



CELEBRATING THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL  
 W/C SUN 13TH JUNE 2021, 11TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

# THE KINGDOM OF GOD

"Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rests in the shade of its branches"

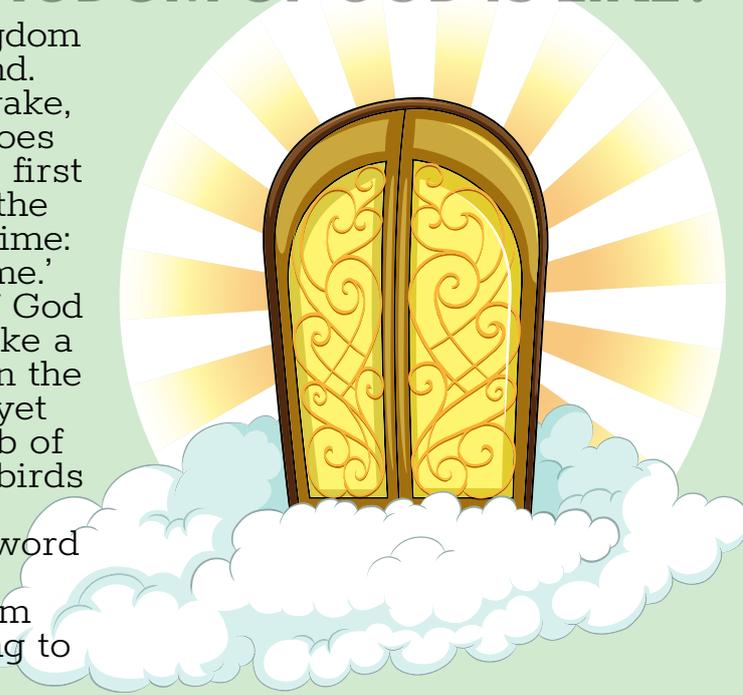
EZEKIEL 17:23

## "WHAT CAN WE SAY THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE?"

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.



## Welcome back to Ordinary Time

Lent and Easter have been and gone, and with Advent and Christmas seemingly far enough away, we are now back in the season of "Ordinary Time" This season of the Church's year is symbolised by the colour green. The green represents new life and growth! This season is a time for us to grow. During Advent and Lent, we hear about the events of Jesus' life and death, but in Ordinary Time we we hear more about what Jesus came to teach us. Expect plenty of parables over the coming weeks! This week's parable is the one of the mustard seed. It is important to remember that Jesus communicated through these stories to help us picture what he wanted us to know. In the parable of the mustard seed, he is trying to share with us about the Kingdom of God. We can't picture Heaven because we haven't been there, but Jesus explains it as a place where all of creation can rest, or find shelter. He likens it to the mustard seed; small and growing in places where we can't see, but eventually will be so big that it provides comfort and protection for us all.

### MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24  
 I will plant a shoot on the high mountain  
 Psalm 91:  
 It is good to give you thanks O Lord  
 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10  
 We want to make our home in the Lord  
 Gospel: Mark 4:26-34  
 What can we say the Kingdom of God is like?

### WE PRAY FOR...

All those we know who are sick and housebound, those in care or in hospital, and those who have recently died or have anniversaries at this time.

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