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**The Gospels make explicit God's Word to us, through the teachings of Jesus Christ.
We are disciples of Jesus.**

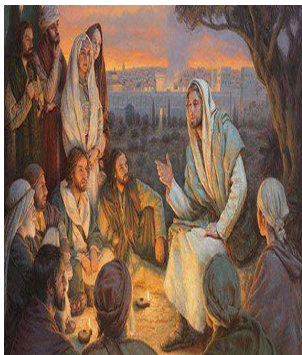
Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

*"Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "**We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.**"*

In Summary

Jesus teaches the disciples the importance of faith and service to God.



Jesus continues on His final journey to Jerusalem, teaching His many followers and preparing His disciples for what they will witness at Jerusalem, as well as, preparing His disciples for their apostolic mission; which is to commence after Pentecost. It is little wonder that the disciples are confused and beg Jesus to increase their faith. They want to believe in Him, but some of the things Jesus teaches are very difficult. **Jesus assures them that even a little faith (as small as a mustard seed) will enable His disciples to achieve wondrous things.**

The second part of this text is about service. The servant in question is probably very grateful that he has a job (a field to plough and sheep to tend). He is dependent on the master and will fulfill his obligations to him. We, like the servant in today's gospel, are dependent on God for all our blessings. Our task, like the servant in today's gospel, is to serve the Lord faithfully and fulfill our obligations to God. We are God's "*stewards*" and our hard work and devotion, are our heavenly treasure, which will help us enter the "*narrow door,*" to God's Kingdom.

To be a person of faith and to serve the Lord, is to live a Gospel Life.

But What is Faith??

Faith is to have complete trust and belief in some person or thing. There are many things that we don't know or understand about God, but faith is a gift from God that helps us to pray and to believe what we cannot see.

***Faith is first of all a personal adherence of man to God.** At the same time, and inseparably, it is a free assent to the whole truth that God has revealed. As personal adherence to God and assent to his truth, Christian faith differs from our faith in any human person. It is right and just to entrust oneself wholly to God and to believe absolutely what he says. It would be futile and false to place such faith in a creature (CCC 150).*

Faith is both a gift from God through divine grace (CCC 153) and a human act, in which the intellect and will, freely assent to and accept God's revealed truth (CCC 156).

Faith cannot be forced; it must be a free personal response to God. **But faith can be fostered and nurtured. Without care, it can wither and die.** The Church provides guidance in keeping our faith alive and to remaining strong in faith, through the liturgy of the Word, prayers and devotion.

Friday 07th October is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and in the Month of October, We Honour Our Lady of the Rosary.

If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proof of its wonderful value. Many are the favours granted to private individuals through its devout recitation - **there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives.**

The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the centre of each "Hail Mary."

(Pope Benedict XVI)





Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could say a daily Rosary (it takes just 15 - 20 minutes) during this month of October, as thanks to our Blessed Mother in Heaven; and to ask for Her intercession, for our own private intentions. We can say the Rosary quietly and individually, or, as a family, or, as a group of parishioners at our Marian Chapel at church. **Holy Rosary prayer cards are always available at our Marian Chapel.**

When Mary speaks, God listens.



St Peregrine Healing Mass Thursday 13th October 2022

A healing Mass in honour of St Peregrine (patron Saint of cancer sufferers and helper of all in need), will be celebrated at **Saints John and Paul Church, Pinetree Gully Road, Willetton, on Thursday 13th October 2022, at 7.00 pm.** This Mass is for all who are with cancer, as well as, those suffering from other long-term illness, and also, for their carers and the members of their family. This Mass will include a blessing with the Relic of St Peregrine.

Catholics turn to the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick when we long to feel the comfort and healing touch of God in times of illness.

“Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.”
(James 5:14-15).

Parish Worship Schedule

A parish is a community of disciples of Jesus, who gather to celebrate the Mass and to “live the Gospel.” **We are a community of Jesus’ disciples and our church is here for our collective and individual worship and prayers.** We welcome the faithful to our Mass, or, to light a candle at our Marian chapel, or, to just pray in silence; and to grow spiritually.

Mass Times	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri	8.00 am (the Rosary after)
Mass Time	Saturday	6.00 pm
Mass Time	Sunday	9.30 am
Reconciliation	Saturday night	5.15 – 5.45 pm
Anointing of the Sick	Liaise with Fr Greg	
Baptisms, marriages and funerals	Liaise with Fr Greg	

Our Prayers of the Faithful

The Church expects that each parish community would prepare their own prayers so that all the community can join in the sacred intercessory prayer (Prayers of the Faithful) at Mass. In our parish prayers of the faithful, we pray to the Lord, to help and comfort our sick and suffering. We also pray for the souls of our recently departed, as well as, for those whose anniversaries, we remember at Mass today.

Prayers for Our Sick and Suffering

Jenny Cassin, Betsy De Wass, Frank De Luis, Nigel, Christina Sim, Maria Marshall, Claire Webster, Ivan Fletcher, Fabian Edmunds, Celia, Crowley family, Joe Sundaram, Thilak, Diana Scully, Bluey Thompson, Celeste Vicensoni, Carla, Annette, Joe Gibson, Georgina and Ronnie Ghosh,

Gemma Altieri, Fred Kara, Reg Brown, Mary & Derrick Jansen, Marie Webster Viola, Gerry and Maisie Prendergast, James Rydqvist, Annie Magdalena Rydqvist, Anne Rydqvist, Dr Andrew Chilufya Snr, Robbie Illiffe, Donna Green, Horatio Hill, Ilean Wright, Cathy and Peter Ghouse, Jimmy Olivero, Kaye McIntyre, Jeff and Tony Francis, Fr Andre, Sheila Vanwieringan, CD Joseph, Marina Lim, Wendy Price, Julie Pinto, Christopher Jaffer, Yianni Donato, Bonnie Sullivan, Joslyn De Sylva and Philomena Rodrigues.

Prayers for our Recently Deceased

Bertha Lyddy.

“God blesses those people who grieve. They will find comfort” (Matthew 5:4).

Anniversaries of our Beloved Departed

Joan Weston (02 Oct), David Tan (04 Oct), Anna Lorenc (05 Oct) and all our departed relatives and friends.

Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: “I am the Resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies” (John 11: 25-26).

Note: Parishioners may email Cliff at: cliffordqgerard@bigpond.com, for any additions (or deletions) to our lists of sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, whom you wish to be included in our “Prayers of the Faithful.”

Everyone has a name, and if we are to pray for them, we should say their name.

We Welcome “God’s Little Children” to Our Mass

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” Mk 10: 13-14.



Activity sheets and colour pencils, are available at the rear of the church, to occupy the children during Mass. Parents may even pin their child’s work on the noticeboard (when space is available) for others to appreciate their efforts.

Today is Our Parish St Vincent de Paul Donations

Food donations may be left at the rear of the church (a box is situated for small items/donations), or, in the parish centre. Cash donations may be deposited in the poor box at the door. Every donation helps SVDP to help the needy in our local communities.



Parishioners who may need a “helping hand,” may contact the SVDP Society for assistance, or speak with our local SVDP representatives: **Bruno George (mobile: 0470571041)** at Wilson Parish, or, **Sister Charla (telephone: 93545083)** at Riverton Parish. **The names of those requesting and receiving assistance is always confidential.**

Pope John Paul II often spoke of aspiring to ‘be more’ rather than to ‘have more’?

