

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.'

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

For the next several Sundays we will be in the very heart, the centre, of Matthew's Jewish-oriented Gospel. Jesus absorbed Jewish wisdom and sayings and taught them to his followers. He wanted to teach them about God's 'kingdom'. Today's Gospel has Jesus surrounded by a large crowd. He gets into a boat, sits down in the posture of a rabbinic teacher and instructs the crowd on the lakeside.

The parable that he offers is the most important in the whole Gospel. The principal agent is a sower scattering seed in typical fashion of the time. The farmer is oblivious to where the seed falls but intent that a harvest comes. The seed falls in places characteristic of the Galilean countryside: on the edge of paths and eaten by birds, on rocks, amongst thorns and in places with little depth of soil. But the seed also falls in rich soil and produces an extraordinarily abundant harvest. To a Galilean farmer, a twelve-fold harvest would be a wonderful gift. It would offer food for the coming year and pay off the taxes imposed by Rome and the Jewish religious authorities for the support of the Temple. The production is not twelve-fold, but a *hundred-fold*, sixty or *thirty*! This would be like a farmer winning the mega-lottery!

And this, says Jesus, is what the Kingdom is about. Despite apparent signs of frustration and even death, God's reign will be spectacularly rich and abundant. Jesus' parable teaching is an invitation to the Gospel audience and to us to believe in the ongoing abundant blessings of God's presence despite what appears to the contrary.



Fr Michael Trainor

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

FIRST READING

Isa 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The rain makes the earth give growth.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk. 8:8

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, / you fill it with riches. / Your river in heaven brims over / to provide its grain. **R.**
2. And thus you provide for the earth; / you drench its furrows, / you level it, soften it with showers, / you bless its growth. **R.**
3. You crown the year with your goodness. / Abundance flows in your steps, / in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**
4. The hills are girded with joy, / the meadows covered with flocks, / the valleys are decked with wheat. / They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till

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now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! / The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; / all who come to him will live for ever. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but for anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:



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ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you" John 11:28

Adorers are needed for these hours:

Tuesday: 6am

Wednesday: 5am

Friday: 5am

Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

Archbishop Peter Comensoli, D.D.
His Grace, Archbishop Peter Comensoli will be visiting our Parish on Friday until Sunday, from 17 - 19 July 2026. He will be celebrating the Saturday Vigil Mass at 7pm and Sunday at 10am mass, followed by morning tea with Parishioners in the foyer of the church.

Parish Forum. Saturday, 18 July 2026, 10am - 11:30 AM. This is an opportunity to meet and speak with the Archbishop about priorities, goals and challenges in our Parish. Booking is not essential. All welcome.

Thanksgiving envelopes. For those who are in the Thanksgiving program, envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church. Please contact the Parish office if your details have changed. Thank you for your support.

Catholic Mission. We will have a special Collection all weekend masses this week for Catholic Mission. Donation will help in supporting the construction of a Primary school in Kampira, Malawi. Envelopes and flyers are available in the foyer of the church. Thank you.

A VOCATION VIEW

The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, sometimes it lacks depth. But other times it is nourished by loving and caring friends.



DEATH REMEMBRANCE: Joseph Grima, Georgia Micallef, Edgardo dela Rosa, Celso Cabahug, Lucia Bendallo, Formosa & Vela family members, Stella Cini, Milla Tan, Antonio Morales, Antonietta & Francesco, Joe Vella, Myrna Diaz Oliva, Ronnie Zammit, Maria Elisa Schweighart, Peter Chanel Sin, Carmen Caruana, Roko Koprivanac, Stephen Stolic, Trinidad & Gervasio Lacuesta, Teodoro Tuazon, Lydia Cardenas, Mary Camilleri, Alexander Villareal Sr, Mary Wallace, Victoria May Vetrano, Giuse Nguyen Hung An, Manuel, Trinidad, Gervacio, Irwin, Jerico Lacuesta, Mamerto, Melicia Donato, Alberto, Alegria Oxonian, Lorraine Rowles, Filipiniana Valdivia, Julieta Perez, Maria Tran Thi The, Guise, Phero, Augustino Jacob Dulanyan, Tom Okunut, John Bosco Oluka, Philomena Asango, Alfredo Villafior, Letisia McGuinness, Leo Born, Nenita Santos, Augustine Francis Oriada, Priscilla Artaga, Joelito Evangelista, Veronica Algo, Jonathan Saso, All Souls in Purgatory

