

A few words on the readings

1 Kings 3:5-12 Solomon has a dream in which he makes a prayer to God for judicial wisdom. It is a prayer to govern well for the good of his people and so it is pleasing to God.

Romans 8: 26-39 Paul speaks of his total confidence in God. He invites the believer to praise God for all he has done for us through Jesus Christ.

Matthew 13:31-33, 41-52 This is a series of parables of the Kingdom.

The Mustard Seed – Jesus speaks of the impact of faith. However insignificant our faith may seem it can have a huge impact on others and on the spread of the Kingdom.

The Yeast – Yeast is dynamic, it can transform that to which it is added. God's kingdom can transform us and the world around us.

The Hidden Treasure and the Pearl – the Kingdom demands our total engagement and commitment, But we must also recognise its true value to be able to give ourselves to it.

The Net – This parable serves as a warning and therefore an encouragement. It speaks of the day of judgement itself. Why not then seek the Kingdom immediately, why wait to believe and to love God?

The Old and New Treasure – The Gospel is the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets. The new and the old are combined together as part of God's plan of salvation. Today we still draw inspiration from the Old Testament as we base our faith on the New.