

THE GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

*To what shall we compare the kingdom of God,
or what parable can we use for it?*

O
God,

like
the tiny
mustard plant,
give us your roots.

Dig down deep into our souls!
Storm into our hearts and minds!
Grow into so large a plant
that all of our actions,
all of our ideas,
all of our loves

nestle
and shelter
in your branches.

Make all of your people,
all of the birds of the sky and
all of creation dwell in our shade.

Next Sunday, 20th June is Fathers' Day.

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

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COMMUNITY

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Saturday	9.00 am – 4.00 pm
Sunday	10.00 am – 1.30 pm

MASS TIMES

From Monday to Saturday Mass at 12.00 noon will be streamed
online and on Sundays only both 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm Masses
will be streamed online.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/greenford/>

Saturday – 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm
Sunday – 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm.

Confessions – Saturdays 11.00 am to 12.00 noon.
and 6.15 pm to 6.45 pm

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT
will also be streamed online on
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm,
and Friday from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

**THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(YEAR B)
13th JUNE 2021**

We pray for Daniel Patrick Kilmurray and Maurice Casey
who died recently,
and whose funerals will take place in the coming weeks

and for those whose
anniversaries occur about this time:
Philip Carolan, Milagres Fernandes,
Patrick, Margaret & Teresa Flanagan, Francisco Antolin,
John Hagan, Martin & May Hagan, Joseph Padayatti
and Frank J. Reid.

† May they rest in peace. †

Congratulations

We extend our warmest congratulations to Fr. George Ranahan,
on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee, 50 years a priest.
Also, our own Fr. Liam will be celebrating the fourth anniversary
of his ordination on Thursday 17th June.

Ad multos annos.

Friday 25th June will be the 40th Anniversary of the visions of Our
Lady at Medjugorje. To celebrate this incredibly special occasion,
we will be holding a procession and Rosary around the Church,
starting at 6.00 pm. This will be followed by testimonies and Mass
at 6.45 pm.

Afterwards we will be enjoying light refreshments in the
church forecourt in accordance with social distancing regulations.

Everyone welcome!

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*The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took,
and sowed in his field which indeed is smaller than all seeds but when it is
grown, it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of
the air come and lodge in its branches.*

The mustard seed is quite small, about the size of a single peppercorn, but it
grows into a large shrub—up to ten feet in height—and Jesus says this is a
picture of kingdom growth. The point of the Parable of the Mustard Seed is
that something big and blessed—the kingdom of God—had humble
beginnings. How significant could the short ministry of Christ be? He had but
a handful of followers, He was a man of no rank and without means, and He
lived in what everyone considered a backwater region of the world. The life
and death of Christ did not catch the world's attention any more than a
mustard seed would lying on the ground by the road. But this was a work of
God. What seemed inconsequential at first grew into a movement of
worldwide influence, and no one could stop it (see [Acts 5:38-39](#)). The
influence of the kingdom in this world would be such that everyone
associated with it would find a benefit—pictured as the birds perched on the
branches of the mature mustard plant.

The history of the church has shown Jesus' Parable of the Mustard
Seed to be true. The church has experienced an explosive rate of
growth through the centuries. It is found worldwide and is a source of
sustenance and shelter for all who seek its blessing. In spite of
persecution and repeated attempts to stamp it out, the church has
flourished. And it's only a small picture of the ultimate manifestation
of the kingdom of God, when Jesus returns to earth.