



Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

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Incorporating the Communities of St Mary's Sea Lake, Sacred Heart Culgoa, St Michael's Lalbert, St Joseph's Nandaly, S's Peter & Paul Quambatook & St Mary's Swan Hill as well as the Lake Boga Families & Faith Group



2ND OCTOBER 2022

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"INCREASE OUR FAITH!"



Jesus' disciples ask for an increase in faith. I'm sure we have often felt a similar need. It is not always easy being a follower of Jesus. The many troubles of this world can overwhelm us. We certainly need God's help. Jesus reassures his disciples that the smallest amount of faith, even if only the size of a mustard seed, can achieve the seemingly impossible. I think the emphasis on the smallness of the mustard seed is very important here. It leaves no room for presumption or pride. It is so tiny that it cannot trust in its own strength, but in the power and goodness of its Creator. The very littleness of the mustard seed leaves room for the greatness of God's awesome plans for us.

I think the smallness of the mustard seed ties in with the humble service called for in the second part of the Gospel. A servant shouldn't expect any special congratulations or reward for simply doing their duty. In the same way, we shouldn't get ahead of ourselves with boastful thoughts of how much we have done for God. After all, everything comes from him, so whatever we do will always fall short of what we owe. And yet, while we should always hold and foster a spirit of gratitude to God,

that does not limit God's generous response to our humble service. We shouldn't expect anything, and yet we hear elsewhere of what the Good Master promises for the servant he finds faithfully at his duty; "truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them" (Lk 12:37).

How truly generous is our Good God! How many the wonders he works in our lives! I am very blessed in my role to hear many stories of God's loving actions in your lives. Someone stepped into your life just when you needed them. An opportunity came your way just at the right moment. You were able to pull through a prolonged period of anxiety or stress when it all seemed too much. You found clarity and peace when faced with a difficult decision. A relationship was reconciled, or a hurt was healed. You found comfort and strength in times of illness, or were perhaps even restored to health. And perhaps what feels like the greatest gift of all, a loved one came to faith when you least expected it. The list could easily go on. God is most certainly working in our lives. Treasure those experiences, and never be afraid to share them with each other so that we might all be strengthened in faith.

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Child Safe Church

Here in the Parish of Holy Family North East Mallee we follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Ballarat Diocesan Office.



Please keep in your prayers

Recent Deaths

Vince Rovere
Margaret Callahan (Bendigo)
John the Baptist (Vietnam)
John "Jack" Foott (Donald)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Doreen Greenham, Audrey & Stephen Walsh,
Ellen Kelly, Alma Cameron, John Tuohey,
Margaret McLoughlin, Clare Conlan, Maurice
Foley, William Kelly, John Considine, Margaret
Barry, Frances Mineo, Immacolata Marsilino,
Dick Balsarini, Carmel Kelly, Mary Louisa Boulton,
Bill O'Loughlin, Dom Violi, Thomas Patrick Bell,
Ada & Gordon Dwyer, Murray Grant.

SICK LIST

Paul Donohue, Jayden Williams, Margaret Foott,
Jarrod Crimmins, Jack Donohue, Jude Lewis,
Susan, Yvonne Annan, Sarah Kenny, Michael
Bourke, Bridget Phyland, Carmel Ryan,
Tony Caruana

THIS WEEKEND (1ST/2ND OCTOBER)

Saturday 6pm Swan Hill
Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill

Sunday 4pm Sea Lake

(Mass at later time due to Baptisms)

WEEKDAYS

Tuesday 4th: 5.30pm

Wednesday 5th: 10am

Thursday 6th: Funeral Vince Rovere 1:30pm
Confessions 5pm

Mass 5.30pm; Adoration until 7pm

Friday 7th: **NO MIDDAY MASS**

Saturday 8th: Confessions 9.00am-9:30am

NEXT WEEKEND (8TH/9TH OCTOBER)

Friday Culgoa 5pm

Saturday 6pm Swan Hill

Sunday 8.30am Quambatook

Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill

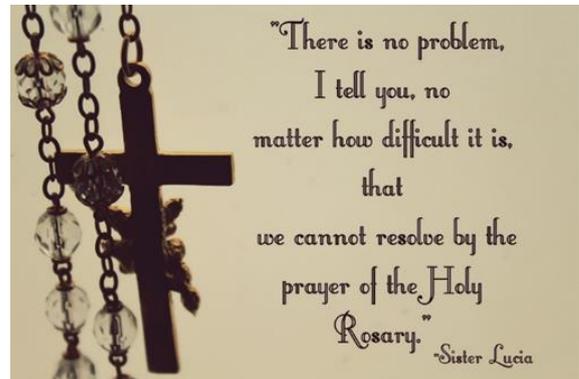
Sunday 5pm Nandaly

NOTICES

APOLOGIES- ROSTERS

Are you one of the people who recently have shown interest in assisting with the offertory and other ministries at weekend Masses and asked to go on the rosters?

Unfortunately the names have gone missing, so if you can help please contact the office on a Tuesday or Friday or email anytime.



2022 PUBLIC ROSARY

Saturday, October 15th - 10am Riverside Park.
BYO chair. *Please note change of date.*

JOIN US FOR A NATION-WIDE ROSARY CHAIN. To commemorate the 105th anniversary of the 'Miracle of the Sun', Australia will take part in the nationwide Public Rosary. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima, we will ask for God's merciful blessing upon our nation.

