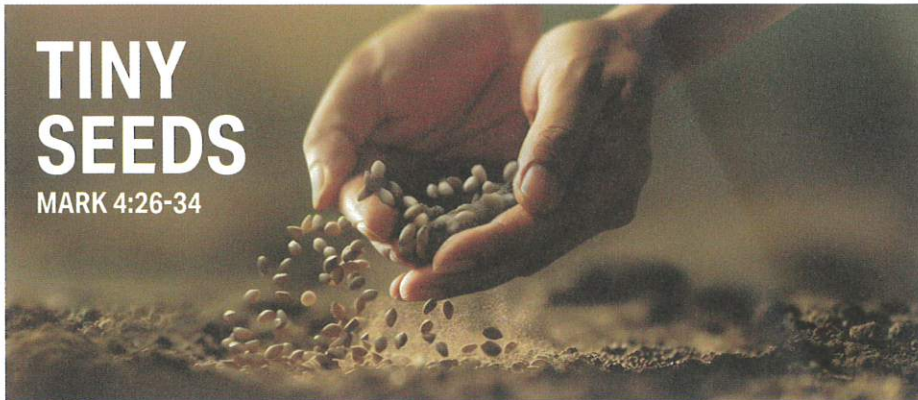


Sunday Message

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year B • 16 June 2024 • Psalter Week 3



TINY SEEDS

MARK 4:26-34

Today's Gospel contains two parables about seeds. The Parable of the Seed Growing Secretly is found only in Mark's gospel.

It stresses the mysterious growth of the seed that is beyond human control. The harvest comes about in three stages. First, the seed is sown. Then, while the farmer goes about his normal routine of life, the seed grows and the farmer "does not know" how. Finally, only when the grain is ripe does the farmer come into play again when his skill is called for. The point of the parable is that once the seed is sown, the farmer lets it be and trusts the soil to bring about growth, even though he doesn't understand the process. When the grain is ripe, then he knows he must act to gather in the harvest.

Jesus has sown the seeds of his word. Now, in this present time, those seeds are growing, even though we cannot see anything dramatic happening. We cannot speed up or slow down the coming of the kingdom. But its plentiful harvest will take place. We just need to trust in God.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed deals with the apparent insignificance of the kingdom of God at the time Mark was writing his Gospel. It stresses the amazing contrast between the tiny seed and the vast outcome resulting from its growth. The small seed turns into a great tree in which the birds build their nests. The point of the parable is that all kinds of faithful people will find a home in the kingdom of God and God will protect them. They should not be disheartened by the kingdom's humble beginnings.

The message is clear. The kingdom of God is a mysterious thing. Its beginnings may be modest or even insignificant. It will grow, but its growth does not depend on human action. Like the farmer, God scatters the mysterious seed of the kingdom through Jesus, hoping it will take root and produce a plentiful harvest. ■

SAY

"Lord, help me to build the kingdom of God by being a seed that gives life to my church and my community."

LEARN

The word of God is something alive and active.

All our prayers and good works help the kingdom of God to flourish.

DO

We can sow seeds of God's kingdom in lots of little ways. We can sow seeds of:

- justice: showing up wrongdoing, doing the right thing, exposing evil wherever we find it
- compassion: caring for others, no matter who they are, like Leonard Cheshire did
- forgiveness: being willing to forgive even when - especially when - we've been badly hurt or let down
- tolerance: casting aside prejudice or the tendency to judge - the person in the hijab, the LGBTQ couple holding hands, the newly arrived refugee
- availability: making time for someone who needs a comforting presence or listening ear
- love: letting go of selfishness, of self-interest, to put others first

PRAY

Pray for missionaries and all who work to sow the seeds of God's kingdom throughout the world.

REFLECT

Little things we do can make a tremendous difference for good. From tiny seeds, God's kingdom grows.

Group Captain Leonard Cheshire was an RAF pilot during World War II who took part in the Battle of Britain and D-Day, receiving the Victoria Cross for bravery.

After the war, he returned to his country estate unsure what to do with his life. Then, in 1948, a man called Arthur Dykes approached him. Arthur had cancer and he asked Cheshire if he could park his caravan on Cheshire's estate while he recovered. Cheshire agreed, but when he discovered that Arthur was terminally ill, he took him into his own house instead. Leonard Cheshire did his best for Arthur but felt inadequate when it came to caring for him.

