

The Living Word

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

12 July 2026

First Reading Is 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

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.'

Responsorial 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

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 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.

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

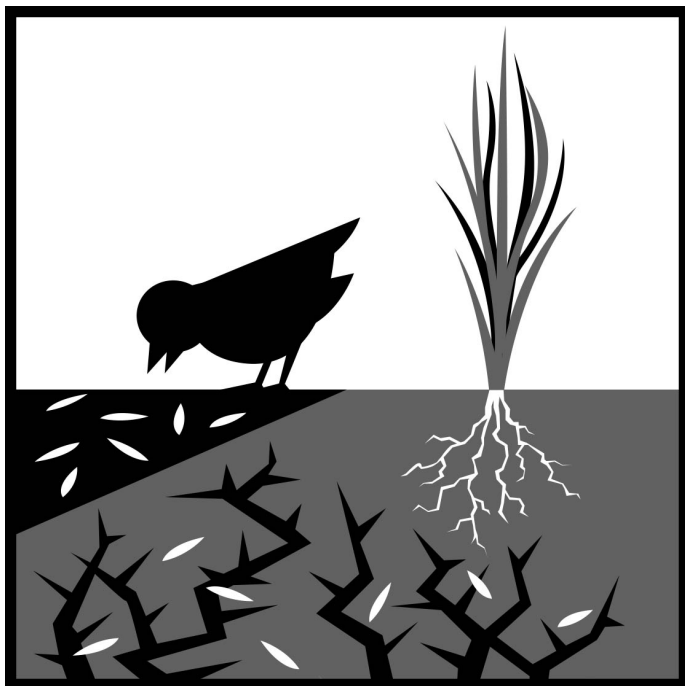
(or shorter form Mt 13:1-9)

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 from 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:

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.’

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God’s word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God’s work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus’ parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it.

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

12th of July 2026

PARISH RCIC PROGRAM 2026

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Children-

Baptism for children aged 7 years and above)

Information day: Monday July 13th, 2026 at 4 pm

Classes are held in the Church from 4 pm to 5 pm on the Monday afternoon of the 20th, 27th of July, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st of August and 7th September.

Baptism Celebration at St. Patrick's church: Sunday September 13th, at 12 pm.

PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2026

(For children who have received the sacraments of

Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist already)

Information day: Friday July 17th, 2026 at 4 pm

Classes are held in the church from 4 pm to 5 pm on the Friday afternoon of the 24th, 31st of July, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th of August and 4th, 11th of September.

Confirmation Celebration at St. Patrick's church: Saturday September 12th, 2026 at 12:30 pm & 2:30 pm.

Please contact the parish office if you wish to enroll your child into our sacramental program for 2026, by emailing: kilmore@cam.org.au

ROSARY @ KATE'S HOME: Next Rosary will be held on Wednesday 15th July, at 1 pm. All welcome! (12 Andrew Street, Kilmore)

TRAINING SESSIONS FOR EUCHARIST MINISTERS AND MASS READERS

- Training for Eucharist Ministers on 25th July at 12 noon at Our Lady of the Way Church, Wallan.
- Training for Mass Readers on 15th August at 12 noon at St Patrick's Church, Kilmore.

(Please note: Change of venue—for those who have already been notified.)

This invitation is extended to any Eucharist Ministers and Mass Readers, who want to do a refresher course, you are also welcome to come along.

Marist Events 2026

Marist Fourviere Event - July 28

Marist Way Australia has been busy preparing for the Marist Fourviere Celebration on Sunday, July 28, from 10 am to 2 pm at Hunters Hill. It would be wonderful if you could join us and bring others along — please RSVP as soon as possible. As Marists, we are called to be a bridge to one another, so do encourage others to come too.

<https://www.maristway.org/Events/1644.php> (Click on the RSVP link)

Marist Way Retreat - November 2026

Marist Way Australia is also hosting a retreat at Mittagong in early November. We need another 8 to 10 participants for the retreat to go ahead, and it will be a wonderful opportunity to bring like-minded Christians or Marists — both Religious and Lay — together to deepen their Marist charism. Please consider joining us and reserve your place as soon as possible.

<https://www.maristway.org/Formation/1654.php> (Click on the RSVP link)

CHURCHES

St. Patrick's, Kilmore
Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford
Our Lady of the Way, Wallan
St. Michael's, Wandong

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat (Vigil) 5 pm, Broadford
6.30 pm, Kilmore
Sun 8.45 am, Wallan
10.45 am, Kilmore

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu-Sat 9 am, Kilmore
Wed 9 am, Wallan
(Please note: out of school terms, Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)

CONFESSION

9.30 am, Thursday morning during Adoration

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction
Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore
Divine Mercy Chaplet
15 minutes prior to each weekday Mass, Kilmore
Rosary
after each weekday Mass, and Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan) & 10.20 am (Kilmore)

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St. Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding the safety, wellbeing, and dignity of children, young people, and adults.