A world-wide event, this annual public Rosary unites people from all different ages and backgrounds, across our planet, in a common prayer for the reparation of sins. It is held in public to be a sign of hope in these confused and troubled times, to give witness to our faith and to invite and encourage others to also lift their hearts and minds to God and return to the peace and comfort of his loving and merciful embrace.

**IF YOU WANT PEACE IN YOUR HEART,
IN YOUR HOME, IN YOUR COUNTRY,
ASSEMBLE TOGETHER EVERY NIGHT
AND SAY THE ROSARY.**

(Pope St. Pius X)

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THANK YOU

A little while back I put the feelers out for some guitars. We received a very generous response.

Thank you!

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please check that you have collected your envelopes for 2022/2023 from the back of the church. There are a number of **monthly and yearly** envelopes still to be collected.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection (Presbytery): \$ 1057

2nd Collection (Parish- Planned Giving): \$ 883

HAVE YOU THOUGHT?

Why might the disciples have asked Jesus to increase their faith?

What is the message of Jesus' reply to them about faith the size of a mustard seed?

When do you ever feel like the disciples: in need of more faith?

When have you acted in service of someone else without expecting any reward?

What opportunities exist for you to act out of faith without expectation?

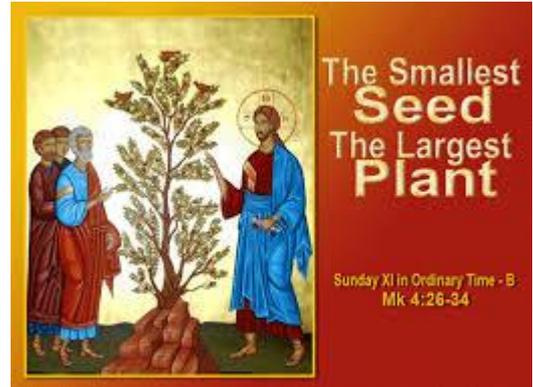
In what ways might the disciples have felt overwhelmed by the expectations of Jesus at times?

Why is it impossible to 'measure' faith?

How much faith is enough faith?

Who are the 'people of faith' that you admire? What inspires you about them?

Faith
is not hoping
God can
it is knowing
He **Will**



REFLECTION BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

In our struggles to be faithful disciples, we frequently must endure periods when we feel abandoned by God. When we have been intent on serving God with genuine devotion, such times are particularly trying, for one would expect that God would not withdraw consolations. When this happens, the broken heart and the strained spirit cry out to God in complaint: How long? Why? We have all been worn down by life, tempted to give up, too weary to go on.

Faith in God is a gift for which we pray. It enables us to accomplish marvellous feats; with it we can move mountains. As unprofitable servants, we do not earn it; we have no right to claim it as our own. We are the ones from whom faithful service will be expected. We will be sent to plough the fields and tend the sheep. We will be called to serve at table.

The faith that is ours has been mediated to us through the community. We have heard about God and about Jesus from others, from our parents and families, from our teachers and those who preach, from those with whom we work and play. Faith comes from God, but through the mediation of the community. Timothy received faith from his mother and grandmother. It was strengthened in him through the imposition of Paul's hands and through his preaching of the word of God. Furthermore, what Paul taught had first been handed down to him from those who preceded him. © Dianne Bergant CSA

FIRST READING Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 17:5-10

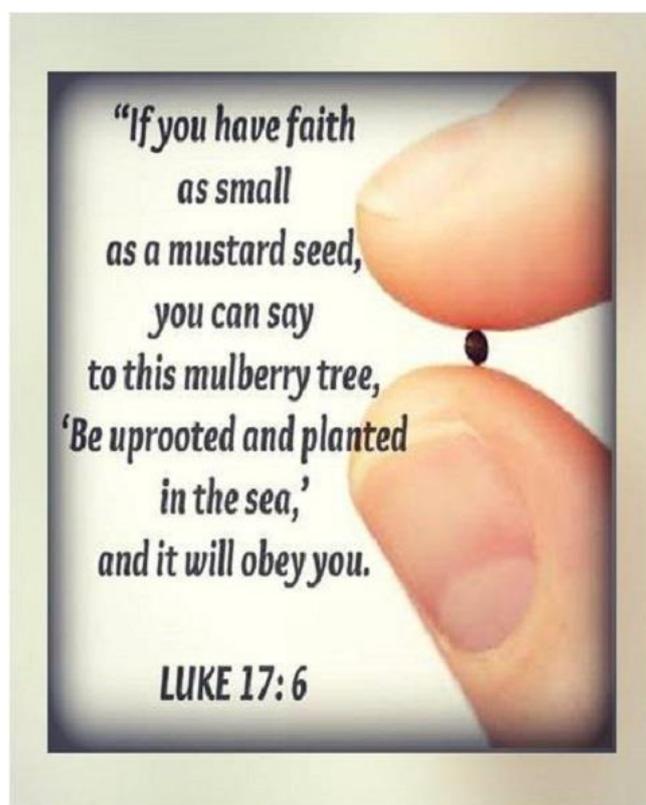
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

The Gospel of the Lord.



READINGS NEXT WEEK:

28th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kgs 5:14-17

Second Reading: 2 Tm 2:8-13

Gospel: Lk 17:11-19