

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

16th June 2024

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, and

each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

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.



IONA-MARYKNOLL & KOOWEERUP

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Cuppa after 9.30am Mass Today, June
16th at St John's. All Welcome!



Tuesday 18/6	Iona	9.30am
Wednesday 19/6	Iona	9.30am
Thursday 20/6	Kooweerup	9.15am
Friday 21/6	NNG	9.30am
Saturday 22/6	NNG	5.00pm
Sunday 23/6	Kooweerup Iona	9.30am 11.00am
Liturgies	Maryknoll Lang Lang	9.00am 9.30am
Latin Mass	Iona	1st Sunday each month 5pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Our parishes acknowledges the Bunurong and Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners of this land, who have walked upon and cared for it for thousands of years.

We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Safeguarding

Our Parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk. **Bernie Hance**(KWR) **Marlene Dalziel** (Lang Lang)

Email: kooweerup@cdsale.org.au

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ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL KOOWEERUP

On **Friday 21 June at 11:30am**, we will be having the official Blessing and Opening of our Senior Learning and Library building. The ceremony will be held in the Church.

Parishioners are very welcome to attend.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL need shopping bags to assist with the distribution of food items to families in need. They can be left with food donations or contact Connie at KWR

Working with Children checks

The Diocese of Sale is currently conducting an audit to ensure parishes have an up to date WWCC record for **ALL volunteers and staff**. Anyone volunteering in any capacity must have a WWCC registered with the parish. If you have not yet provided a copy to the parish, please do so asap. This also applies to renewals, so our records are up to date. Thank you.

SAFETRAC ONLINE TRAINING FOR PARISH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

As part of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy released late last year, parish staff and volunteers are required to undertake Safeguarding training regularly. The Diocese has released an online training module called Safeguarding Children in the Diocese of Sale. Staff and volunteers in our parish who have an email address will shortly receive an email link to complete the training. This training is completed every three years. Other arrangements are being made for volunteers who do not have emails or internet access. We ask for your cooperation to undertake this online training as soon as possible as part of our parish commitment to promoting a safe environment for our children, youth, and adults at risk.

Parish News and Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Paul Hearn, Simone Papa, Jennifer Townley, Rose Ahrens, Helen Lynch, Ellie Gardiner, Jacqui Vandelight, Antoinetta Ventura,

Anniversaries :

Recent Deaths: Elaine O’Hea

“Eternal rest grant unto them , O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.”

OUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEKEND

Iona: Stewardship—\$1090.80 Presbytery \$402.85
 KWR: Stewardship— \$ 359.00 Presbytery \$226.00
 St Vinnies collections: Iona— \$393.50
 Kooweerup—\$266.95

Thank you for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated.

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

The Koo Wee Rup and Iona/Maryknoll conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society to express our sincere gratitude for the support that our parishioners have showed during our past appeals. Our next major appeal is the Winter Appeal. We hope you can help during this appeal. We are in need of canned food that has a long shelf life, as well as non-perishable food items. Some of the local supermarkets may have a basket for donations when shopping. Woollies’ Koo Wee Rup, have a donations basket at the front of the store. Baskets will be in church foyers for donations.

Baptisms

Parents who would like to have their child Baptised, please contact the Parish office—minimum 6 weeks notice please.

St James’ : All weekends during 5.00pm Mass

St Joseph’s: 1st Sunday of the month during 11am Mass

Holy Family: 2nd Sunday during 8.00am Mass

St Mary’s : 3rd Sunday during 8.00am Mass

St John’s KWR: 4th Sunday during 9.30am Mass

Baptism Co-ordinators -KWR Carmelina

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Baptism Preparation sessions for Iona-Maryknoll will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 11.00am in the parish office.

Parish Reading Rosters

June 15th/16th	READERS	MUSIC / LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	Therese V B	Sharon	
KWR	Anne		
IONA	Veronica		
MKNOLL	Sharon	Gady	Mam
LANG LANG	Marlene	MASS	
June 22nd /23rd	READERS	MUSIC/ LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	Bernadette	Sharon	
KWR	Joan H		
IONA	Ronny B		
MKNOLL	NO Liturgy		
LANG LANG	Volunteer	Mary C	

Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick

DATE	IONA- MARYKNOLL	KOOWEERUP
June 16th	John V B	
June 23rd	Alison	

Church cleaning/flowers

MKNOLL	IONA - cleaning - flowers	NNG—cleaning
June—Gady	Cleaning July 9th—M&D, Mary P, Arlyn, Miriam PB. & Liz	9/6 to 22/6 Meg & Steph Flowers 22/6 Arlyn
July—Ann	Flowers 23/6 – Cath	23/6 to Kara and Gehan

FRIENDS OF JESUS DISCUSSION GROUP KWR

2nd Tuesday of the month 1.00pm at St John’s

Next meeting **18th June **

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US, ALL WELCOME

Parish Groups/Information

PARISH OFFICES Iona-Maryknoll parish office is located behind St James Church. 60 Nar Nar Goon Rd Nar Nar Goon -
Open Tuesdays 10.30 to 3.30 and Friday 9.00 to 1.00—Sharon (Parish Secretary) Ph. 0456000990

Email: ionamaryknoll@cdsale.org.au

Kooweerup Parish office is located at the Presbytery. 166-168 Station Street Kooweerup (facing Salmon St) Office hours
are Thursdays 10.30pm to 2.00pm Email: kooweerup@cdsale.org.au Ph. 0456000990

Contact Sharon Sparks Email: kooweerup@cdsale.org.au

IONA-MARYKNOLL PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE Des Wynne (Chair), Gady Noonan (minutes) Frank Rovers, Leo
Garvey, Sharon Sparks, Ray Hearn and John Van Boxtel Next meeting: **Thursday July 4th 7.00pm NNG**

KOOWEERUP FINANCE COMMITTEE: Members—John Hester, Enzo Buccheri, Harold Keily, Peter Feltham
Parish Finance committees advise the Parish Priest on financial policies and matters of the Parish.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Iona-Mknoll reps: Sam Franzi, Rose Ahrens, Lucy Garvey KWR reps: Bernie Hance, Connie
Bontorno, Minutes secretary—Sharon Sparks Ex officio members: Andrew Greco, Chris Dortmans, Bec Kolaris

Next meeting July 24th 5.30pm at Kooweerup

HALL HIRE: For hire information of our Parish halls please contact - **Iona hall**— Liz Harrison. Mob. 0437759844

OR TEXT Miriam 0417542134, **Fr Pooley Hall Maryknoll**— Sharon Sparks. Mob. 0411500364.

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: **St Vinnies Contacts Koo We Rup /Iona Maryknoll Conference**

Referral for material aid support needs to go via the Cranbourne Call Centre on 5995 0211

Anyone interested in volunteering locally ring Deb Kerr President on 0408 971 063

Our meeting is on the 4th Sunday of the Month. The next meeting is **June 23rd 10.30am** (after Mass) at St Johns

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: The Iona branch of the CWL meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Iona hall

NEXT MEETING : June 26th at 10.30am All welcome.

Diocesan Consultation & Assembly Prayer 2024-2025

Holy Spirit of Wind and Fire, come! Startle us anew with your power and energy. Blow fresh life through our tired dreams. Fan into a flame the gifts you have given us. Light up the windows of our joy and purpose. Spark bright fires of optimism deep within us. Reveal more clearly a vision of what is possible. May we listen attentively to your quiet whisper at our very core. May we discern your call expressed in the voices and stories of others. May we build a Church that radiates and nourishes our unity of faith.

May we be at one with all of humanity and the rest of God's creation.

May we develop the courage to be people of mission, alert to opportunities, always on the move, bringing Good News to our needy world, Wind and Fire for one another.

Amen.



REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

In today's Gospel, Pope Francis reminds us, Jesus 'teaches us that even everyday things ... are inhabited by God's hidden presence.'

This should encourage us. As the Pope suggests, 'with this parable Jesus wants to instil us with confidence.' We can trust that God is still mysteriously at work building His Kingdom.

After all, the Kingdom of God is already growing – even if we do not readily see it. 'At times,' the Pope says, 'the din of the world, along with the many activities that fill our days, prevent us from stopping and seeing how the Lord is conducting history.'

'The Gospel asks us to take a fresh look at ourselves and at reality,' the Pope says. He adds that 'it asks us to have bigger eyes, that are able to see further, especially beyond appearances, in order to discover the presence of God who as humble love is always at work in the soil of our life and that of history.'

We should, therefore, be open to seeing God at work in the smallest of places.

But we are also called to be more than passive spectators. Jesus wants us to become cultivators of the Kingdom. While the mysterious growth of the Kingdom is the work of God, we all have a part to play in God's plan. 'It is up to us to sow,' the Pope points out, 'and to sow with love, with dedication and with patience.'

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