



LITURGY

First reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Response to the Psalm: Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

Second reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23



Dear Parishioners

Parables are disturbing stories, especially designed to awaken hearts that have grown dull and ears that are hard of hearing.

Between watering, weeding, feeding and protecting from harsh winds and frosts any gardener will tell you that caring for plants is a fulltime occupation. If seedlings are to put down healthy roots that will push up strong shoots, they need as much caring as young children. There are no short cuts or quick fixes in the world of nature. Jesus tells us that it is no different in the all important matters of the heart and spirit. The Gospel story prompts us to think of God as the Master Gardener who has sown the seed of His word on the earth and scattered the sign of His presence generously throughout creation. He even gives the most unlikely places the opportunity of receiving His word and responding to it. If God's presence goes unnoticed the problem is due to a lack of welcome on our part, either because we are not listening or our hearts are elsewhere. It is not because He is absent. The word of God will take root and bear fruit in our lives depending on the welcome we give it in our hearts.

There is a saying in the Bible that we will ultimately reap what we sow. All of us, by the manner in which we live our lives, plant seeds for good or evil through the values we impart to our families. As we listen to this Gospel we would do well to ask ourselves if our faith has deep roots and if our hearts are centred on God. Are we trying to live out in our daily lives the beliefs we claim to profess as a church?

We desperately need more volunteers to train as stewards and cleaners for the church if we are to open in August. We need a minimum of eight and currently have three! Without you we will not be allowed to open. More information on the website.

God Bless, Fr. Benedict OSB

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



Week 15 Year (A)

Week commencing Sunday 12th July 2020

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Masses

Sat 11 th July		15th Sunday (Year A)	Susanna Westmeath RIP
Sun 12 th July		15th Sunday (Year A)	Hilda Tenten RIP
Mon 13 th July			
Tue 14 th July			
Wed 15 th July			Nancy & Nicky Flynn RIP
Thur 16 th July			Private Mass for School Leavers
Fri 17 th July			
Sat 18 th July		16th Sunday (Year A)	People of the Parish
Sun 19 th July		16th Sunday (Year A)	Private Intention

Mass is celebrated daily except on Mondays.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers: Doleen Evans, Faith Lyons, Steve Smith, Jane-Christina Thomson, Joan Smith, Derek Sollis, Michael Hall, Christopher Hurd, Edward O'Neill, Michael Smith, Barbara Wall, Pamela Young, Mick Sollis, Margaret Birkett, Nell Bridge, Annie McHugh, Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Carol Shuck, Tony Lyons, Jackie Ingrams, Brian Arthur, Michelle Norton, Melvin Probyn, Peter Sollis, Fred Chadfield, Susanna Westmeath.

Those who have recently died:

Jennifer Harvey, Anne Nora Finnegan, Mary Hadley, Barbara Flowers, Gerald Clarke, Alma Clarke, Eric George Dunton, Jill Smith, Paula Brookes, Jean McCarthy, Joe Brennan, Paul Bunn, Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney, Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas.

Information and Prayers

Please keep in your prayers all the children who are leaving St. Mary's this year. We pray that the Lord will keep them in his care as they move on to the next exciting stage of their school life. God Bless you all!

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present

in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love You above all things

and I passionately desire

to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,

come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to You

now and forever. Amen

Based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori



How to support your Parish

At this present time, the Parish is only receiving a small amount of income via standing orders and has lost the valuable weekly collection that helps to keep our Church afloat.

We still have bills to pay whilst we are closed.

It would help greatly if you are able to donate directly to St Mary's R C Parish in any of the following ways:

- downloading & completing the 'Standing Order' form from this website & sending it to the Parish
- posting cheques made payable to **St Mary's R C Parish** through the presbytery door. Please put your name & address on the reverse of the cheque
- posting cash in an envelope through the presbytery door. Please include your name & address
- posting your planned giving envelopes through the door

Please let us know if you are Gift Aid registered for any donations you make & please consider completing the Gift Aid form if you are not already registered & include it with your donation. Thank you!

A big 'Thank You' to all those people who have sent cheques and cash over the last week. Please let us keep each other in our prayers.

Do please check out our great new website where you will find up to date information, including the current bulletin, photos and other useful facts and advice about the resumption of Mass.