



# PLANE WORDS



## NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOSEPH'S, WEST BRUNSWICK WELCOME

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

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Dear Parishioners

Jack in the myth, Jack and the Beanstalk, is a young boy whose poor widowed mother decides she has no option but to sell their last remaining cow. She entrusts Jack with the task of selling the cow so that they can eat.

Jack takes the cow to sell at the Market where he encounters a mysterious person who offers to buy the cow for a handful of bean seeds with the promise that they will provide a better life. Jack thinks that would be wonderful and sells the cow.

Jack returns with the bean seeds but his mother is so angry she throws the seeds out of the kitchen window and scolds Jack who cries himself to sleep. But early in the morning when Jack awakes he discovers the seeds have sprouted and grown into gigantic bean stalks. He climbs them. They enable him to climb above the clouds where Jack encounters a great new adventure.

In today's Gospel Jesus asks us to image, so we use our imagination and we see another mysterious person who is an abnormal farmer because he wastes so much seed as he sows. Normal farmers take great care not to waste expensive seeds. Modern farm machinery automatically drill accurate holes, deposit a single seed and covers it with soil. But our mysterious sower throws seeds liberally and generously throughout our lives, all over us, all the time.

The mystery of God is one who sows seeds in our hearts in a continuously energising, graceful and creative manner. God is one who generously lavishes us during our 'rocky times' when our lives are disjointed; on the 'edges of our paths' when we feel we are on the edges of society, amongst the very 'thorns' of our suffering and pain as well as the good times in our lives that are rich in the good soil of life.

The parable of the sower reveals God to us who never stops sowing, giving and loving us. We are the fields of God's creation amongst the rocks, the edges, the thorns and the good soil of our lives as disciples.

I am constantly reminded that the Sower has gone before me as I move among the Baptised People of Our Lady Help of Christians, St Ambroses' and St Joseph's. The seed, the Word of God, has certainly been sown in the hearts of parishioners. Evidence is the extraordinary care and love people have for those who are in need of a welcome, a word of encouragement, a phone call, a take away meal and a bevy of other little human encounters that are characterised by what the Gospel calls us to do.

Fr Greg Bourke

### AN UPDATE

Last week I wrote about the fact that Monsignor Greg Bennet was called by Pope Francis to be the Bishop of Sale Diocese. This was unforeseen and will take sometime to find another priest to fulfil his role in our new way of ministering to the parishes of Brunswick West, Brunswick and Brunswick East.

As we know the number of priests is diminishing but I assure you everything is being done to find a replacement.

# Praying 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time at Home

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-11

Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 65:10,11,12-13,14

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

You have visited the land and watered it;  
greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled;  
you have prepared the grain. **(R)**

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows,  
breaking up its clods, Softening it with showers,  
blessing its yield. **(R)**

You have crowned the year with your bounty,  
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest;  
The untilled meadows overflow with it,  
and rejoicing clothes the hills. **(R)**

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys  
blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy. **(R)**

## SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-23

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.  
All who come to him will have life forever.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots.

Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand*. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: *You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them*. "But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear.

Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

"Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy.

But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

# Praying 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time at Home

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Jesus, you invited all of us to listen today and respond to the Parable of the Sower.  
Let us hear your voice speaking to us from within. Give us the wisdom to understand your message to us. Give us strength to build our lives on your Word.

When your seed falls on the path it is not understood.  
Enable us to hear your words with a renewed understanding.  
Lord hear our prayer.

When your seed is sown on rocky ground it is received with joy but quickly forgotten and does not take root in our lives.  
Help us to reflect on your words so that they may have lasting value in our lives.  
Lord hear our prayer.

When your seed is sown among the thorns it is choked by worldly anxiety and lure of riches and bears no fruit.  
May our trust be in you Lord so that we may live in peace and embrace true values and riches.  
Lord hear our prayer.

When your seed falls on rich soil your word is understood and bears fruit, sometimes a hundred or sixty or thirty.  
Enable us to respond in the best way we can, with your loving support and strength.  
Lord hear our prayer.

When we hear our final call, we come to you with our one hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Welcome Vincenzo Giacchi with love, compassion and joy and give eternal peace to Joan Gurry whose anniversary is about this time.  
Lord hear our prayer.

God you scatter generously your seed. You risk your word, hoping that we will take to it, welcome it and make it our own. We also know you sow the seed, in different people in different situations, and wait patiently for the seed to grow. May we too be patient as we struggle to hear and respond to your word.  
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

## CORONA RESTRICTIONS AT WEST BRUNSWICK

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE THERE WILL BE NO  
MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S.  
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE  
BY TELEPHONE OR EMAIL.  
THESE MEASURES ARE IN KEEPING WITH  
OUR DUTY OF CARE FOR YOU AND  
THE COMMUNITY.

**THANK YOU**

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**There will be a virtual Sunday Mass at 10am  
you can attend from your home using ZOOM  
by clicking on the link below:**

**<https://acu.zoom.us/j/148563929>**

Please note the following to assist you:

- Just click on the link, there is no need to download anything
- Please ensure you are on MUTE (there is a speaker icon on the bottom left of the screen to put yourself on mute)
- The link will be open 15 mins prior to the start of Mass so you can get on early to ensure you are ready.

## CDFpay FOR PARISHES ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL

During this time, when visits to our Church are suspended, we are striving to ensure that our parishioners remain connected through new and creative pastoral programmes. While we continue to help those in our community the parish continues to incur ongoing overhead costs and we need your help.

The good news is that Catholic Development Fund (CDF) and the Archdiocese of Melbourne have partnered to build an online parish payment portal, *CDFpay for Parishes*.

This site enables you to make quick and easy online thanksgiving payments—you can set-up a recurring payment, if you haven't done so already, or you can choose a one-off offering.

The St Joseph's Parish site is live and can be found via this link [CDFpay for Brunswick West](#).

We thank you in advance for supporting our parish community.

**Please follow this step by step procedure:**

- **Google CDFpay for Parishes;**
- **Go to:**  
Catholic Development Fund>Organisations>CDFpay;
- **Under CDFpay for Parishes, click on Find my Parish, type in Brunswick West;**
- **Click on Support my Parish, submit your donation. On the Note field, please put your name or Thanksgiving envelope number.**

### A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

St Joseph our Patron Saint and Pilgrim Guide,  
walk with us as a community of faith at West Brunswick.  
You are the Saint of Dreams, the one who welcomed  
the gift of your Son, with Mary Our Mother.

Saint ever faithful, saint of integrity, show us the way  
to walk in your steps with hearts full of trust,  
openness and hospitality. In our moments of fear,  
anxiety and worry lead us to stillness as we ponder the gift  
you received in the Eternal Word, Christ Jesus.

At this uncertain and anxious time for us,  
and all our brothers and sisters of the world,  
we ask you to intercede for us, together with  
Mary Our Mother, that we will walk in the way of peace,  
build communion with one another and  
remain united through the gift of prayer.

Hold close to your Son, all those who are sick,  
alone and afraid. Strengthen our doctors,  
health and aged care workers, as they strive to bring  
comfort and healing to those in their care.

Guide those entrusted with the wellbeing and  
common good of our nation with wisdom, justice and  
mindfulness of the most marginalized among us.

**St Joseph, pray for us!**

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