



Our Lady of Peace Catholic School

**Eleventh Week of Ordinary time.
The Kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed.**

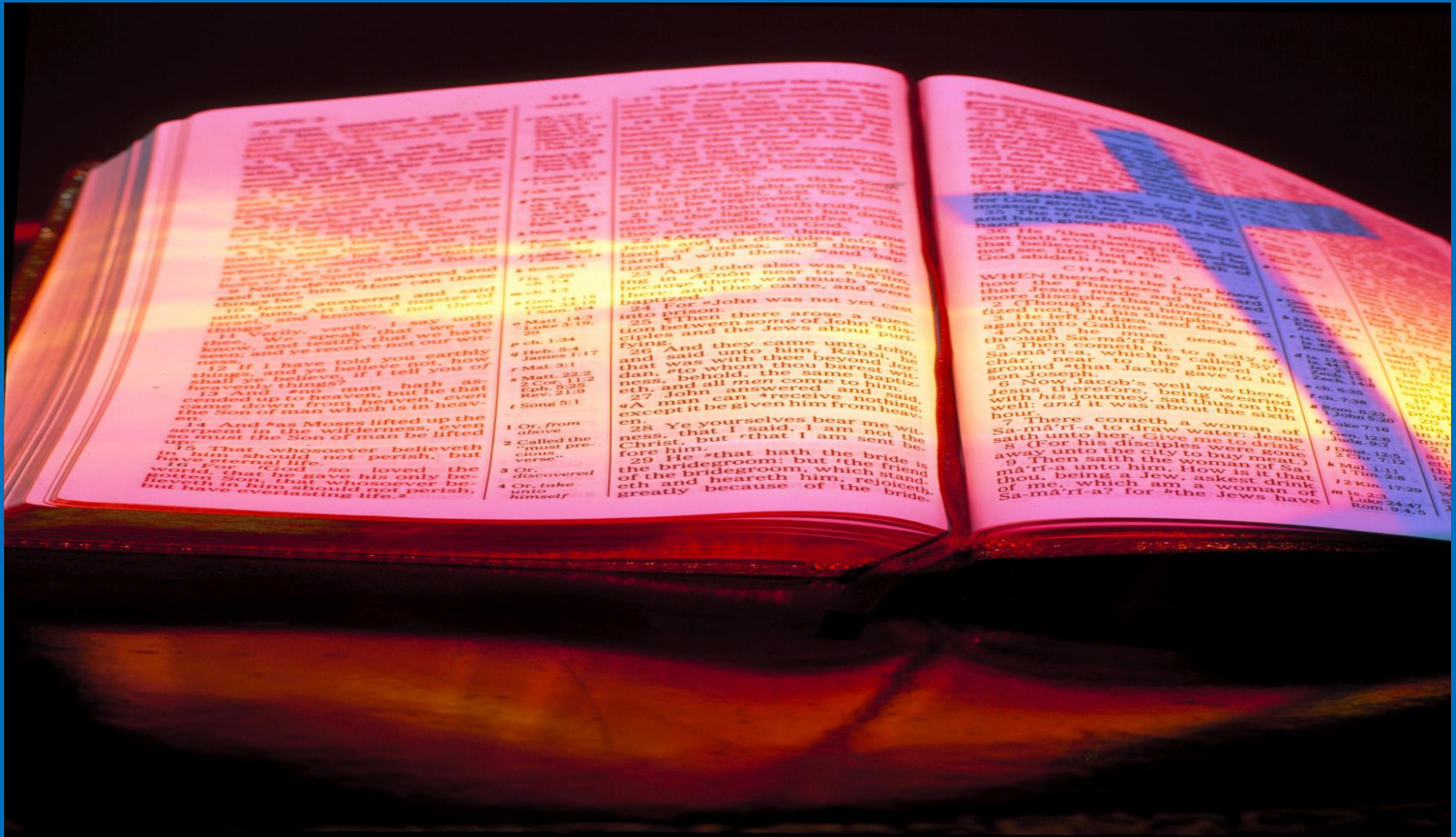
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark
4:30-34

Response- Glory to you , O Lord

- One day Jesus told this parable to the people; ‘The kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed. Night and day, the little seed sprouts and grows. No-one sees it growing or knows how it happens. Until one day it has become a large and leafy shrub and the birds of the air find shelter in its many branches.’
- Jesus told his people many parables and later when he was alone with his disciples he helped them to understand their message.



The Gospel of the Lord



Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Can anybody tell me what a parable is?-A parable is a short, simple story which Jesus told to explain an important message to the people. In today's parable he talked about a tiny mustard seed and the way it grows into a large and sturdy plant. The mustard tree is a very common sight in Israel. He also talked about the Kingdom of God which grows from small beginnings like the tiny mustard seed. The word of God is planted in our hearts and as we grow in kindness, love, understanding and forgiveness we share it with others and in this way God's Kingdom grows too. It is very important that we feed our spirit inside of each of us by remembering to spread the word of God by what we do and say.



Prayer

Let us close our eyes and speak quietly to Jesus in our hearts. If we have done anything to make God feel sad or disappointed with us, we ask for his forgiveness.

Jesus taught us how to pray. Jesus said 'Thy kingdom come' and so we pray that the kingdom of God will grow in our daily lives as we say together: Our Father.....

Amen