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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to our 'On Line' Newsletter It should be easier to read and to download and print if you so wish. Please use the readings and reflection as part of your spiritual Communion and with any streamlining Masses in which you may be watching and participating.

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THIS WEEK

Sun 12 July 6.15pm (Sat) 8.30am 9.45 am 11.15am 5.30pm	15th OF THE YEAR Mary Sullivan RIP For the People of the parish Bertie Hanley RIP Tony Rammelt RIP Brendan O'Halloran RIP
Mon 13 July 9.30am	feria Mary sullivan RIP Michael Barry RIP
Tues 14 July	feria Jim Long RIP
Weds 15 July 9.30am	S. Bonaventure Maggie Hogan
Thurs 16 July 9.30am	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Leszek Cholewinski
Fri 17 July 9.30am	feria Michael Griffin RIP Thomas Fox RIP
Sat 18 July 9.30am	Of Our Lady Maureen Smith
Sun 19 June 6.15pm (Sat) 8.30am 9.45 am 11.15am 5.30pm	16th OF THE YEAR Leslie Sequeira RIP For the People of the parish Mary & Michael Hughes RIP Patrick Denning RIP Sonia McCarthy RIP

TODAY'S MASS



Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time

but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-2

Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"He who can preserve gentleness amid pains, and peace amid worry and multitude of affairs, is almost perfect"

St. Francis de Sales

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

WATCH & LISTEN TO THE CARDINAL ON <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CLsYL5yggVI&feature=youtu.be>

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Michael Fahey, Anne Hull, Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Edith Geissler, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Germaine Duffner, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Fr Anthony Meredith SJ, Canon Christopher Tuckwell, Chris O'Callaghan

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Tony Rammelt, Terry Sullivan, James Griffin

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:

- ◆ Our Parish and its renewal after this difficult time
- ◆ Our Children waiting for first Holy Communion
- ◆ Our young adults waiting for the Sacrament of Confirmation
- ◆ All who find themselves unemployed
- ◆ For honesty and integrity in the media
- ◆ For the sick and those who care for them
- ◆ For the faithful departed

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JULY

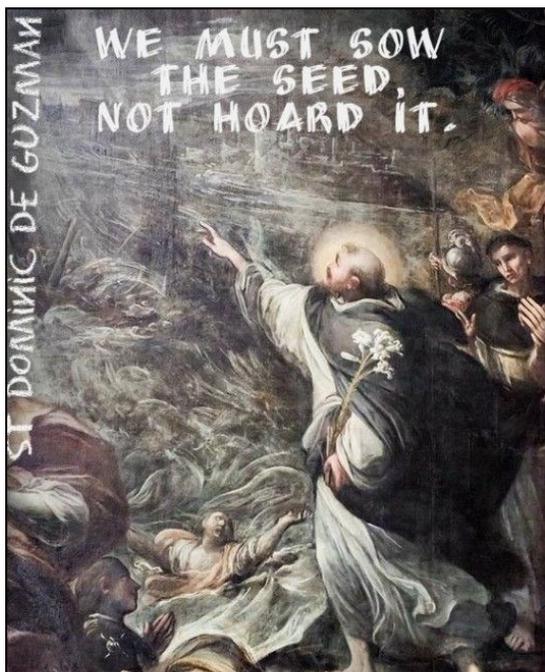
Our Families: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Has been sponsored this week
in memory of **Ian Jules RIP**

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week
in Memory of **James & Mary Griffin RIP**



Like the rabbis of his time, Jesus very frequently used parables – short stories and images taken from everyday life – to convey hidden truths about the kingdom of God. Like a skilful artist, Jesus sketched memorable pictures with short and simple words.

However, Jesus told his disciples that not everyone would understand his parables. Did Jesus mean to say that he was deliberately confusing or hiding the meaning of his stories from his listeners? Very likely not. Jesus was speaking from experience. He was aware that some who heard his parables refused to understand them. It was not that they could not intellectually understand them, but rather, their hearts were closed to what Jesus was saying. They had already made up their minds to not believe. God can only reveal the secrets of his kingdom – that which is hidden to the spiritually blind – to those who hunger for God and humbly submit to his truth.

What can makes us ineffective or unresponsive to God's word? Preoccupation with other things can distract us from what is truly important and worthwhile. And letting our hearts and minds be consumed with material things can easily weigh us down and draw us away from the heavenly treasure that lasts for eternity. God's word can only take root in a receptive heart which is docile and ready to hear what God has to say. The parables of Jesus will enlighten us if we approach them with an open mind and heart, ready to let them challenge us. If we approach them with the conviction that we already know the answer, then we, too, may look but not see, listen but not understand. God's word can only take root in a receptive heart that is ready to believe and willing to submit.

One lesson from this parable is clear: the harvest is sure to come. While some seed will fall by the wayside and some fall on shallow ground and never come to maturity, and some be choked to death by the thorns; nonetheless a harvest will come. The seed that falls on good soil, on the heart that is receptive, will reap abundant fruit. God is always ready to speak to each of us and to give us understanding of his word. Today we are asked once more to be hungry for God's word and not to allow anything to keep us from submitting to this Word with joy and trusting obedience.



NEWS UPDATE

We are now keeping our traditional Mass routine for both Sundays and weekdays. i.e. Sat 6.15 (Vigil), Sunday 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am & 5.30pm.

