

LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ **The Strength of Kindness:** The Book of Wisdom was written for Jewish people living in cities heavily influenced by Greek culture and philosophy. Wisdom teaching was to remind them of their history and relationship with God. People are to learn from the patience and gentleness and forgiving nature of God and show this in their own lives.
[Q]: *How can you be patient, gentle and forgiving in your life? Does your use of power show itself in being lenient and gentle to all?*
- ❖ **A Groaning Prayer:** Last week the Spirit dwelling within us was referred to as a 'first-fruits' installment; an engagement ring looking forward to the promise of the wedding day! The Spirit prays within us to God in a unique way.
[Q]: *Have you experienced a time of wanting to pray to God but not having words to describe how you feel? What prayer intention does your body and spirit 'groan' with to God? Do you recognise this experience is a powerful prayer? Offer this groaning prayer to God.*
- ❖ **Weeds. Seeds. Yeast:** Each image expresses something of the way that God and God's project – growing the Kingdom of Heaven – is present and alive in the world. Allowing wheat and weeds to grow together is risky farming.
[Q]: *What is your emotional reaction to the presence of good and evil existing alongside each other? Within you? Can you glimpse the patience of God?*
- ❖ **The Mustard Seed:** is the smallest seed, yet within a year it can turn into a shrub large enough to be mistaken for a tree. From very small beginnings it becomes something extraordinarily large. Can you identify a small action of love and service that made a profound impact on you? Can you recognise that your daily 'sowing' mustard seeds of justice, forgiveness and gentleness builds the Kingdom of Heaven? What seed needs to be sown most in your heart, home, workplace today?
- ❖ **Humble and Small:** The small amount of yeast in a large quantity of flour dramatically transforms a flour mixture into bread (three measures would feed 100 people). Jesus challenges disciples to be this type of 'presence' in the world. Yet the Kingdom requires a person to be completely possessed by a small seed: love your neighbour as yourself.
[Q]: *Where does this seed lead you?*
- ❖ **A Confident Hope:** parables often contain a revealing message; the apparent power of evil compared with the littleness of the seeds of our loving. The small amount of yeast in the vastness of the world's problems. Yet hope is at the centre of kingdom living. The 'righteous will shine'.
[Q]: *Can you live full of hope – refusing to be beaten by the reality you see?*

From a Homily given by Pope Leo at Lampedusa, an island in the Mediterranean, on 4th July

Like anyone in public life, Pope Leo is victim to misrepresentation. I share part of this recent, powerful homily to illustrate the real message he is sharing with the world. (John P. Murray – osa)

God always loves us first. The parable of the Good Samaritan describes a story that shows us how the Word of God is always relevant for today, drawing us into a conversation from which we emerge transformed. How, then, will we respond to God's love?

In the parable, a priest happens to be there "by chance" (v. 31), followed by a Levite. Both see what is happening, but they continue on their way. Unfortunately, in every age there are those who fear being "contaminated" by contact with others, thus denying — even in the face of suffering and death — our common origin in God, the infinite dignity of every human being and the call to boundless love. Where there were walls of separation, Christ broke them down (cf. *Eph 2:14*). There is no love of God without love of neighbour, and there is no neighbour if I do not draw near. To pause, to be moved, to bend down, to weep before another's pain — as Jesus did — means entering into the dynamic of love, the very movement in which God has revealed himself.

Those who allow themselves to be drawn into this dynamic of compassion and mercy begin to live differently, to be citizens in a different way and to work differently. Then the civilisation of love can truly emerge. Together with a great number of prophets and martyrs of the last century, my holy predecessors understood that only mercy can respond to the depths of the human heart and the horrors of war by opening the way to a new beginning. Now, standing on the shoulders of these giants, we have entered a millennium in which we must give spiritual, cultural, legal, political and economic expression to the civilisation of love. May the enormity of the suffering we witness help us grasp the radical nature of this call.

"The civilisation of love will not arise from a single or spectacular gesture, but from the sum total of small and steadfast acts of fidelity that serve as a bulwark against dehumanisation" (Encyclical Letter *Magnifica Humanitas*, 213). "Certainly, not everyone has the same power to make a difference... Yet, no one is without responsibility. We all have our own areas for action, and it is precisely there — and nowhere else — that we must choose whether to fuel the mentality of force (*even if only through indifference, cynicism, lies or hatred*), or to preserve the mindset of peace (*with truth, moderation, closeness and care*)" (*ibid.*, 212). Have the courage to think differently.



CALENDAR

MONDAY
July 20
Weekday
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8
Mt 12:38-42

TUESDAY
July 21
Weekday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Mt 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY
July 22
St. Mary Magdalene
Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

THURSDAY
July 23
Weekday
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13
Mt 13:10-17

FRIDAY
July 24
Weekday
Jer 3:14-17
Mt 13:18-23

SATURDAY
July 25
St. James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15
Mt 20:20-28

SUNDAY
July 26
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

COMMUNION

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by mass
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.
English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.
English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).
English before 10:00 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat & Sun : 08:30 – noon
Public holidays : Closed

Good News!

July 19, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 / Romans 8:26-27 / Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
MIGUEL DULICK

Jesus loved parables. “He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfil what had been said through the prophet: ‘I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]’” (Matthew 13:34-35).

Indeed, parables spring from creation itself. Wheat and weeds grow, a natural process, just waiting for Jesus to read the kingdom of heaven hidden within. Jesus doesn’t force an interpretation on these elements; he, more than anyone, follows his own advice: “Whoever has ears ought to hear” (Matthew 13:43).

Matthew is the only gospel writer who records this parable. Maybe he liked it because it’s his own story. Among the beautiful wheat of the chosen people, he was an ugly weed, a tax collector for the Roman Empire. Once Jesus plucked him from obscurity to follow him, Matthew might have thought, *Why didn’t God just strike me dead for all the poison I spread among my own brethren?*

Now, in the parable, the weeds never become wheat, and they indeed meet a terrible fate, but the point is to let the wheat and weeds grow together, lest we uproot the wheat when we pull up the weeds. Oftentimes, it’s difficult to tell the difference. Those who are “wheat” should not find excuses to separate from those judged to be “weeds.” The risk is too great for the damage we may do. Let God do the separating in God’s own time. ●

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Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY (No. 263) PLEASE KNEEL

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)

DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN (No. 374)

Amen. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

LAMB OF GOD (No. 390) PLEASE KNEEL

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION: IN REMEMBRANCE OF YOU (No. 390)

FINAL: HOW GREAT THOU ART (No. 944) PLEASE STAND

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Sunday, 19 July 2026

ENTRANCE: FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH (No. 633) PLEASE STAND

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

KYRIE / LORD HAVE MERCY

Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Christe, eléison. Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

GLORY TO GOD

Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)

FIRST READING: Wis 12:13, 16-19

A reading from the Book of Wisdom:

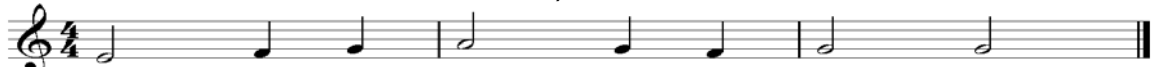
There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever

you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 86: LORD, YOU ARE GOOD AND FORGIVING



Lord, you are good and for - giv - ing.

1. You, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading. (R)

2. All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O LORD, and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God. (R)

3. You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant. (R)

SECOND READING: Rom 8:26-27

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA: PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

GOSPEL: Mt 13:24-30

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy

came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND

Priest: I believe in God,

All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:
“Patient and loving God, hear us.”

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: IF YOU BELIEVE AND I BELIEVE (No. 818)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND