



St Joseph's School, Nyngan
The Educational Ministry of St Patrick's Catholic Parish in Nyngan



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 16th July, 2014

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A – Sunday, 20th July, 2014

A Reflection on Sunday's Gospel: Parables about the Kingdom of God

Sunday's Gospel features three parables about the kingdom: the weeds in the field; the mustard seed; and yeast in the flour. They are three fascinating parables about something undesirable or unwanted being mixed in with something that is apparently good – and Jesus presents them as descriptions of what the kingdom of heaven is like. Let's look at the imagery of these parables. Darnel is a weed that looks exactly like wheat while it is growing. Only once the ears have formed can it be distinguished from the wheat. It is a malicious prank to sow darnel among wheat.

The mustard seed grows into such a large tree that birds come and nest in it. Why would any farmer want to deliberately plant a tree in the middle of his fields that attracts birds that will destroy his crops?

Three measures of flour is an enormous amount of flour; enough to make 50 or 60 loaves of bread! Yeast begins to ferment the dough mixture and if not baked the dough goes mouldy and goes bad. To leaven that much dough at one time is somewhat foolish. The Hebrew word used for leavening in scripture is *Chametz*, it literally means 'sour'. It is that essence by which things decay. Leavening is a fermentation process – a process of breaking down or corruption.

To describe the kingdom of God in these ways may seem a bit odd. Can the kingdom of God be a 'corrupting' or 'souring' or 'irritating' influence? The kingdom message of Jesus can be seen as a corrupting force in that it set about corrupting and destroying what was a flawed system. The parables also demonstrate that it only takes a tiny amount of this 'corrupting' influence to have a dramatic effect.

Scriptural context – Matthew's explanation

In the gospel passage, following the presentation of the three parables, Jesus explains the parable of the wheat and darnel to his disciples. It is explained in terms of a final judgment. (Compare it with Matthew 25: 31-46.) The parable of the weeds, or darnel, and its explanation only appear in the gospel of Matthew – although the parable does occur in the non-canonical gospel of Thomas. The interpretation belongs to Matthew more than it belongs to Jesus. It is an unapologetic direction to his community that living a righteous life in the midst of wickedness will be rewarded.

Have you thought? – Leaven

The parable of the woman placing leaven in three measures of flour is an intriguing one. In some translations, the text reads, 'The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.' Whilst you might initially hide yeast in some dough, it doesn't take very long for the yeast to become apparent as it makes the dough rise. Such a large quantity of flour suggests the bread is being prepared for a festival – perhaps Passover when only unleavened bread was used? That would put a different spin on the woman's action!

Living the Gospel – Agents of change

We often hear that to fully live out the kingdom message of Jesus is to be counter-cultural. These parables are a perfect example of that call. Jesus himself acted in contrast to his cultural context and often used examples in his teaching that flew in the face of cultural expectation. What does it mean to be counter-cultural today? Our world is driven by an emphasis on the individual; an emphasis on acquisition; an emphasis on consuming. The kingdom parables of today's gospel call us to be the agents of change that 'irritate' in our own small way to make a difference in the world.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

Dear Parents,

Thank You!
Thank You!

- To Katie Sinclair for organising the oval canteen for our Athletics Carnival on 26th June and to those who gave a hand on the day. A special thank you to Lynne Rope for coming along to help out.
- To our parents who helped with the sporting events and to Catherine Smith for her wonderful help with the large Junior Boys contingent.
- To Wendy Robb and Katie Moody for organising our Athletics Carnivals as well as the upcoming Cluster Athletics Carnival in Cobar.
- To Bernie & Shannon Bourke who manned the gate last Saturday at the Bogan Bulls home game.
- To Anne Waterhouse for her kindness in having our vacuum cleaner from MacKillop Hall overhauled during the holidays.

CANTEEN - TERM 3

Included once again today are the dates for our Term 3 Canteen Roster. Appreciation to those who have signed up for the roster. I do hope you can find a suitable date and let us know via telephone or email to admin.nyngan@wf.catholic.edu.au.

Our school canteen will not open tomorrow, Thursday, 17th July. Lunch orders will be taken to Arandale's Shop if required.

LATE ARRIVALS - SIGNING IN

A reminder to parents that they must sign their children in if they are running late for school. If the front door is locked, please escort your child to his/her classroom and the teacher will organise the late arrival form.

WESTERN CLUSTER ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Following St Joseph's Athletics Carnivals, we have quite a large number of athletes eligible to compete at the Cluster Athletics Carnival in Cobar on Friday, 25th July. It would be fantastic if all notes could be returned by tomorrow as the Cobar organisers are anxious to get their program underway. We wish our students a happy and successful day in Cobar.

DIOCESAN RUGBY UNION GALA DAY IN NARROMINE - THURSDAY, 17TH JULY

We wish our Years 5 & 6 boys a happy and safe day tomorrow as they participate in the Rugby Union Gala Day in Narromine. The winning team on the day will qualify to play at St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill later on in the term.

BOGAN BULLS' HOME GAMES GATE ROSTER

Appreciation once again to those who have kindly volunteered to take admissions at the Bogan Bulls' home games. A reminder that helpers need to be at the gate by 12:30 pm on the day you are rostered. **There is still just one more date to fill - SATURDAY, 16TH AUGUST.** Please let us know if you can help on this day.

REMINDER SCHOOL FUN RUN - THURSDAY, 31ST JULY, 2014

Nicole Donnelly, President of our P. & F. Association has included an update of our 'Fun Run' Event today. This will take place in normal sports time on Thursday, 31st July at Frank Smith Oval. Students will walk to the oval with their teachers as soon as they have had their lunch. Parents are invited to be part of this afternoon of fun day.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS - MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY - 21/22/23 JULY.

Just a reminder that our Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held early next week. It is important that you take this opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher. If you are unable to make your appointment next week, you will be contacted to make arrangements for a new interview time. **Students in Years 5 & 6 are encouraged to attend the Parent/Teacher Interview with their parents.**

ENROLMENTS 2015

Our Diocesan Office in Forbes requests our student numbers for the following year in mid-August. If your child is eligible for enrolment in 2015, please let me know via email on admin.nyngan@wf.catholic.edu.au or phone the school office on 68321588. Children must be 5 years of age as at 30th April, 2015.

CLAIMING THE DATES

****KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAYS**

THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 2014 - First Orientation Day and Parent Meeting at 9:30 am in MacKillop Hall.

THURSDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 2014 - Second Orientation Day for children.

****ST JOSEPH'S ANNUAL FETE SATURDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 2014.**

CATERING FOR CLEARING SALE - WEDNESDAY, 6TH AUGUST

Our P. & F. have been invited to cater for the upcoming clearing sale at Karen and Peter Vernon's property, 'Seaford', Nyngan on Wednesday, 6th August starting at 10:00 am. Sincere appreciation to Jodie O'Neill who has kindly offered to coordinate the catering and to Ken Whaley for volunteering to cook the barbecue on the day. We are inviting parents to assist on the day by helping Jodie and Ken with the sale of sausage/steak sandwiches, cold drinks, tea and coffee. If you are able to help please email the school on admin.nyngan@wf.catholic.edu.au or phone the school on 68321588. Many thanks in anticipation.

UNSW COMPUTER ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who sat the Computer Assessment during Term 2.

Participation Certificates - Riley Wood, Ethan Eckart, Doclan Jackson, Xander Wood.

Credit Certificates - Angus Wallis, Shannon Bourke.

Distinction Certificate - Tom Yeo.

SCHOOL BEETROOT!!!!

The beetroot from our school garden is ready for picking!! If you would like a bunch of beetroot, please see Ken Whaley prior to 12:00 noon on a school day and he will gladly pick you a bunch. If you would like to make a small donation towards the children's gardens for the purchase of new plants, that would be fantastic.

TIPS FOR HEARING YOUR CHILD READ

Many thanks to Joanne Deebank who has included with the newsletter today, some very useful tips for helping your children with their home reading.

3 HOUR TEACHERS INDUSTRIAL ACTION - NEXT WEDNESDAY, 23RD JULY, 2014

You may have heard in the media of proposed industrial action that will take place in a number of Catholic Schools in the Diocese on Wednesday, 23rd July, 2014. Some of our staff members may participate in this industrial action, however, I wish to assure you that there will be adequate supervision for your children at St Joseph's School, Nyngan.

Yours sincerely,
Sharon Grimmond
Principal

COMING UP!!Thursday, 17th July

- Year 4 Assembly 12:30 pm

Friday, 18th July

- Rugby Union Gala Day in Narromine

Mon, Tues & Weds - 21/22/23 July

- Year 5 Class Mass 9:30 am

Friday, 25th July

- Parent/Teacher Interviews

- Cluster Athletics Carnival in Cobar

Thursday, 31st July

- Bogan Shire Council Tree Planting Day

Friday, 1st August

- School Fun Run Frank Smith Oval 2:00 pm

Monday, 4th August

- Year 4 Class Mass 9:30 am

Wednesday, 6th August

- Year 1 Excursion to Dubbo

Thursday, 7th August

- P. & F. Catering for Clearing Sale

Friday, 8th August- **Whole-School Mass Mary MacKillop 9:15 am**Tuesday, 12th August

- Diocesan Athletics Carnival in Parkes

- P. & F. Meeting - MacKillop Hall 6:00 pm

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 3, 2014

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>
<u>14/7/14</u> <u>CANTEEN CLOSED</u>	<u>17/7/14</u> <u>CANTEEN CLOSED</u>
<u>21/7/14</u>	<u>24/7/14</u> Sonia Black Bec Smith
<u>28/7/14</u>	<u>31/7/14</u>
<u>4/8/14</u> Anne Waterhouse Maryanne Bourke	<u>7/8/14</u>
<u>11/8/14</u>	<u>14/8/14</u>
<u>18/8/14</u> Karen Francis Wen Yao	<u>21/8/14</u>
<u>25/8/14</u>	<u>28/8/14</u>
<u>1/9/14</u> Anne Waterhouse Maryanne Bourke	<u>4/9/14</u>
<u>8/9/14</u>	<u>11/9/14</u>
<u>15/9/14</u>	<u>18/9/14</u>

READING STRATEGIES TO USE AT HOME

If your child reaches a word that they are unfamiliar with, try these strategies!



AFTER READING WITH YOUR CHILD

When you think you're done, you've just begun!
After enjoying a book with your child, get the conversation started!!!

- How did the story make you feel?
- What did you like or dislike about the story?
- Does the story remind you of any other story?
- What were you wondering as you read?
- Does this book make you think of anything else you've read?
- What was your favourite part?
- Were there any parts that surprised you?
- What are you going to read next?

St Joseph's School Fun-Run School Thursday, 31st July, 2014

Don't forget that we will be holding the *Adidas School Fun-Run* as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on Thursday, 31st July at the Nyngan Golf Course commencing at 2:00 pm.

The *Adidas School Fun-Run* is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation rather than competition. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All of the students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase banks of iPads, one for the Infants students and one for the Primary students. Students will be able to continue to collect sponsorship money after the day of the event, up until Friday, 15th August, 2014.

Remember that students who raise just \$10 or more will receive a reward for effort! In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!

While there has been some difficulty with the online function, by the end of this week students wanting to track their progress and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto **schoolfunrun.com.au/students** and creating a Student Profile Page.

We will also have a fancy dress competition on the day with prizes for three divisions – Infants (Stage1), Stage 2 & Stage 3. It will be a gold coin donation to enter the fancy dress competition. The only condition is that joggers must be worn on the day.

We are hoping to be able to provide the children with healthy fruit snacks and water to celebrate their efforts on the day! If you would like to volunteer and help out on the day please contact the school via email on admin.nyngan@wf.catholic.edu.au.

