



## First Reading

**Ez 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.'

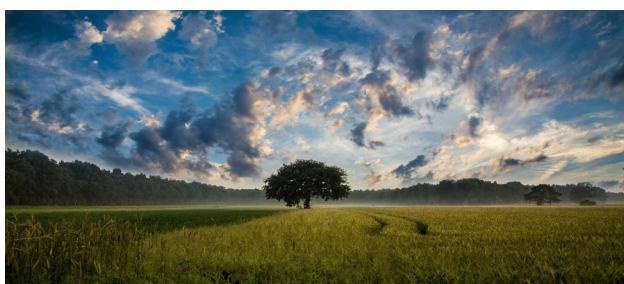
## The Word of the Lord

## 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 Cor 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.

## 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

**Mk 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.

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**REFLECTION** See Page 4

# IONA-MARYKNOLL & KOOWEERUP

## PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

Parish Office: Iona - 0456000990 KooWeeRup - 59971510

Parish Website: [imkcatholicparishes.com.au](http://imkcatholicparishes.com.au)

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Chris Dortmans (Principal)

**Mass Times—Density limits apply**  
**Maximum 50 people per venue**

Monday 14/6	Kooweerup	8.00 am
Tuesday 15/6	Iona	9.30 am
Wednesday 16/6	Iona	9.30 am
Thursday 17/6	Kooweerup	9.15 am
Friday 18/6	Nar Nar Goon	9.30 am
Saturday 19/6	St James NNG	6.00 pm
Sunday 20/6	Lang Lang Kooweerup Iona	8.00am 9.30 am 11.00 am
Liturgies 20/6	Maryknoll	9.00 am

Reconciliation: Saturdays 5.30 to 5.50 NNG

1st, 4th and 5th Sundays 9.00 to 9.20 KWR

### 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.

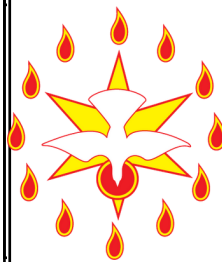
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The 2nd Confirmation Mass for candidates still to be Confirmed will be re-scheduled as soon as possible.

Please keep these children in your prayers

### St Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society is part of a worldwide network of community services that are here to help. These include material aid support via home visits, education programs, Vinnies Soup Vans, the Healthy Minds Program, and Vincent Care frontline support programs.

Each year the St Vincent De Paul Society runs two appeals. One is over the Christmas period and the other over winter. This year's winter appeal focus's on homelessness, especially as a result of the many challenges we have faced over the COVID lockdown and recovery period. There is considerable publicity around the **CEO Sleep out on 17<sup>th</sup> June**.

This year our Koo Wee Rup / Iona Maryknoll conference is also working with the four local Bendigo Bank Branches across our catchment. So please keep your eyes open in the community and encourage participation at Bendigo Banks in Bunyip, Koo Wee Rup, Lang Lang and Tooradin. The promotions department at St Vinnies head office has generated a QR scanning code which will be available in the banks (and churches) for monetary donations as well as being able to donate non-perishable food items. Literature about the services of St Vinnies will also be available both at the banks and each church. **Please give generously.**

# Parish Events

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### Sick:

**Anniversaries :** Mgr Stan Crowe, Fr William McLoughlin, Bishop Richard Ryan CM, Fr Michael Clarke OMI, Gerard Nunn, Kevin Kane.

### Recently Deceased:

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

## PLEASE NOTE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS

Religious gatherings and ceremonies are allowed with a density requirement of 1 person per 4 sqm and a **maximum 50 people per venue** plus those required to facilitate or conduct the service.

Check in upon entry using the Service Victoria app, even if your visit is less than 15 minutes.

## MASS ONLINE FROM OUR PARISH

Our Sunday Mass from our parish will be available on demand from 9.30am on Sundays until the following Saturday at this link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL-fMRNQrnI0Y\\_VRgO0u0DQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL-fMRNQrnI0Y_VRgO0u0DQ)

## Mass on TV

Mass for You at home on free- to- air television, 6am Sunday morning on WINTV Gippsland, Channel 10 and 10HD or on demand

<https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home/about>

Mass from St Patrick's Cathedral:  
Sunday at 11.00 am on Channel 44

## Online Masses in our Diocese

[www.cdsale.org.au/coronavirus](http://www.cdsale.org.au/coronavirus) provides a list of the live streams across the Diocese.

