

# Living FAITH

*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land  
and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.*

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A Primary

### “GOOD SEEDS”

#### WE GATHER

God of All Good Things,  
Your Spirit flows within all of creation.  
As we listen to Your Word,  
help us to walk kindly with one another,  
as we work to build Your kingdom on earth  
as it is in heaven.  
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus the Risen Lord.  
*Amen.*

#### WE LISTEN

*A reading from Gospel according to Matthew (13:24-30).*

Jesus then told the disciples this story:  
The kingdom of heaven is like what happened  
when a farmer scattered good seed in a field.  
But while everyone was sleeping, an enemy came  
and scattered weed seeds in the field and then left.

When the plants came up and began to ripen,  
the farmer’s servants could see the weeds.  
The servants came and asked,  
“Sir, didn’t you scatter good seed in your field?  
Where did these weeds come from?”  
“An enemy did this,” he replied.  
His servants then asked, “Do you want us to go out and pull up the weeds?”  
“No!” he answered. “You might also pull up the wheat.  
Leave the weeds alone until harvest time.  
Then I’ll tell my workers to gather the weeds and tie them up and burn them.  
But I’ll have them store the wheat in my barn.”



For new beginnings.  
*Lord, hear us.*

For guidance in our decision making,  
*Lord, hear us.*

For courage to face the unknown.  
*Lord, hear us.*

For our own needs...  
*Lord, hear us.*



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## WE REFLECT

Mother Teresa started her ministry by helping the homeless and those who were very sick in Calcutta, India.

Her work flourished, and as a result of her efforts to help those poor and ill people every day, a community was formed that now provides support to people all over the world.

Mother Teresa has now been declared a saint. Like all of the other saints, she went about her work just like any other person. She wasn't looking for attention or fame. The ordinary-ness of her work made her extraordinary.

In every person she encountered, she saw a reflection of Jesus.

**How can we be a reflection of Jesus for others?  
How can we serve Jesus in others?**

## WE ARE SENT FORTH

Creator God,  
We give thanks for the many things we have been blessed with.  
Help us to know your voice  
as we listen to the Good News and proclaim it for others.  
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, the living Word.  
*Amen.*

*In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

*“A joyful heart is the inevitable result  
of a heart burning with love.”*

*- St Teresa of Calcutta*

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