

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

15th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year A

15/16 July 2023



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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



In the short reading from Isaiah the workings of the natural world become the vehicle for saying something about the word of God. This simple metaphor lays bare several characteristics of what ecologists call the 'integrity of creation'. The first is the inter-relationship that exists between the various spheres. Without water, the earth would not be fertile; without the fruits of the earth, human beings would not have food to eat. Speaking through the prophet, God declares: So it is with my word! A cause and effect relationship exists between the word of God and the outcome that it accomplishes; the word of God is consistent and reliable; and human beings are totally dependent upon it.

The responsorial psalm develops the theme of 'nature' in a different direction. Whereas the previous reading concentrated on the unfolding of the life processes within nature itself, this passage describes God as directly involved in these natural workings. Behind God's control of the water may be a polemic against the fertility god Baal. The Canaanites believed

that this god regulated the heavenly waters that rained down upon the land, fertilising it and making it fruitful. Actually, it is Israel's God who governs the heavenly waters and reigns over the land, bringing the much needed water to it and preparing it for planting. Although the psalm is a hymn of praise, the exaltation itself is also a form of thanksgiving.

Paul maintains that the entire created world is somehow swept up with humankind in the eschatological drama. Frustration in the beginning when it was cursed because of human sin (see Gen 3:17), it now awaits the revelation that will be granted the children of God. The only way that one can understand this thinking is if the bond between the natural world and humanity is acknowledged. Paul further insists that the sufferings that we are forced to bear now are the 'birth pangs of the messiah' referred to in Jewish eschatology. As is the case with a woman in labour, the pain may be intense, but as hers are forgotten when the child is born, so will the present afflictions pass (see Mt 24:8; Mk 13:8).

Parabolic teaching was a very common pedagogical technique. As is so often the case in wisdom thinking, nature provides examples from which to gain insights into human life. 'The parable of the sower' might better be called 'the parable of the soil' for the focus here is neither on the sower nor on the seed, but on the character of the soil. Taken at face value, the parable is not a difficult story to understand. The word (seed) produces various percentages of yield. But what does it really mean? When one understands the meaning of the parable, one is apt to wonder: What kind of soil am I? How receptive am I to the word of God?

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SCHEDULES

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Or anytime by appointment

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Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

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ROSTER		Weekend 15/16 July	Weekend of 22/23 July
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Kim Hughes	Kim Hughes
	Sun 7.30am	John Miles	John Miles
	Sun 9.00am	Lina DaSilva	Lina DaSilva
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Jean Pavey	Mary Overton
	Sun 7.30am	Br Basil Hickey	Carol Nicklette
	Sun 9.00am	Sandra McLlheney	Giselle Shankar
		D & B Molony	Sharon & Ryan Moore

Parish Calendar		
July Mon 17	8.00am	Communion Service - Church
Tue 18	8.00am	Mass (Week 15 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Wed 19	8.00am	Mass (Week 15 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Thu 20	8.00am	Mass (Week 15 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Fri 21	8.00am	Mass (Week 15 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Sat 22	8.00am	Mass (St Mary Magdalene) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (16th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
Sun 23	7.30 am	Sunday Mass (16th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (16th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Chinese Mass (16th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church

2023 Sacraments Schedules

First Reconciliation
10.30am-12.30pm
Saturday 28 October 2023
Commitment Mass 6pm 16 Sept 2023
Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm
12 October 2023

Safeguarding Induction for all Church workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. **ALL** church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session.

This induction provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and the importance of Safeguarding within the parish

To register online please visit: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>

Or phone 9221 7762 to book in



Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays
 10am - 12noon \$6 per session
 All proceeds go to the Parish
 This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis and Hellen Tay
 All are welcome; no age limits



Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays
 Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm
 All parishioners are most welcome
 For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838

Divine Mercy Sunday



Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3 pm.

Please join us this Sunday at 3.00pm.



Seniors Gathering

Our Seniors Lunch will be on Thursday 20 July 2023 from 12 to 2pm. We will be serving either Curry and Rice **OR** Stew.

Please nominate your preference on the list provided in the foyer along with your name and contact number

SCHOENSTATT RETREAT WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN

LIVE FROM WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD) LISBON

Friday 4 August 7pm to Sunday 6 August 4pm

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Vincentian Retreat Centre, 625 Nettleton Rd, Karrakup. Cost, \$130 includes food and accommodation. RSVP by Monday 31 July 2023. Registration and deposit required

Contact Sr M Luka Junemann on 0439 537 843. or srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au

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Retreat in Everyday Life – Moments of Grace – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 31 July and concluding 28 August (at Heart of Life, Malvern, or via Zoom) Flexible timing. The Retreat in Everyday Life involves a commitment to daily prayer and weekly spiritual accompaniment for an hour per week over five weeks with this year's theme 'Moments of Grace'. This is an ideal opportunity for a Parish or spiritual community to retreat together, as well as for individuals who would like to experience an opportunity to recognise God's presence in their everyday lives in a more intentional way. Register your interest <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/retreat-in-everyday-life-moments-of-grace/> or info@heartoflife.melbourne and we will be in touch to have a conversation. Cost: Donation

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. (R.)
2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. (R.)
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)
4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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

Matthew 13:1-9

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Next Sunday Readings

Weekend of 22/23 July 2023

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa Marie Calderone-Stewart

This farmer who is sowing doesn't seem to have much of a plan. There isn't an organised effort to prepare all the soil so that none of the seed is wasted. It's just thrown all over the place, with the hope that some of it will fall on good soil and grow.

Do you think that is a good strategy for a farmer whose life depends upon successfully growing things? Why or why not?

Why do you think God throws out seed to bad soil as well as to good soil?

If our job is to spread the message of God, should we have a plan that is more dependable than this farmer's plan? Why or why not? What might such a plan look like?

Even if we are very deliberate about where we 'sow the seeds' of God's message, we can't always control how people will receive it.

- Do you think it is better to aim for just the good soil, so that we mainly bring the message to people who are ready to listen to it? Why or why not?
- Do you think it is better to spend some time working the soil, so that dry, rocky or thorny areas might become more fertile and ready to accept the seed? Why or why not?
- Not only are we asked to bring the seed of God's word to others, we are also asked to receive the seed of God's word from others.
- When do you feel like the good soil, fertile and waiting for God's word to come to you and bring you new life?
- When do you feel like dry, rocky or thorny soil, not ready for God's word to grow within you?



Manning Parish Youth Quest Youth Ministry

Guiding our youth on a Quest to know, love and serve the Lord. The youth ministry for the parish is open to youth aged in High School or University, and meet every second Saturday after mass.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Help Jesus tell the story of the farmer sowing the seed. Add words and pictures to the story.

A farmer scattered _____ in a field.

Draw the farmer sowing seed.

Some seed fell on the road and was...

Write down what happened to the seed.

Some seed fell on rocky ground where the soil was not deep; the plants that grew withered in the _____.

Draw what happened to the seed which fell on rocky ground.

Some seed fell among thorns, which choked the plants that grew.

Draw thorns choking the plants.

But some seed fell on good ground and...

Write down what happened to the seed that fell on good ground and draw a picture of it.