

## 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY – 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

### First reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

God's word is like rain which fertilises the earth

### Responsorial: Psalm 64:10-14

℟: Some seed fell into rich soil, and produced its crop

### Second reading: Romans 8:18-23

All creation eagerly waits for God to reveal his glory in us

### Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

The sower and the seed. The good soil of the receptive heart



Isaiah the prophet proclaims that God's word is life-giving and effective. By God's word we humans are given the abundance of nature: rain and snow for water, air to breathe, and soil that nurtures the many plants we eat. God's word must also be implanted in our hearts so that we live attuned to the many ways God speaks to us.

Paul writes that Jesus Christ came to liberate humanity from the corruption that Adam and Eve brought into creation. Following Christ requires suffering and we "groan with labor pains" to give birth to a new creation. Our adoption as daughters and sons of God makes us part of the family of God and calls to live so the word of God lives in us.

Jesus' metaphor of the seeds describes the ways we fail to listen to God's word. Forgetting God's command to "till the earth and keep it" has led to earth's climate being disrupted from clear cutting of forests for corporate agriculture, fossil fuels for transportation and construction, and pesticides made from petroleum and other chemicals.

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**SUNDAY, 16-July** **15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm  
Tamil Mass: 4.00pm

**MONDAY, 17-July** Mass: 9.30am

**TUESDAY, 18-July** Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

**WEDNESDAY, 19-July** Mass: 9.30am

**THURSDAY, 20-July** Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

**FRIDAY, 21-July** Mass: 12.00noon  
Eucharistic Adoration: 7.00pm

**SATURDAY, 22-July** Mass: 9.30am **ST MARY MAGDALENE:**  
6.30pm – *Sunday Vigil Mass*

**SUNDAY, 23-July** **16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm  
Syro Malabar Rite: 4.00pm

### **POPE'S INTENTION - JULY 2023**

**For a Eucharistic Life:** We pray that Catholic may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sister.

### **WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

Polly De Curtorim, Louis Gabriel, Domingo Fernandes and Catherine Stock that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

### **WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF**

Ernest John Sargent, Hanna's husband who died on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023. His Requiem Mass will be on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am followed by a cremation at West London Crematorium. Ernest known to all of us as Ernie, was a long term volunteer at our parish. He will be dearly missed. May his soul rest in peace.

### **WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF**

James Greaney who died on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 11.00am followed by burial at Greenford Cemetery. May his soul rest in peace.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** Please join the Parish Community as we come together to praise and worship the Lord on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July at 7.00pm during which the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour. All are welcome.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** 117 candidates received the Sacrament of Confirmation yesterday by Bishop John Sherrington. We congratulate these candidates and their families and request all parishioners to keep these candidates in your prayers. A huge thank you to the catechists for preparing these candidates.

**MARIAN EVENT:** On Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, there will be a Marian event in our Parish. Those who have been doing the 33-day preparation for the Marian Consecration will make their consecration to Our Blessed Mother. Fr Serafino will join us. We pray the Holy Rosary at 5.30pm, followed by a Marian Catechesis by Fr Serafino and the Consecration of some of our parishioners to Our Lady. All are welcome to join.

**SEA SUNDAY:** Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk)

**2023-2024 CATECHISM PROGRAMME:** All Catechism application forms for the **2023-2024** programme are available on the Parish website. The programmes are for **First Holy Communion** (for both Catholic and non-Catholic schools), **Post First Holy Communion Catechism** (for the Children who recently received their First Holy Communion), **Confirmation** and **RCIA**.

Parents wishing to enrol their Child may download and print the appropriate form. Fully completed forms for all programme along with the copy of the requested documents must be submitted by **31<sup>st</sup> July 2023** through the Presbytery Letter Box. You do not need to ring the bell. Forms arriving after this date will not be accepted.

Catechists will be available after the Sunday 10.45am Mass to answer any of your queries.

**ANNUAL YOUTH CONVENTION** at Swindon on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023. Coach is available from Wembley. Please reserve your seat through Mary Xavier or Charles Dias.

### **LOOKING TALENTS FOR SUNDAY 7.30PM CHOIR TEAM**

Parishioners who wish to be part of the Sunday 7.30pm choir please contact Parish office.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY IN LONDON** is the gathering of young people from all over the world with Pope Francis, taking place in Lisbon this summer. If you can't attend the main event, why not join **WYD in London** - a day celebration on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023** from 11am-5pm in the church by **Leicester Square**. Programme: music • prayer • talks • activities • Mass, bringing together a young community of different nationalities in one faith! Venue: Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX. Donations only. **To register** a group or individually, fill in the form: [bit.ly/wydlondon](http://bit.ly/wydlondon)

**SUMMER DAYS:** Weather is getting hotter during these days, so please carry a bottle of water with you in case of any emergency use.