

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Isaiah 55: 10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 64: 10-14.

**R: The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat,
they shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

SECOND READING – Romans 8: 18-23

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

■ **The word of the Lord**

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 – Matthew 13: 1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Let's reflect...

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." (Matthew 13:22)

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving: Vincent Ambrose, Warren Peters, Balm Family,

For the sick: Noel Duddy (3), Sally-Ann Schreuers (2)

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maxwell de Rozario, Beryl Rodrigues, Sybil D'Silva, Edmund Francis Tellis, Carlyle Neydorff

Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation

Until further notice the Saturday morning time for the Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation will be suspended. Arrangements can be made privately by contacting one of the priests.

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME

(Year A)



11th & 12th July 2020

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<https://stkevins.org.au/support-us/>

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<https://youtu.be/k-gBOvfy-l0>

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You can now follow us on Facebook too!

A short reflection for 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Our readings present the word of God as seed planted in human hearts and so in the 1st reading, the prophet Isaiah compares the power of the word of God to the rain and snow which waters the earth and makes it yield and giving growth (Isa 55:10). This passage goes to show that God takes care of the earth as he takes care of the human soul, planting the seed of his word in it and nourishing it with the living water of life. Indirectly, the Apostle Paul, in the second reading, reassures his listeners that the suffering which they undergo in making the seed of the word grow in their earthly lives is nothing compared with the glory of the harvest in the life to come (Rm 8:18). Planting the seed of goodness in the world full of evil is not an easy task, neither is it easy to plant the seed of love, peace, kindness and joy in a world full of hatred, conflicts, wickedness and sorrows. Jesus tells the parable of the seed and the sower to illustrate how different hearts respond to the word of God.

Fr. Dong Tran

Churches closed again

St. Kevin's Church is closed

Following upon the announcement by the Victorian Government, Archbishop Peter Comensoli has written to signal the changes that have to be made and to express his support and understanding in view of the kind of impact these will have on the Church in Melbourne.

From Thursday, 9th July:

- Public Celebration of Mass is not permitted. Only the recording or live-streaming of Mass is permitted. The program of Masses on weekdays in St. Kevin's Church is now suspended.
- St. Kevin's Church is closed. Private prayer in the church is not permitted. The program of "open church" sessions during the weekdays is now suspended.

I am grateful for your understanding. May the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, watch over and guide not only our parish community, but also the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Let us continue in St. Kevin's Parish to be a prayerful community in commending ourselves to the Holy Family.

More than three months! Now a backward step or two!

Last Sunday, I reflected on the major phases experienced over more than three months since we began to experience the effects of the imposed restrictions due to the pandemic. I wanted to provide a record and give some acknowledgement of parishioners who have been crucial to what has become the heartbeat of St. Kevin's Parish. This heartbeat amounts to the generous efforts and abilities of these parishioners to ensure the centrality of worship and the importance of establishing various means of communication. More broadly, then, there have been other parishioners who have been and continue to play a vital role, particularly in assisting to support the centrality of worship. Here, I am mindful of Kevin D'Mello and his coordination of choirs and musicians, Harriet Xavier coordinating readers and commentators, Martin Thomas coordinating altar servers, and also Pam Giaquinta with the Flower Ministry Team. There have been those, too, who have assisted Sanele and Ami Leumoana: other sacristans, namely, Henrico Gontran, Patrick Chen and Warren Peters and their assistants Anne van der Straaten and Ryan Martin. Our sincerest thanks to them all,

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney