Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

23rd July 2023

Today's Gospel reading offers three parables through which Jesus speaks to the crowds about the Kingdom of God. I will focus on the first: that of the good wheat and the weeds, which illustrates the problem of evil in the world and highlights God's patience (cf. Mt 13:24-30, 36-43). How much patience God has! Each one of us too can say this: "How much patience God has!". The narrative takes place in a field with two antagonists. On one side is the master of the field, who represents God and who sows good seed; on the other is the enemy, who represents Satan and scatters weeds.

As time passes, the weeds grow among the wheat, and the master and his servants express different opinions regarding this fact. The servants would like to intervene and uproot the weeds; but the master, who is concerned above all with saving the wheat, is against this, saying: "No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them" (v. 29).

With this image, Jesus tells us that in this world good and evil are so intertwined that it is impossible to separate them and eradicate all evil. God alone can do this, and he will do so at the Last Judgment. With its ambiguities and its composite character, the present situation is the field of freedom, the field of Christian freedom, in which the difficult exercise of discernment is made between good and evil.

This field then, involves reconciling, with great trust in God and in his providence, two seemingly contradictory approaches: decision and patience. Decision is that of wanting to be good wheat — we all want this — with all our might, and thus keeping away from the evil one and his seduction. Patience means preferring a Church that acts as leaven in the dough, that is unafraid to sully her hands washing her children's clothes, rather than a Church of "purists" who presume to judge ahead of time who will be in the Kingdom of God and who will not.

Today the Lord, who is Wisdom incarnate, helps us to understand that good and evil cannot be identified with neatly defined areas or specific human groups: "These are the good, those are the bad". He tells us that the boundary line between good and evil passes through the heart of each person; it passes through the heart of each of us, that is: We are all sinners. I would like to ask you: "Whoever is not a sinner raise your hand". No one! Because we are all sinners, all of us are.

Jesus Christ, with his death on the Cross and his Resurrection, has freed us from the slavery of sin and given us the grace to journey in a new life; but along with Baptism he also gave us Confession, because we all need to be forgiven for our sins. Looking always and only at the evil that is outside of us means not wanting to recognise the sin that is also inside us.

Then Jesus teaches us a different way of looking at the field of the world, of observing reality. We are called to learn God's time — which is not our time — and also God's "gaze": thanks to the beneficial influence of uneasy anticipation, what were weeds or seemed to be weeds can become a good product. It is the reality of conversion. It is the prospect of hope!

(Pope Francis' Homilies)

23 July: World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in our Parish



The third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, is being celebrated this weekend July 23, 2023, will have the theme, "His mercy is from age to age" (*Lk* 1: 50).

This verse reminds us that God's mercy is manifested in history through the testimonies of those who have experienced it and passed it on to their children and grandchildren. Grandparents and the elderly are called to carry this mercy, to tell through words and life how God has been faithful to His promises and how He continues to love His people. They are also called to receive God's mercy, and to allow themselves to be comforted by His fatherly love that never abandons them. The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is an occasion to once again express with joy that the Church wants to celebrate together with those whom the Lord -- as the Bible says -- has given "a full life".

This year's Day is characterised by its close connection with the World Youth Day, which will be held in Lisbon from 1st to 6th August. This relationship is evident in Pope Francis' message to elders, inviting them to pray for and bless the youth who will participate in the WYD, and to young people, urging them to visit and listen to the grandparents and the elderly in their community. The Pope stressed that between the two generations there is a communion of life and faith, a mutual giving and gratitude, a witness of hope and charity. A special prayer and blessing will be held at all Masses on the day and we invite all our parishioners to attend the service along with their parents/grandparents and elderly members of the family.

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Regular Mass Timings

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St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide

Sunday Masses Sat: 6pm(Vigil)

> Sun: 7am, 9am, 11am, 2.30pm (African), 6pm

Mon - Fri: 8am, 12.10pm & 5.45pm **Weekday Masses**

Sat: 8am, 11.30am

Mon, Wed, Fri: 11-12 noon, 5-5.30pm Confessions

Sat: 12 noon-1pm, 4.30-5.30pm

Holy Hour Tues: 6.30pm, Fri: 11am

8am Mass ONLY at the Cathedral Public Holidays* *Except 26 January and 25 April - Mass at 9am ONLY at the Cathedral

St Mary's, Lower North Adelaide

Tues and Fri: 8am Sun: 9.30am

Our Lady Queen of Angels, Thebarton

Sat: Confessions: 5.45pm | Vigil: 6pm

Sun: 9.30am

St John Vianney, Burnside

Tues and Thu: Mass: 9am | Confessions (Thu): 9.30am

Sun: 9am

St Peter Claver, Dulwich

Wed: 9am, Fri: 11am Confessions: 11.30am Sat: Confessions: 5.30pm | Vigil: 6pm

Sun: 11am

Holy Name, Stepney

Sun: 11am

St. Patrick, Grote Street, Adelaide

Sun: 10.30am (Croatian)

4.00pm (Portuguese) ONLY 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kangaroo Island

Sun: Confessions: 9:00 am | Mass: 9.30 am

Please contact the Parish Office for Baptism & Wedding bookings.

WORSHIP

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with a willing heart and praise your name, O Lord for it is good.

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13. 16-19.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43.

Universal Prayer Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Next Week: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12. Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52.

Liturgies & Activities (24th–30th July)

Mon St. Sharbel Makhluf Tue St. James Apostle

Wed St. Anne and St. Joachim, parents of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Thu St. Pantaleon.

St. Martha, St. Mary and St. Lazarus. Sat Sun Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer Requests for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Carmel Lorna Tormey, Julie Nelson, J.C Rivera, Maureen Brett, Carmel Lorna Tormey,

Deceased Anniversaries:

Cathedral: Carol Scalamera, and Anna Boshko,

Queen of Angels: Francola family, Rosa Cavallaro, Maria Faiello and Fortunata Rillota.

St. Mary's: Veronica Dann, Don Roberts and Lorna Hurford.

St. John Vianney/St. Peter Claver: Mary Quinn and Rita Wirtitsh.

Prayers Requests for the Sick

June Cochrane, Baby Ottilie Marie, Anton Sylvester, Antonio Romeo, Msgr. Robert Egar, Angelina Musico, Charles Dias, Diana, Klevis Gjeluci, Emily Swan, David Clayton, Mary Walsh, Vilma D'Cruz, Ingrid Rebmann, Annie Oomen, Joshua Jose, Jithin Jamon, Madison Musico, William Shemmeld and Shaun & Joseph Coleiro and Denis Cranswick.

World Grandparents Day Prayer of Thanks



Dear God,

Thanks for our Grandparents who love us so much and always makes us feel so special.

Look after them and keep them well so that we can keep sharing with them, enjoying their hugs and smiles, their great stories and wisdom, their encouragement and inspiration.

Amen.

23 July: Imagination, Friendship & Spirituality

"Imagination, Friendship and Spirituality" is part of a paper presented at the 2022 Receptive Ecumenism V International Conference in Sweden. It was received and lauded for its vitality and renewed approach to unity in the diverse family of God, raising practical and grounded ways that we can engage together. Come and enjoy a coffee and conversation on Sunday, 23 July: 2pm-4pm at St John's Halifax St, Anglican Church Hall, 379 Halifax St, Adelaide.

For further information and to RSVP, please contact Rev Anne Hewitt Mob: 0475 016 789 or eo@churchestogethersa.org.au

26 July: IMPORTANT TO NOTE: Formation Sessions for ALL Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

There will be formation sessions for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in most of our Parish Churches. To accommodate those who work and those who prefer not to go out at night, these sessions will be held in both the morning and Extraordinary Ministers For of Holy Communion, it is a mandate by the Archbishop that regular lists be updated and sent to the Archbishop's Office for approval. The sessions will begin with formation for the Readers, then we will have a short break and continue with the training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Attendance is required of all who volunteer in these vital roles, your cooperation is greatly appreciated. You are welcome to attend ANY of the sessions below:

St Mary's: Wednesday 26 July 10am & 6:30pm.

Thank you to all who have attended the previous sessions.

29 July: Adult Confirmation

There will be an opportunity for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation for adults who have been baptised but not confirmed. This celebration will be held at the 6pm Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday 29 July. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be the main celebrant. Ahead of the confirmation there will be two preparation sessions for all registered candidates. These sessions will be held on Saturday, 15 July and 22 July, from 1.30-3pm, in the hall adjacent to the Cathedral. For further information and to register for Adult Confirmation, contact the Office for Worship P: 8210 8130, or Kathy Horan P: 8210 8288.

30 July: Women's Afternoon Retreat

An afternoon of talks, guided scripture meditation, quiet personal reflection time, sharing and simply being in peaceful surroundings. The retreat will take place on Sunday 30 July 1-5pm, Bethany Centre, Mary MacKillop Precinct, 4 High St, Kensington, SA For more information about the retreat and to book contact Rachel: rachelfleurant.mgl@gmail.com or

1 Aug: Together on the Way: Journey to the Synod - Second Session

Petranel: petranelferrao@gmail.com

You are invited to join the second of three gatherings with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan as we journey toward the Global Synod in October. This gathering will explore the Synod theme of *mission* – 1 August 7pm at the Monastery, 15 Cross Road, Urrbrae and online via Zoom. Bookings via www.trybooking.com/CJDRC In preparation for this event, participants are encouraged to read the Synod for a prayer for use by parishes and communities.

4 Aug: St. Vincent Pallotti Scholarship for Lay Ministry

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Closing date for applications is 4 August 2023. For more information visit: https://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship

5 Aug: Local World Youth Day Celebrations

World Youth Day Adelaide celebrations will take place on Saturday 5 August from 1:30pm-9:30pm at Sacred Heart College Marcellin Campus, Somerton Park.

Young people (aged 16-35) are invited to participate in workshops delivered by Gianna Lucas, hear from local guest presenters and engage in community conversations. This is followed by an evening of encounter through a special WYD liturgy, dinner and a concert with interstate duo Gus & Iggy and supported by local musicians. \$20 per ticket includes access to all workshops, food and drinks, liturgy and concert.

Details for WYD Adelaide 2023 can be found on www.cathyouthadelaide.org.au/world-youth-day or by contacting Julian Nguyen, Coordinator of the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults on 0472577112 or email: julian.nguyen@cesa.catholic.edu.au

6 Aug: Hiroshima Day Memorial

Join the annual commemoration on Sunday 6 August at the Peace Park (opposite Women and Children's Hospital) of the first use of nuclear weapons at Hiroshima and Nagasaki which killed 210,000 people, Stand with Pope Francis who has called for the banning of all nuclear weapons. Organised by the Graham F. Smith Peace Foundation, Romero Community, Medical Association for the Prevention of War, and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Contact Peter Laffan 0488 062 112 for further information.

Latin Mass Community Announcements

Scripture class continues tomorrow evening at 7.30pm.

Servers' practice begins again next Mon, 31 July at 5.30pm.

The Holy Name Men's Group mid-year BBQ is this Wed, 26 July, at the presbytery at Dulwich, beginning with the Rosary at 6.30pm followed by the BBQ. BYO meat and drink. Soft drinks, salads and warmth provided! All Welcome.

Confirmation class resumes next Sunday 30 July at 11am.

Registrations for our annual Rosary Pilgrimage to the church of the mid-North on 12 August are now open. Please take a flyer or speak to Rob Marsh for more details.

Welcome to new parishioners. If you are new to the Latin Mass or new to Holy Name, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to either Fr. McCaffrey or Fr. Sofatzis after Mass. There is a cuppa after the 9.15am Mass every Sunday in the tea room behind the church diagonally across the car park. All welcome. Also please feel free to register as a parishioner on our community census. The link is available on the website.

Please do not place any advertising material in the church without the prior permission of the chaplain. Thank you.

Please remember the sick in your prayers, especially Daniela Vergulis, Vincent Moran, Jana Basani, Damian Wyld, Anthony Green (Benedict Green and Anna Ros's son), Kathryn Nader, Tony Caruso, Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson's mother). Please also remember the recently deceased, especially Alexandra Vergulis, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

27 Jul: Knitting at Dulwich

The Dulwich Knitting Group will meet on Thursday 27 July in the Hall at Stuart Road, Dulwich, diagonally across the road from St. Peter Claver's Church. Come at any time from 10.30am. All parishioners and friends are welcome. Those who attend find it an enjoyable and relaxing day. Stay, knit and have morning tea with us, or call in for a chat. If you wish, bring a light lunch and stay longer. We look forward to seeing you. If you have spare balls of 8 ply wool, we would appreciate your donation to help our knitters. We knit or crochet 25cm squares to make into rugs for local people in need. If you would prefer, we welcome help to join squares into rugs. Further dates for the year are the 4th Thursdays of the month - 24 August, 21 September. For further information, contact Cheryl (0417 015 338) or Julie (0468 636 190).

Safeguarding Children

A reminder that all children need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member. Kindly ensure that children are supervised by an adult family member in the carparks at all times.



EMERGENCY EVACUATION NOTICE:

Churches in Adelaide Cathedral Parish

In the unlikely event of an emergency, please follow directions of the Priest who shall act as the Chief Warden and take control of the emergency response. When directed to evacuate the church:

- Move quickly and orderly to the nearest safe exit, do not run
- If required, provide assistance to disabled persons and the elderly
- Alert the Priest / Warden if someone is unable or unwilling to evacuate
- Proceed to the designated assembly area and await further instructions from the Priest or emergency services
- Do not re-enter any buildings until advised by the Priest or emergency services

ASSEMBLY POINTS IN	
EMERGENCY EVACUATION	
St Francis Xavier Cathedral	Mary MacKillop
	Plaza
Queen of Angels Church,	Grass area
Thebarton	
St Mary's Church, North Adelaide	Car Park
St John Vianney, Burnside	Car Park
St Peter Claver, Dulwich	Car Park
Holy Name Church, Stepney	Car Park