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11th Sunday in Ordinary time,

June 16 2024

GOSPEL : Mark 4:26-34



Parable of the Mustard Seed

Today's readings focus our attention on the birth and growth of the reign of God (Kingdom of God), in our human lives and on the gigantic growth of the Church from very humble beginnings. Both growths are slow and mysterious, guided by the power of the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the growth of the Kingdom of God to the germination of a wheat seed and that of a tiny mustard seed. Both have exceedingly small beginnings. The wheat seeds, by gradual but steady growth, give the farmer a bumper crop. In the same way, a tiny mustard seed grows into a large bush. The reign of God in human hearts and the growth of the Church in the world also have small beginnings. But the Source of all life, God the Holy Spirit, gives to both a steady, persistent, and gigantic growth, provided we, the members of the Church, ask for and cooperate with God's grace.

LIFE MESSAGE

1) We need to cooperate in the growth of God's Kingdom: The Kingdom of God is the growth of God's rule in human hearts that occurs when we do the will of God and surrender our life to God.

**Remember the pastoral visit of our Bishop
next Sunday: 23/6/2024**

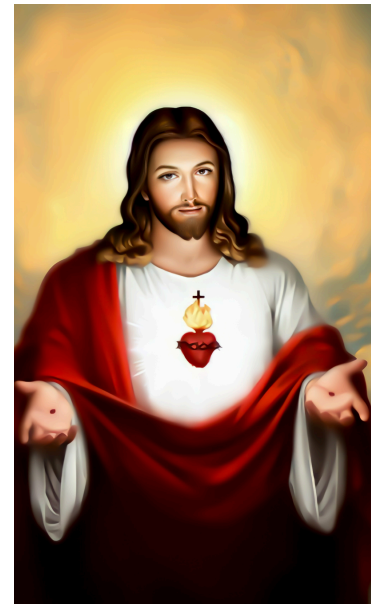
The seed of Faith lies within each of us. When we permit the Holy Spirit to nurture it, it grows miraculously to gigantic proportions. The growth may be slow and microscopic in the beginning, but the seed grows by using the power of the Holy Spirit, given to us through the Word of God, the Mass, the Sacraments, and prayer.

2) We need to avoid discouragement:

Sometimes the acceptance of God's rule by the people may be a slow process, thus, there is the danger of discouragement and hopelessness among preachers, evangelisers, and believers. The conviction that the growth of the Kingdom of God is the work of the Holy Spirit and needs our humble cooperation should make us optimistic in continuing our work of witnessing. We should continue sowing tiny seeds in the form of words of love, acts of encouragement, deeds of charity, mercy and forgiveness

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Most sacred Heart of Jesus, pour down Your blessings abundantly on Your holy Church, on the Supreme Pontiff, and on all the clergy. Grant perseverance to the just, convert sinners, enlighten infidels, bless our parents, friends, and benefactors, assist the dying, free the souls in purgatory, and extend over all hearts the sweet empire of Your love. Amen.



**The Month of June is
Dedicated to the Sacred
Heart of Jesus**

- Indulgence of 300 days,
once a day - Pope Pius X,
16 June 1906

Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, embolden me.
Water from the side of Christ, Wash me.
Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.
From the wicked foe, defend me.
At the hour of my death, call me and bid
me come to you.
That with your saints I may praise you
For ever and ever.
Amen



Mass Times

Saturday 15 June	6:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY 16 June	9:30am 11:00am	Jack's birthday Kate Turner
Monday 17 June	10:00am	Peter Egerton
Tuesday 18 June	10:00am	J C
Wednesday 19 June St. Romuald	Sacristy	private intentions
Thursday 20 June	10:00am	Sanctification of Priests
Friday 21 June St. Aloysius Gonzaga.	6:00PM	Vocations
Saturday 22 June SS JOHN FISHER, B & THOMAS MORE	6:30PM	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 23 June	9:30am 11:00am	Parishioners



**Say your daily
rosary for peace
in the world**

Called to the Priesthood

- Have you considered a vocation to the
Diocesan Priesthood in imitation of Jesus the
Good Shepherd?

For more information see our website
atshrewsburyvocations.org

If you would like to explore God's call for your
life and learn about other opportunities for
discernment, please email the diocesan
vocations director at

vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

For more resources, see the National Office for

Vocation at www.ukvocation.org and

www.ukpriest.org

Sun.9:30am	Sat.6:30pm	Sun.11:00am
Hazel Spencer	Eileen Livesey	Liz Greaves

Mass Offering for June 09 —£331. 56

Standing orders—————£118.25

**Confession is Saturdays 5-6pm, 30mins
before and after mass and on request.**

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