



Good morning  
everyone!

# Welcome

Today we hear about a tiny little seed.

But when it is planted it grows into a big bush with branches big enough for all the birds to come and sit in.

Let's think a bit more about what Jesus was trying to say with this story

# Opening prayer



Dear Loving God,  
You show us that the littlest actions can have huge results, and that the smallest of people can do great things.

Inspire us to play our part in making the world a fairer place for everyone.

Amen.



# Gospel: Mark 4:26-34



Jesus went on to say, “The Kingdom of God is like this. A man scatters seed in his field. He sleeps at night, is up and about during the day, and all the while the seeds are sprouting and growing. Yet he does not know how it happens. The soil itself makes the plants grow and bear fruit; first the tender stalk appears, then the ear, and finally the ear full of corn. When the corn is ripe, the man starts cutting it with his sickle, because harvest time has come.

“What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like?” asked Jesus. “What parable shall we use to explain it? It is like this.

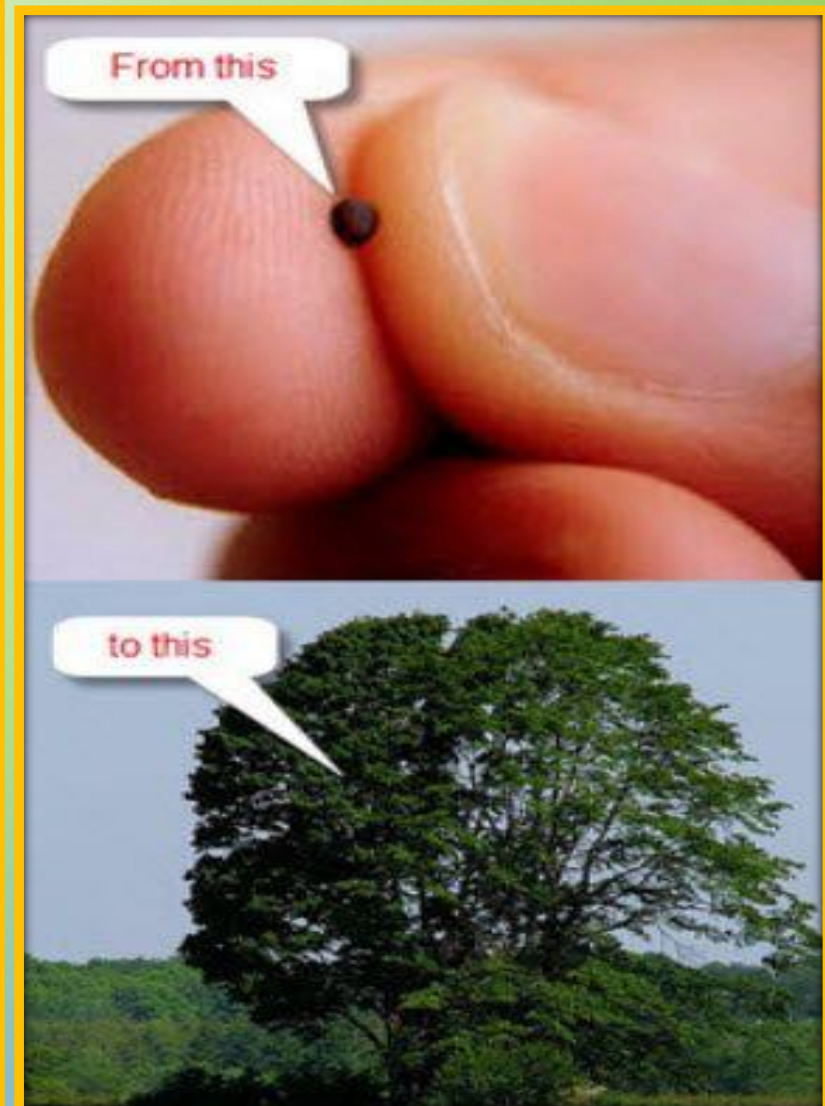
# Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

A man takes a mustard seed, the smallest seed in the world, and plants it in the ground. After a while it grows up and becomes the biggest of all plants. It puts out such large branches that the birds come and make their nests in its shade.”

Jesus preached his message to the people, using many other parables like these; he told them as much as they could understand.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

All Response : PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST



# Gospel reflection

What do you remember from today's reading?



In today's gospel, Jesus is trying to show what God's Kingdom is like. It's not easy to describe, so instead he tells stories so that we can try to imagine it.

Both the stories he tells are about seeds, which grow and change from small beginnings.

We're going to think about the story of the mustard seed.

What do you remember about this story?

# Gospel reflection



The mustard seed is a tiny little seed.

But it grows into a very big bush with very big branches.

Big enough for birds to be able to come and sit in to get out of the sun.

So, what do you think Jesus is trying to tell us?

Perhaps it's that the Kingdom of heaven is also always growing, just like the seed, so that there's room for everyone who wants to be there.

# Gospel reflection

**Be Kind! Be Helpful!**



The mustard seed also shows us how size doesn't matter – even the tiniest seed can produce a great big tree.

The same is true for us – even the smallest person can do great things. And even the smallest action can have big results.

For example, being kind in the playground and inviting someone to play with you if they look lonely, is just one little thing you can do – it hardly takes any time at all.

But to the person who is lonely, it can make a really big difference.



# Gospel reflection

Can you think of any examples of small things that you have done that have made a big difference to other people?

What do you think happens when lots of people join their actions together?

If lots of people do something small, it can make a really, really big difference.

A bit like how a drop of water isn't very much on its own, but join it together with millions of other drops, and you get the great big sea!



# Let us Pray



We join our voices together now in prayer:

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that God may inspire us to make a difference, knowing that even the smallest among us can do great things.

Lord in your mercy...

**All Response : Hear our prayers**

We pray for world leaders: that they may have the courage to make decisions for the good of all people, and to protect the earth our common home.

Lord, in your mercy...

**All Response : Hear our prayers**




TOGETHER, SMALL ACTIONS ADD UP TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.  
THE SMALLEST SEED CAN GROW INTO THE BIGGEST BUSH.

MY QUESTION TO YOU ALL TODAY IS



WHAT WILL YOU DO THIS WEEK TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO OTHER PEOPLE IN THE SCHOOL AND AROUND THE COMMUNITY?



Monday

*Blessings*

Have a *beautiful* day

and a *blessed*

week