RECENT DEATH: Shauna Calleja, Goyko Marushich, Myrna Diaz Oliva

SPECIAL INTENTION: Kizza Besigye, Emeritus Lukwago A Mong, Celia family, Zammit & Dalli family, Glydel Marie Lawang, Jeremy Ed Lawang, Annabel, Gauci, McKenzie family, Mel Nazareno, Simon Geler

HEALING: Pauline Gatt, Tony & Agatha Saliba, Charlie & Helen Aquilina, Arlyn Lim, Lydie Etienne, Koprivanac family, Gauci family, McKenzie family, Pino Vetrano, Christopher

THANKSGIVING: Bert & Shemida, Joy & Aaron, Stephen Verghese, Ronald Odeke, Ruth Sarmiento, Paulo Paterno, Anthony Pignataro, Emmanuel Quach Trung Hung, Carmen, Pacheco, Hyacinth Fernandez, Natasia, Dwaine Lemaire, Rose Marie, Angelo Snell, Sergel Marie Penarando, Tania & Isabella, Gabriel Candido, Ronald Ikanyum, Joel Rini, Jerim & Nobin

THIS WEEK: 12 July 2026 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Carina F Grace S L Jennifer S	Alister R Frances R Susan C	Dulce T Wynna D A Huang	Roger S J Marlou S J Nonie G	Vernon A Antonietta C Tonielle S	Anika D Zylie D A Julian
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joan S Della J Nick S L Antonietta C	Alister R Stefan P	Ferdinand T Roland D Rukmal M Shirley T	Don C Cathryn D Eva O Frolan M	Tami M Kirk D G R Patrick B Candida D S	Marvin D Gloria T Joe C Diana T
Altar Servers	Ric M	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rey S Arielle Mary Ann	Jericho, Jude Jherizelle
Choirs	Eucharistic Choir	AHFI	Holy Redeemer	MWF with LIHM Sisters	Lea Lapid	CICA

NEXT WEEK: 19 July 2026 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Gloria T Manoj L Antonietta C	Alister R Richelle C Jennifer C	Perly C Gynn D Wynna D	Nelissa D Greza P Jennifer G	Flora S Milo P Kirk D G R	Andrea C R Sazon C Vallescas
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Nick S L Marie E Oliver T Grace S L	Jeslie M Kurt C	Teo C Roland D Greg G Ronald D	Alvin G Julie Ann M Maria S Anna C	Diana T Vernon A Jacqueline R Tami M	Ric M Ernesto Co Michael D Joe C
Altar Servers	Ric M	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rey S Arielle Mary Ann	Jericho, Jude Jherizelle
Choirs	Light of Jesus (LOJ)	AHFI	MWF with LIHM Sisters	Emmaus	Lea Lapid	Exemroz

ADORATION RECRUITMENT THIS WEEKEND Volunteers are needed to keep our Perpetual Adoration open. Please consider committing to spending One hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament once a week. Contact: Lucy 0424 056 823.

Work With Children Check. A friendly reminder to all new volunteers (over 18 years old) to please apply for WWCC immediately. And for those whose WWCC have expired, please renew your WWCC immediately. Thank you

Parish Carpark. School children are Back. Reminder that the Parish/School Car Park is closed Monday to Friday between 9.30am to 2.30pm due to new Children's Safety Regulation introduced to Parish and School organisations.

SPC Sunday School will resume on Sunday, 19 July 2026, 11am-12pm, Marian Hcuse. Contact: Sr Catherine, LIHM 0425157651

SPC "ANIMO" Youth Meeting will resume on Tuesday, 21 July 2026, 6:30pm, SPC Hall. Contact: Sr Pierre, LIHM 0415306389

Next Week: 19 July 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

Timorese Mass. Saturday, 18 July at 3:00 PM

Please keep our crying room clean and tidy. Please pick up your rubbish before leaving. Thank you for your cooperation.