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THE ARCHDIOCESE
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FIFTEENTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
15th July to
23rd July
2023

Welcome to this House
of God:
Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass

Today's Mass
Readings

Isaiah 55:10-11;
Ps 64;
Romans 8:18-23;
Matthew 13:1-23

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

The Gospel of Matthew Chapter 13 contains a series of parables. A parable is an earthly story which reveals a heavenly truth. It also compares something familiar with something unfamiliar. This Sunday we reflect on the parable of seeds.

The first group of seeds fell on the path and were eaten by birds. Jesus says these are the people who don't understand the Word of God because the devil confuses them or convinces them that what they heard about God isn't true. The devil works through lack of clarity, confusion, incomplete presentations of the Gospel, and false gospels, to try and prevent the seed of the true Gospel from taking root.

The second group of seeds fell on rocky ground. Jesus says these are the people who believe the message at first but later do not because they are not committed when things go badly for them. They turn their back on the teaching of God when things get tough in their lives. Their faith has no roots.

The third group of seeds fell in the thorns. Jesus says these are the people who don't accept the Word of God because they are too distracted with the other things in the world. They are so distracted that they miss out on what is most important, the message of Jesus.

The fourth group of seeds fell on good soil. Jesus says these are the people who hear the Word of God, receive the Word of God, and produce good fruit. These people are blessed by God because they hear, understand, and do what God wants them to do.

It's the condition of the soil that matters. So also, it's the condition of our hearts that matters. Our hearts must not be hardened against the things of God. We must be open, we must have hungry and humble hearts to receive the Word of God.

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**Safeguarding
Officers****PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Mary Arulandhu, Annette Keates, Lynne Mary Allan, Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Bernie Mortlock, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Christine Enid and John King, Margaret and David Curtis, David Quigley, David Christine McGivern, Teresa Goddard, , Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Sheila Shearon, Bridget Whitfield and Patricia Lacey.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **Stephen Hurley** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Samuel Giles, Anne Sweeney, Gwendoline Coley, Donald Miners, Ada Kelly, Patricia Leckie, Tom Sullivan, Elizabeth Igoe, Kevin Mooney, William O'Reilly, Mildred Graney, Margaret Clewlow, Margaret Fortnam, Dorothy Pritchard, John Pritchard, Michael Shanah, Margaret O'Reilly, Mary Hopkins, Eileen Ball, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Requiem Mass for Stephen Gerard Hurley, is on Friday, July 21, 2023 here in Church at 11:00am followed by Cremation at Perry Barr Crematorium at 12:30pm.

BANS OF MATRIMONY

The Bans of Matrimony for two couples getting married this year are published in the Church Porch.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE
ELDERLY**

Sunday 23rd July 2023 is the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. It is a chance to celebrate the contribution that this generation make to our community and to ask for God's blessing on them.

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Warmest wishes for a happy holiday for those who are involved in School. May the holiday seasons fill your home with Joy, love and Laughter in your life. Our parish wishes all the best and success to all those who are moving on in their next academic year.

HELP WANTED

We are trying to dispose of the old, worn out prayer books and wondered if anyone could take some to dispose of in their recycling bins. This would be a great help. The books for disposal are on the organ in the porch. Please don't take the books from the trolley, they're the best we've got!

This Week Saturday 15th July – Sunday 23rd July (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 15th July Memorial of St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	12:30pm Pat Adderley	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 16th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES	8:30am Ints of David Quigley 10:30am Michael Clarke RIP	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass By Holy Name Choir
Monday 17th July Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Tom Sullivan RIP	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 18th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am Denise Watson RIP	
Wednesday 19th July Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am HN School Mass in Church Joan Rawlings RIP	11:00am Rosary
Thursday 20th July Feria in Ordinary time	9:15am Holy Mass in Church Joan Dune RIP	
Friday 21st July Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am Mass at St. Mark’s School Ints For the School 11:00am Requiem Mass for Stephen Hurley	
Saturday 22nd July FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDALENE	12:30pm Ints of Margaret and John Hill	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 23rd July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE	8:30am Michael Doorley RIP 10:30am Mary George 12:00pm Baptism	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass Knights of St. Columba

Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£389.86

Gift Aid Envelopes:
£160.50

Apostleship of the
Sea :
£175.74

Standing Order for
the Month of
May:
£1,935.00

Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 241
Thank you for
supporting your



Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Wisdom 12:13,
16-19; Ps 85;
Romans
8:26-27;
Matthew
13:24-43

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MULTI-CULTURAL EVENING SINCERE THANKS

Sincere thanks to all the volunteers who have contributed in any way to the preparation for the Multi Cultural evening. Many hours of hard work have gone into this to allow us to fully celebrate the Multi Cultural evening. May the Lord bless you all.

Thank you for all the lovely food. We enjoyed it very much.



Thank you for the Raffle Prizes. Your generosity never ceases to amaze us. We raised £315.60 THANK YOU!

Thank you for returning your reply slips. It really helped with the planning.

Thank you to everyone who entertained us. It was great. We did not know we had so much talent here in our Parish.



Thank you for all the help. We couldn't have done it without your hard work.

