



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 in church on Sunday mornings?

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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15th Week of (Year A)

Week commencing Sunday 16th July 2023

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Masses

Sat 15 th July	5.00pm	15 th Sunday Year (A)	James Goodison RIP
Sun 16 th July	10.30am	15 th Sunday Year (A)	People of the Parish
Mon 17 th July			
Tues 18 th July			
Wed 19 th July	9.45am	School Leavers Mass	School Leavers and Staff
Thur 20 th July			People of the Parish
Fri 21 st July			
Sat 22 nd July	5.00pm	16 th Sunday Year (A)	John Kickham RIP
Sun 23 rd July	10.30am	16 th Sunday Year (A)	Leslie Hedley RIP

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

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, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Rachel Severn.

Those who have recently died: ,

Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse, Barbara Woodhouse, Kathleen McLoughlin, Peter McGoldrick, Anthony Roache, Lionel Quigley. Keith John Francis Cotterell, Anna Rose McGoldrick, Mary Baker.

Sunday Coffee

Do please come and join us after Mass NEXT WEEKEND SUNDAY 23RD JULY. There will be no coffee morning during August because of the holidays. We will resume in September and a new list for volunteers to sign is available at the back of the church. There will often be a small tabletop sale of priced items. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for coffee, cake and biscuits.

Second Collection

The second collection this week will be for those that work at sea, known as 'Sea Sunday.' There are envelopes at the back of the church for those who wish to Gift Aid their donation. Many thanks for your support.

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

We will be collecting any new, unopened Christmas gifts and gift sets after Christmas for future fundraising sales. Please keep anything that you think might be saleable and check the bulletin for details of when we will be collecting these items. No alcohol. Thank you!

Christian Aid Collection

A big Thank You to all who contributed to the Christian Aid collection. The total for the village this year was £777.31.

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