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June 16 – 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)

XI Domenica di Tempo Ordinario (Anno B)

Una volta seminato nel cuore dell'uomo, il regno di Dio cresce da sé. È una meraviglia di Dio tanto grande e tanto bella quanto grande e bella è la crescita delle piante, e tanto misteriosa quanto misteriosa è la trasformazione di un bambino che cresce e diventa uomo. Così la crescita del regno di Dio non dipende dalle forze umane; essa supera le capacità umane poiché ha in sé un proprio dinamismo.

Questo messaggio è un messaggio di speranza, poiché, adottando una prospettiva umana, potremmo dubitare del trionfo del regno di Dio. Esso si scontra con tanti ostacoli. Esso è qui rifiutato, là respinto, o, in molti luoghi, sconosciuto del tutto. Noi stessi costituiamo un ostacolo alla realizzazione del regno di Dio con la nostra cattiva volontà e con i nostri peccati. È bene dunque che sappiamo che, a poco a poco con una logica che non è quella umana, con un ritmo che a noi sembra troppo lento, il regno di Dio cresce. San Paolo, che era ispirato, percepiva già i gemiti di tale crescita (Rm 8,19-22). Bisogna conservare la speranza (Eb 3,6b).

Bisogna ripetere ogni giorno: "Venga il tuo regno!". Bisogna coltivare la pazienza, quella del seminatore che non può affrettare l'ora della mietitura (Gc 5,7-8). Bisogna soprattutto non dubitare della realtà dell'azione di Dio nel mondo e nei nostri cuori. Gesù ci dice questo poiché sa che il pericolo più grande per noi è quello di perdere la pazienza, di scoraggiarci, di abbandonare la via e di fermarci. Noi non conosciamo né il giorno né l'ora del nostro ingresso nel regno o del ritorno di Cristo. La mietitura ci sembra ancora molto lontana, ma il tempo passa in fretta: la mietitura è forse per domani.

(lachiesa.it)

The Kingdom is in fact best approached through its negative counterpart, the rule of Satan that it is displacing. The presupposition is that the world, including Israel, has fallen into a state of alienation from God. This lapse has meant human subjection to demonic rule, resulting in all kinds of evil, violence, and dehumanisation. In the centuries leading up to the time of Jesus, faithful Jews interpreted key prophecies, especially those contained in the Isaiah 40-66, as pointing to a coming intervention of God that would break the grip of the demonic in human affairs and replace it with the liberating reign of God. This intervention, often seen as involving an ideal ruler of David's line ("the Messiah"), would free God's people, Israel, from foreign domination, and establish a messianic era of righteousness, prosperity, and peace.

This was the conventional hope for the Kingdom that the disciples of Jesus and the crowds to whom he preached would have shared. For Jesus, however, the essence of the Kingdom was not the gaining of political freedom or prosperity – at least not in first instance. The essence of the Kingdom was renewed relationship with God, involving an unconditional offer of forgiveness and familial intimacy with God ("Our Father"). Although the outward aspects of the Kingdom remained something for the future, these essential features were presently available through repentance and faith. Hence the core "good news" proclaimed by Jesus: "The Rule of God is at hand; repent and believe the good news" (Mark 1:15). Most of Jesus' parables, including the two featured in today's Gospel, address these differences between the Kingdom as proclaimed by Jesus and the wider expectation of the crowds.

(Brendan Byrne)

Peter's Pence Collection (June 29th/30th)

The Holy Father's charitable outreach to victims of war, migrants and refugees, the poor, and those affected by illness and natural disasters is supported by your contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection. When you participate in the collection, you join Catholics across the globe in supporting the pope's mission of mercy as well as the Holy See dicasteries that assist his ministry.

Please support this collection.

The sick in our parish: Teresa Lamonaca, John and Miriam Markis, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Angela Barto, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Floriano Pivetta, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Josie, George, Maria Mallozzi, Aiden Agius, Maryanne, Adam Peric, Meldon Richardson, Susanna, Luise, Andrew, Patrick, John Bussutil, Vicenzina, Mark, Elda Taranto, Alfredo Pannunzio, Anna Taylor, Bill McAllister, Joe Ranno, John Pannunzio, Donato Di Tella, Lina Cerra.

Upcoming funerals: Igino Barzetti, Tuesday June 18 at 11.30 am.

Recently deceased: Igino Barzetti, Michelina Villela, Phillip Debono, Luciano Di Girolamo, Giuseppina Mengato, Grazia Cisternino, Cath Jenkins.

Anniversaries: George Abdallah, Giovanni and Giovanna Beltempo, Rosa Di Guglielmo, Giovanni Cilia, Blossom and Aaron Weerasinghe, Myrtle and Herbert Eliyathamby, Mary Rode, Anthony Hollmann, Pauline De Francesco, Benito Cortopassi, Antonio Alati

Si pregano i parrocchiani di notare che i nomi per l'elenco degli anniversari dovrebbero essere inseriti nel bollettino solo UNA VOLTA all'anno, nella data/settimana dell'anniversario.

Mass times

Weekday:
 Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am. Wednesday: 6.00 pm Novena mass

Weekend: Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm Sunday 9.00 am ;
 Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential.
 Contact the Parish Office

Joke of the Week

Senility Prayer

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

(The book of senior jokes)

Rosters for weekend masses (June 15/16)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm.: J. Caparelli
 Sunday 9.00 am: S. Peake
 10.30 am: V. Burgio

Bus driver: B. Tjahtono



Propagation of the Faith Appeal (15th/16th June)

Social stigma, poor access to services, and the harsh Mongolian winter mean that the most vulnerable people will often struggle to access the support they need to help them get back on their feet. Recognising this need, the Church has begun work on the House of Mercy. When complete, the House of Mercy will provide shelter to first aid services.

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Please donate to this appeal

Preghiera di San Matteo Dio nostro

Padre, ti ringraziamo per tutti i doni che hai conferito sulla nostra famiglia parrocchiale. Concedici la Sapienza per cercare la tua volontà in ogni cosa. Circonda le nostre famiglie con la tua protezione amorosa.

Dona salute e gioia ai nostri genitori, sapienza e coraggio ai nostri giovani e fede ed allegria ai nostri figli.

Per intercessione di San Matteo, benedici perché diventiamo una famiglia più fedele ed amorosa e di cuore e mente unici. Amen

St. Matthew's Prayer

God Our Father, we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon our Parish Family. Give us the wisdom to seek Your Will in everything. Encircle our families with Your loving care.

Give good health and happiness to our parents; wisdom and courage to our youth; faith and cheerfulness to our children.

Bless us, through the intercession of St. Matthew, to grow stronger in faith and love, as a family of one heart and one mind. Amen

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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