He had no nursing experience and wasn't good with soothing words either, so he fell back on the two things he knew he could provide: companionship and availability.

During those last weeks of Arthur's life, a deep friendship developed between them. Arthur was in great pain and found the nights most difficult of all. So Cheshire slept on a mattress on the floor near Arthur's bed. He gave Arthur a little hand bell and told him never to hesitate to ring it should he need anything. Cheshire would always be on call.

How reassuring it must have been for this destitute man to know he had a loyal friend in his final days.

Soon after Arthur's funeral, on Christmas Eve 1948, Cheshire became a Catholic.

Meanwhile, he began to take others into his house to care for them, too. In early 1949, eight residents were in his house. Six months later, 28. And the numbers continued to grow.

In 1959, Cheshire married Sue Ryder, also a noted Catholic humanitarian, and together they dedicated their lives to caring for others. By the time he died in 1992, Leonard Cheshire had left a string of homes dedicated to the sick and disabled.

From one simple act of kindness in 1948, something beautiful blossomed. As Leonard Cheshire showed, little things we do can make a tremendous difference for good. From tiny seeds, God's kingdom grows. We just need to plant them. ■

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THE PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN GRIMSBY, CLEETHORPES AND IMMINGHAM

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SUNDAY 16TH JUNE 2024 – ELVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 15th June	5.00 pm	Mass in Immingham (<i>Missa pro populo</i>)
	6.00 pm	Mass in Grimsby (Polish)
Sunday 16th June	9.00 am	Mass in Cleethorpes (Thomas & Catherine McMahon RIP – Mary McMahon)
	11.00 am	Mass in Grimsby (Sarah Costello McCordle RIP – Terry McCordle)
Monday 17 th June	2.00 pm	Open Prayer Hour in Cleethorpes
Tuesday 18 th June	11.00 am	Funeral Mass for Maureen Tuckey RIP in Cleethorpes
Wednesday 19 th June	10.00 am	Funeral Mass for Peter Bernard Dawson RIP in Grimsby
Thursday 20 th June	10.00 am	Mass in Grimsby (Antonio Ieronimo RIP – Ieronimo Family)
Friday 21 st June	6.30 pm	Mass in Grimsby (Pat Crouter, Allan Gardham, Giles Heron & Tom Horn RIP – OCDS)
Saturday 22nd June	10.00 am	Holy Hour in Grimsby
	5.00 pm	Mass in Immingham (Stuart Anderson RIP – Michael & Ann Harrowing)
	6.00 pm	Mass in Grimsby (Polish)
Sunday 23rd June	9.00 am	Mass in Cleethorpes (<i>Missa pro populo</i>)
Twelfth Sunday	11.00 am	Mass in Grimsby (Eileen Wright RIP – Pat & Graham)
In Ordinary Time		

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday	5.45-6.25 pm	Grimsby
Saturday	10.00-11.00 am	Grimsby

Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation

Friday	5.45-6.15 pm	Grimsby
And also before and after Mass, by appointment, and at call		

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Richard Mellows, Sarah Pollard and Shelagh Winter: if you have any safeguarding concerns or DBS enquiries, please email richard.mellowspsr@dioceseofnottingham.uk or call or send a text to 07513 725509.

Diocesan Schools in Our Parish

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Academy
Philip Avenue, Cleethorpes (01472 690672)
St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy
Wellington Street, Grimsby (01472 357982)

To celebrate the sacred liturgy online – youtube.com/c/HolyTrinityGCI

**We value all in the name of Jesus the Christ
by exercising our baptismal mission as Prophet, Priest and King
so that all may flourish**

Prayer to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: 'O Jesus, open wide thy heart! O Jesus, open wide my heart, to love as you love; my eyes, to see as you see; my ears, to hear as you hear; my mind, to think as you think; my mouth, to speak as you speak; my body, to live as you live; my soul, to be as you are. O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine! Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us, who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.'