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the *Adidas School Fun-Run* Event Day at the golf course on **31st July** to help cheer on the students.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Nicole Donnelly

Coordinator

St Joseph's P. & F. Association

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, NYNGAN

PLANNER TERM 3, 2014

WK 1	MONDAY 14/7	TUESDAY 15/7	WEDNESDAY 16/7	THURSDAY 17/7	FRIDAY 18/7
	*School Resumes for Term 3			*Year 4 Assembly 12:30 pm *Diocesan Rugby Union Carnival in Narromine	*Year 5 Class Mass 9:30 am
WK 2	MONDAY 21/7	TUESDAY 22/7	WEDNESDAY 23/7	THURSDAY 24/7	FRIDAY 25/7
	*Parent/Teacher Interviews	*Parent/Teacher Interviews	*Parent/Teacher Interviews		*Year 1 Class Mass 9:30 am *Cluster Athletics Carnival/Cobar *Yr 6 Transition Day
WK 3	MONDAY 28/7	TUESDAY 29/7	WEDNESDAY 30/7	THURSDAY 31/8	FRIDAY 1/8
		*Principals' & Clerical Inservice/Forbes (Sharon & Mim) *UNSW English Assessment	*Principals' & Clerical Inservice/Forbes (Sharon & Mim)	*Adidas School Fun Run 2:00 pm at Frank Smith Oval *Year 2 Excursion Assembly 12:30 pm	*Year 4 Class Mass
WK 4	MONDAY 4/8	TUESDAY 5/8	WEDNESDAY 6/8	THURSDAY 7/8	FRIDAY 8/8
	*Year 1 Excursion to Dubbo	*P. & F. Catering for Clearing Sale at 'Seaford' (Karen & Peter Vernon)		*Whole-School Mass Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop 9:15 am	*Diocesan Athletics Carnival/Parkes *Mrs Grimmond/ACU Study/Forbes *Mrs Robb & Mrs Deebank/Inservice/Dubbo *Yr 6 Transition Day
WK 5	MONDAY 11/8	TUESDAY 12/8	WEDNESDAY 13/8	THURSDAY 14/8	FRIDAY 15/8
		*UNSW Maths Assessment *P. & F. Meeting MacKillop Hall 6 pm	*First Reconciliation	*Year 1 Excursion Assembly 12:30 pm	*Whole-School Mass Feast of Assumption 9:30 am
WK 6	MONDAY 18/8	TUESDAY 19/8	WEDNESDAY 20/8	THURSDAY 21/8	FRIDAY 22/8
					*Staff Professional Development Day Western Cluster in Nyngan *Yr 6 Transition Day
WK 7	MONDAY 25/8	TUESDAY 26/8	WEDNESDAY 27/8	THURSDAY 28/8	FRIDAY 29/8
			*Year 5 Assembly 12:30 pm	*Ridley/Trudgett Netball Carnival in Warren	*Year 3 Class Mass 9:30 am
WK 8	MONDAY 1/9	TUESDAY 2/9	WEDNESDAY 3/9	THURSDAY 4/9	FRIDAY 5/9
	NYNGAN'S NAIDOC WEEK Opening Ceremony at Bogan Shire		*NAIDOC Community Day	*Kinder Excursion to Dubbo Zoo	*Polding Athletics Carnival/Newcastle *Fathers' Day Liturgy *Yr 6 Transition Day
WK 9	MONDAY 8/9	TUESDAY 9/9	WEDNESDAY 10/9	THURSDAY 11/9	FRIDAY 12/9
	*Proposed Yrs 5 & 6 Excursion to Sydney	*Proposed Yrs 5 & 6 Excursion to Sydney	*Proposed Yrs 5 & 6 Excursion to Sydney	*Kinder Assembly 12:30 pm *Proposed Yrs 5 & 6 Excursion to Sydney	*Year 2 Class Mass 9:30 am *Kinder Excursion to Dubbo Zoo *Proposed Yrs 5 & 6 Excursion to Sydney
WK 10	MONDAY 15/9	TUESDAY 16/9	WEDNESDAY 17/9	THURSDAY 18/9	FRIDAY 19/9
		*CWA International Day			*Kinder/Year 6 Class Mass 9:30 am *Last day of Term 3 *Monday, 6 th October Long Weekend *Term 4 resumes on Tuesday, 7 th October