PARISH DIARY:

Sat, 11 Jul: ST. BENEDICT

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 12 Jul: 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Mon, 13 Jul: WEEKDAY, 15TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

No Mass
4 pm RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) Information Session, St. Patrick's Church
7 pm St Vincent de Paul Kilmore Conference meeting, St Patrick's Presbytery

Tue, 14 Jul: WEEKDAY, 15TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Wed, 15 Jul: ST. BONAVENTURE

9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church

Thu, 16 Jul: WEEKDAY, 15TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Fri, 17 Jul: WEEKDAY, 15TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
4 pm Confirmation Information Session, St Patrick's Church

Sat, 18 Jul: WEEKDAY, 15TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 19 Jul: 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Synod Corner: *Is synodality slow?*

Synodality may seem slower than top-down decision-making, but it often leads to deeper, more lasting renewal. What is discerned together is more likely to be embraced together.



Melbourne Synod 2026 – Theme Paper Release

The Synod theme papers are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. The papers aim to foster a spirit of hope and imagination—trusting that, as we walk together, God is calling us into a future marked by faithfulness, renewal, and deeper communion. The suggested reflection process is a 'Conversation in the Spirit' or a Spiritual Conversation. This method is based in prayer and allows people to come together to both speak and to listen. Different from a discussion, it is an attentive listening process that aims to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. At the conclusion of each theme paper, there are prompt questions for reflection. Responses to these prompt questions can be provided via the QR code which is at the end of each paper.

Copies of these theme papers are available in church.

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>11/12 Jul</u>	<u>18/19 Jul</u>
BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):	11 Jul	18 Jul
Reader	D. Mercovich	P. Donovan
EMHC	P. Fleming	A. Donovan
KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):	11 Jul	18 Jul
Reader	TBA	J. O'Callaghan
EMHC	V. Barro	J. Jain
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):	12 Jul	19 Jul
Reader	G. Pannuzzo	M. Carocci
EMHC	P. Hutchinson	T. Cooney
EMHC	S. Buckley	J. Sapiano
PowerPoint	F. Thompson	R. Quinn
KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):	12 Jul	19 Jul
Reader	A. Mathew	C. Edulan
EMHC	C. Dodd	A. Liddle
PowerPoint	K. Curry	W. Reece
FLOWERS:	J. Jain	M. Fleischmann
HOME EUCHARIST:	TBA	TBA
	TBA	TBA
CLEANERS KILMORE:	M. Ramsay & family	G. Pereira & B. Collier

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Anniversaries

Rosa Belforte, Amelia Heyfron, Silvio Bonicelli, Lois Kelly, Peter Liddle, Henricus Verbaken, Richard Patrick Nugent, John McWhinney, Raymond Patrick Skehan, Glennda Scully, Salvatore La Terra, Frank Denami and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'Agostino, Theo Aitchison, Julie Ahearn, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Liam Heffernan, Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michelle Chatfield and all people who are in need of our prayers.

PLEASE NOTE: Names in the sick list will remain there for 4 weeks.

If you wish for that person to continue to be prayed for, please advise the parish office again. If you are submitting the name of someone other than yourself and family, please obtain their permission.

The 5 Love Languages- The Secret to Love that Lasts:

Enrichment Day for Couples is based on the international bestseller by Dr Gary Chapman. *We all need to feel loved. Men and women have an "emotional love tank". When it's full, we feel content, secure, and loved. We all communicate love primarily according to one of five love languages. And the truly life-changing moment comes when we understand and speak each other's love language.* Your presenters, Deb & Paul Cochran, have been married for 37 years and involved with Marriage Encounter for 27 years. They have presented the 5 Love Languages Enrichment to Couples in Adelaide, Melbourne and Brisbane. Deb & Paul bring the concepts of the book alive in a humorous and relatable way as they share their own experiences. Held: **9 am-5 pm, Sat 15 August 2026 @ St Eugene's Retreat & Conference Centre, 45 John Field Drive, Newborough (Gippsland) VIC 3825. Cost: \$60 per couple** (includes course materials, lunch and morning & afternoon tea). More information and booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/DMSUR>. Enquiries: Maria & Andre Rasquinha, E: andrerassquinha@yahoo.com.au T: 0411 225 992