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June, the Month of the Sacred Heart – for migrants fleeing their homes: May migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Cycle of Prayer: During the summer of Ordinary Time, we pray for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression & the denial of human rights; Europe; human life; and seafarers. We also pray for our young parishioners and those who mentor them, the sick and housebound, the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Welcoming Spaces: Holy Trinity Parish Hall is open to anyone who would like some welcoming company this week:

Weds 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm with board games and natter
Everyone is welcome to come in for free, with tea, coffee and biscuits available for all who would like them!

Day for Life – 16th June 2024: All life matters, without exception, whether long or short, and regardless of its perceived value and contribution as measured by secular society. Life is, in every phase, a meaningful preparation for God's everlasting embrace, and so life should not be lived in fear of being shortened against one's will.

We must not lose sight of this approach when we reflect on end-of-life care for the increasing number of people who are either living longer or who are vulnerable in our communities. Despite huge advances in medicine, technology and wellbeing, our societies are commodifying life itself and prioritising who receives which kinds of treatments and for how long. This is presented as enabling personal choice and control over one's body, and of helping to reduce pain. But when the sick, the disabled and the dying are discarded or not properly cared for, it undermines the wisdom and compassion that we can learn from one another, and it violates our relationship with God.

There is a second collection this weekend to help us to help the Church remind the world of the inherent dignity and sanctity of each and every human life.

The Faithful Departed: Please pray for: Peter Bernard Dawson, whose body will be received into St Mary on the Sea Church on Tuesday 18th June at 4.00 pm and whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 19th June at 10.00 am, prior to Committal in Waltham Cemetery; and those who mourn.

General Election – 4th July 2024: Gospel values inform how we look at the world as Christians. These values can also offer a different way of looking at politics, a way that puts the common good before self-interest.

Throughout the election campaign, we should be looking for answers from party leaders and local candidates which will help the poor, the marginalised and the vulnerable. We seek a society in which all families can flourish and where we care for our common home, where we offer a welcoming hand to strangers in need, where we look out for those struggling to get on. Families are the heart of our communities, and we should see the other as someone to be loved not ignored.

We seek, therefore, political leaders who can reflect and share these values. But this is not just about leaders, it is about *us*. We are not merely the passive recipients of politics but active citizens. An election is the best time for us as Christians to

speak out, to get involved, and to lead. The Bishops' Conference has produced various resources to help in this endeavour at [cbcew.org.uk/election24/](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/)

The deadline to register to vote is 11.59 pm this Tuesday, 18th June; if you are eligible, you can register at [gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) Photo ID is necessary to be permitted to vote in person: for more information please visit [gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate)

Please inform yourselves of the issues at stake, both locally in our constituencies and nationally, and we should never forget the price that has been paid by our forebears for our inalienable right to place our 'X' on our ballot paper and so choose those who represent us and make our laws. We all have a part to play in the life of our community and wider society, so let us play our part: our faith demands it. Fr Andrew

First Holy Communion: Please pray for our younger parishioners who will receive their First Holy Communion during 5.00 pm Mass this Saturday, 15th June and 11.00 am Mass this Sunday, 16th June; Holy Communion will be distributed under both kinds during these Masses.

Harbour Place are looking for bans, coffee, cereal, long-life milk, deodorant, sun cream and medium & large boxer shorts, socks and t-shirts. If you can help, please drop items off in our three churches or you can take them to Harbour Place, Hope Street, Grimsby, DN32 7QL. For further information about Harbour Place, please visit [harbourplacegrimsby.org.uk](https://www.harbourplacegrimsby.org.uk)

Meeting for Ministers – 10th July 2024: All who volunteer in our parish in any way whatsoever, e.g., ministers of Holy Communion and tea & coffee makers, are invited to a meeting with me in Corpus Christi Church, which will begin with the celebration of Mass at 6.00 pm; at this meeting, safeguarding training will be provided, revised guidance for various ministries will be issued, and Fr Andrew will have the opportunity to thank you for your service in our parish. Further information will be sent out in the next few days.

St Mary's and St Joseph's Catholic primary academies are hosting a joint school synod in Holy Trinity Parish Hall. on Thursday 27th June between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm. This Synod will be a great opportunity to discuss questions about our mission and purpose, and the schools would love to have lots of different perspectives. Places are limited, so to book or for more information please contact Libby Mellows, the Lay Chaplain (l.mellows@ololcatholicmat.co.uk).

