for God. Click on the QR code for more info or to register. If you’re interested in carpooling with other young adults from our diocese than contact Mick at 0433 897 973 or [youth@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:youth@rok.catholic.net.au). Registration for the event is at <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/reclaimretreat24>



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