## 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 6.00pm 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-ordinator KWR Carmelina 0401911092  
Email: [carmelinadecesai@gmail.com](mailto:carmelinadecesai@gmail.com)

## Parish Reading Rosters

12TH/13TH JUNE	READERS	MUSIC / LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	PAUL		
KWR	CONNIE		
IONA	MARY S		
MKNOLL	DES	BERNADETTE	MASS
LANG LANG	MICK KERR	MARLENE	
19th/20th JUNE	READERS	MUSIC/LEADER	
NNG	THERESA VAN B		
KWR	PETER G		
IONA	SAM		
MKNOLL	BERNADETTE	JO	KERRY
LANG LANG	MARLENE	MASS	

## Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick

DATE	IONA- MARYKNOLL	KOOWEERUP
13/6	ALISON	
20/6	MARY SAYERS	

## Church cleaning/flowers

MKNOLL	IONA	NNG
JUNE— WIN	20th JUNE— ALISON	13/6 TO 26/6 KAREN LAWLOR
JULY—MAM	27TH JUNE— MARY SAYERS	27/6 TO 10/7 MEG AND STEPH

## PRAYER GROUP IONA

Meets every Thursday morning at 9.30am at Iona.  
FOR DETAILS CONTACT: MARY SAYERS: 5629 5339

## FRIENDS OF JESUS DISCUSSION GROUP KWR

2nd Tuesday of the month 1.00pm at the St John's meeting room. Next meeting TBA

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US, ALL WELCOME**

# Parish Events/Information

## **PARISH OFFICES**

**Iona-Maryknoll** parish office is located behind St James Church. 60 Nar Nar Goon Rd Nar Nar Goon Open, Mondays 9.00 to 2.00 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)

Contact Anne Nunn. Phone 59971510 Mob. 0457971265 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: TBA

**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 Franz, Miriam Pace-Bonello Therese Ventura. KWR reps: Harold Keily, Peter Gallagher, Peter Damon, Bernie Hance. Minutes secretary—Sharon Sparks

Ex officio members: Andrew Greco, Chris Dortmans, Bec Kollaris **Next Meeting June 17th 7.00pm @ KWR**

**HALL HIRE:** For hire information of our Parish halls please contact - Iona hall— Liz Harrison. Mob. 0437759844, Fr Pooley Hall Maryknoll— Sharon Sparks. Mob. 0411500364.

**ST.VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Meets on the 4th Sunday of the month.

We wish to thank everyone who has donated items and made contributions to our recent appeals, especially the students and teachers at St Johns, St James and Columba schools, also individuals who made the appeals so successful. Our store pantry is getting very low, we would appreciate if people can contribute some items for the pantry that we can use to supply those in need of our support. Items needed are non perishable foods such as canned soup, 2 minute noodles, pasta, pasta sauce, breakfast cereal, long life milk and dry biscuits. Thank you in anticipation. Peter Kerr

## **Parish Assembly – Date to be set after Lockdown has ended**

### **Parish Pastoral Council:**

Nomination Forms are available and need to be handed in to the Parish Office at either Nar Nar Goon or Koo Wee Rup. A closing date will be set once we know when Lockdown will finish.

Please put down people whom you think would be great on the Parish Pastoral Council. There is no need to get their consent as they will not be embarrassed in any way should they not wish to go on to the Council.

## **Gospel Reflection By Dianne Bergant**

The readings today remind us that poetic imagery is an apt way of describing the mysterious presence of God in our midst. The cedar began as a seedling that takes years to grow into a magnificent tree. The same is true of the mustard tree. It too requires time to develop its trunk and branches. The development of moral integrity in a human being is just as gradual. Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's presence and it produces fruit even into old age. Although God is present in all things, sustaining them and allowing them to follow their natural courses, God really transcends all things. Metaphorical language may be the best means for speaking about God and the things of God. It enables us to live in the tension that both reveals something about God and conceals God's real nature.

The reign of God also begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide. Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world. © Dianne Bergant CSA

**Dianne Bergant CSA** was a Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she taught from 1978 to 2014. She holds a BS in Elementary Education from Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI; an MA and PhD in Biblical Languages and Literature from St Louis University. Amongst other things, she served as President of Catholic Biblical Association of America (2000-2001) and has been awarded honorary doctorates from several other universities. She was an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue (1988-2017) and sat on the editorial boards of The Bible Today (1979-2005), Biblical Theology Bulletin (1990-2014), Catholic Biblical Quarterly (1992-2001), New Theology Review (1997-2003), Teaching Theology and Religion (2003-2005), and Chicago Studies (2003-2009). She has taught and lectured in many places in the United States and abroad and has written numerous books, articles and chapters in books.