The toilets in our three churches and Holy Trinity Parish Hall are for everyone's convenience:

- Please leave the toilet as you would wish to find it, including turning taps off and replacing an empty toilet roll tube with a full one yourself, instead of leaving it for someone else to do – recently, a hot tap was left on in the hall for eight hours before it was discovered.
- Adults with children under 12yo should take their children to the toilet and not just send them; if unaccompanied children go the porch, stewards will return them to their adult, who will be asked to accompany them.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that our toilets are clean and safe, for everyone's sake. It would be very sad if the beautiful things we sing about are lost before we even leave the church building, let alone the car park. Fr Andrew

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
be my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my
Saviour!

GLORIA

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

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.

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 of the Father,
have mercy on us.

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.
Amen.

COLLECT

O God, strength of those who hope in you,
graciously hear our pleas,
and, since without you mortal frailty can do
nothing,
grant us always the help of your grace,
that in following your commands
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The Lord says this:

"From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its
branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the
Lord, am the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones
grow,
who withers green trees and makes the
withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it."
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 91(92):2-3, 13-16

Response:

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)

2. The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to
the Corinthians.

We are always full of confidence when we
remember that to live in the body means to be
exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith
and not by sight – we are full of confidence,
I say, and actually want to be exiled from
the body and make our home with the Lord.
Whether we are living in the body or exiled from
it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth
about us will be brought out in the law court of
Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves
for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark.

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is what the
kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on
the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when
he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing;
how, he does not know. Of its own accord the
land produces first the shoot, then the ear,
then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop
is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap
because the harvest has come."

He also said, "What can we say the kingdom
of God is like? What parable can we find for it?
It is like a mustard seed which at the time of
its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the
seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into
the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big
branches so that the birds of the air can shelter
in its shade."

Using many parables like these, he spoke the
word to them, so far as they were capable of
understanding it. He would not speak to them
except in parables, but he explained everything
to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(all bow during the next three lines)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the offerings presented here
provide for the twofold needs of human nature,
nourishing us with food
and renewing us with your Sacrament,
grant, we pray,
that the sustenance they provide
may not fail us in body or in spirit.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

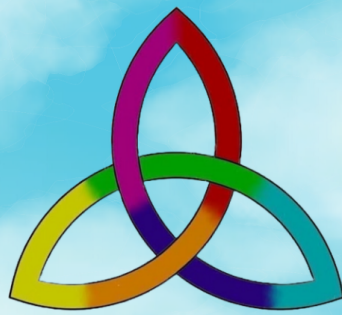
There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this
do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of
my life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As this reception of your Holy Communion,
O Lord,
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,
so may it bring about unity in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Behold O kind and most sweet Jesus, I cast
myself upon my knees in your sight while with
deep affection and grief of soul I mentally
contemplate your five most precious wounds,
having before my eyes the words that David the
prophet spoke about you, most sweet Jesus:
"They have pierced my hands and feet, and I
can count everyone of my bones."

Traditional prayer "before a crucifix" to be said
after Communion.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM



THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST 2024

**COACH DEPARTURE
FROM HOLY TRINITY PARISH HALL 7:30AM
DEPARTING WALSINGHAM 4:00/4:30PM**

**£20 PER ADULT- £10 FOR CHILDREN
(PRICES ARE SUBSIDISED BY THE PARISH)**

IF YOU ARE A FAMILY PLEASE SPEAK TO FATHER ANDREW

CALLING FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

Calling Foundation Governors

An invitation for you!

Date & Time

Thursday 27 June 2024
7.00pm - 8.00pm

Venue

VIRTUAL - Microsoft Teams

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in a Catholic school.*

The Catholic School, \$34

Calling Foundation Governors...

Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time?

If so, becoming a foundation governor could be just the thing for you.

Bishop Patrick McKinney is seeking practising Catholics to appoint as new foundation governors to our diocesan schools. Foundation governors play a vital role in maintaining and developing the Catholic character of our schools.

This event is designed to provide information about the role of a foundation governor, the application process and the support offered.



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