The church will open on:

Saturday Open at 5.45pm close at 6.45pm
Sunday: Open at 8.00am close at 9.00am
 Open at 9.15am close at 10.15am
 Open at 10.45am close at 11.45am
 Open at 5.00pm close at 6.00pm

Weekdays:

Open at 9.00am close at 10.00am

After each closure the church must be cleaned.

Needless to say this will involve a huge undertaking on the part of volunteers and cleaners. Could you help? Maybe one mass each fortnight. Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health conditions. If you can help either with cleaning or stewarding can you email Fr Jeremy on: jeremyfairhead@rcdow.org.uk

We will be reducing the social distancing to 1 metre plus but that means that each person coming to Mass must wear a mask. We anticipate the maximum capacity to be around 100 persons.

The Cardinal has recommended that the Mass is not long. So what differences might there be in addition to Social distancing?

- No singing;
- No Prayer of the faithful;
- No offertory procession;
- No sign of peace;
- No giving of the chalice;
- No communion on the tongue – in the hand only and standing;
- Communion will be given after the end of Mass thus enabling people not to be moving around too much and to leave immediately;
- One server only. Younger servers will not be encouraged to serve at this time.

We will continue with:

- Sanitising hands on entry and departure;
- Sanitising hands before and after lighting votive candles;
- The one-way system;
- A social distancing seating plan;

- No touching or kissing of religious items or statues;
- The toilets being closed as well as the parish centre;
- No return or leaving behind of any leaflets;
- The collection in buckets at the door of departure.

Volunteers must continue to wear:

- Masks;
- Gloves;
- Aprons for cleaning.

As each person is required to wear a mask there will be a limited amount of masks available at the door (They can also be bought from the shop across the road).

Readers are also required to wear single-use gloves.

The guidelines are quite extensive but this should give you a clear understanding of the direction we will have to take.

Thank you again to all of you for your endurance during this difficult time.

CONFESSIONS Provision is being made for the hearing of confessions so that it can be achieved in a safe environment. These will begin on Saturday 11th July and will be now heard from 5.45pm-6.15pm on SATURDAYS only.

STEWARDSHIP & CLEANING - Thank you to all who have already come forward offering to help with stewarding at Mass and the cleaning of the church. We **urgently need more stewards/cleaners** so if you, or you know of someone (under 70 with no underlying health conditions), able to help please contact Fr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - We shall be meeting with our FHC Catechists this coming week to discuss a **provisional** plan for the completion of the FHC Programme 2019-20 and the start of the FHC Programme 2020-21! As soon as we are in a position to provide Parents/Carers with details we shall be in touch.

CONFIRMATION 2020 - Although we must, of course, move forward with the utmost care, as schools plan for the return of all pupils in September we, along with other Parishes, are keen to com-

plete this year's Confirmation Programme as soon as practicable. We are still waiting to receive guidance from the Diocese on how the Sacrament of Confirmation is to be administered in the coming months but, once this is clarified, we will be in touch with Parents/Carers to let them know the **provisional** plan to take things forward safely and fruitfully.

WELCOMING - Although, the 'Welcoming Ministry' at Mass remains suspended until further notice, 'Welcomers' would be welcome to join the Stewarding Team currently taking care of the well-being & safety of those attending Mass. For further details please see the Newsletter Insert about **Stewarding & Cleaning**.

READERS - All should have received information from those responsible for their Reading Rota earlier this week. Readers are reminded to please 'check in' with the priest before Mass and ensure disposable plastic gloves are worn for the duration of the reading to help keep us all safe.

ALTAR SERVING - In line with current guidelines, to keep us all safe the regular Altar Servers Rota is suspended until future notice and the Mass will only be served by a few experienced Altar Servers. We shall be back in touch with all those on the rota as soon as the guidelines make it possible for all to serve once again.

THE PARISH OFFICE remains closed. If you wish to book a Mass and for a Mass Card, the best way to get one is to give us all the details, your offering and an SAE and we will post it back to you ASAP.

AN ACTIVE PARISH during the lockdown...in the sense that lots of work has been done: some repointing of the floor stonework, plastering of the damp areas of the church, repainting of the sacristy and a grand refurbishment of the Walsingham (meant to happen to celebrate the rededication of England to Our Lady in March). **COMMEMORATIVE CARDS** are available from this Sunday to mark this event which was less celebrated as we had hoped as we were closed. If you take a card, please take it home and do not leave it in the pew.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND ENDURING FAITH DURING THE PAST MONTHS.

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 17 (16):15
As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Collect

O God, who show the light of your truth
to those who go astray,
so that they may return to the right path,
give all who for the faith they profess
are accounted Christians
the grace to reject whatever is contrary
to the name of Christ and to strive after
all that does it honour.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading: *Isaiah 55:10-11*

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, with-
out carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was
sent to do.

Responsorial psalm: 64

*R./ Some seed fell into rich soil,
and produced its crop.*

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: *Romans 8:18-23*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be com-
pared 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!

*Speak lord, your servant is listening; you have the mes-
sage of eternal life. Alleluia!*

Gospel: *Matthew 13:1-9*

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!'
harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now
thirty.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she
makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when con-
sumed by those who believe, they may bring ever great-
er holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 84 (83): 4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for
her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and
my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

Prayer after Communion

Having consumed these gifts, we pray,
O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its sav-
ing effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.