

Quiet Prayer -

Tuesdays and Thursdays
for one hour between
4pm-5pm
No need to book

Week Day Masses -

You will need to book by
phoning the parish office to
register your name and
phone number.

Week End Masses -

Bookings need to be made online at
<https://www.trybooking.com/BJTDL>
Bookings open Mondays at 9am
and
Bookings close Fridays at noon.
Please contact the Parish Office if you need help.



Parishioners are invited
to bring a bottle
of water to Mass this
weekend and Father will
bless the water at the
start of Mass.

Recently Deceased: Giuseppina Russo, Kevin Joseph Collie
Anniversaries: Veronica O'Dwyer, James Hoare,
Mary (Mollie) Hoare, Maisie Danaher, Lorna Forde,
Shirley Cobbledick, Judith Cobbledick, Joe Cobbledick,
Bernard Fitzsimmons

Amazing job

I would like to sincerely THANK our parishioners who have done a great job in taking on the role of USHERS, often at short notice too. In our time of shifting sands with Covid-19, the newly established role of welcoming new and/or familiar faces when coming to Mass/Prayer Time has also meant ticking names and phone numbers off a booking list (*who would have thought we would have to do this!*). More often than not, our Ushers are put into positions where they have to be creative to ensure current number restrictions are met.

I THANK these Ushers for being compassionate, polite, welcoming and very accommodating. I know this from the feedback and conversations I have had within my role in the Parish Office.

I have only attended a few weekend masses since April and it has been wonderful to see familiar faces (even for just a short time) and to put a name to a new face. A simple acknowledgment by a wave when we have the 'sign of the Peace' has certainly brought about many smiles.

THANK YOU also to our MUSICIANS who so diligently set up, organise and enhance our Liturgies. This is greatly appreciated.

To those who stay behind and sanitize after we have come together, a huge THANK YOU for helping continue to create a safe space.

Amazing job everyone! Stay well and keep warm.
God Bless.

Diane Teitzel, Office Manager

*Thank
you!*

Women's Group gathering will be held on
Friday 17 of July 7.15PM on ZOOM.

Guest speaker Mr Paul White is going to talk
about prayer as an avenue to
strengthening our relationship with God.

For more detail contact
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The rain
made the
earth
fruitful.



You fill the
earth with
riches.

Ps 65:9



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Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work on the sea. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Today's Appeal supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. During the COVID-19 pandemic, seafarers continue to bring products to sustain our population and economy, often at personal risk to their health. To support this ministry, please send your donations to:
bit.ly/seasundayaustralia

ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

Cost: FREE

Registration: Open now

Event Program: Available from Saturday 15th August, 2020

Go To: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au



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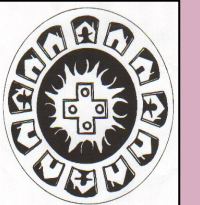
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*Christ in community...the
heart of our faith*

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 July 2020



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23 or 1-9



Readings for
next Sunday:

Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Liturgical Jottings

Length of Scripture Texts

A *via media* is followed in regard to the length of texts. A distinction has been made between narratives, which require reading a fairly long passage but which usually hold the people's attention, and texts that should not be lengthy because of the profundity of their teaching. In the case of certain rather long texts, longer and shorter versions are provided to suit different situations. The editing of the shorter version has been carried out with great caution. (General Introduction to the Lectionary n 75)
Today's Gospel has such a shorter version comprising of the parable of the Sower and the Seed. The longer version (about two-thirds) contains the purpose of parables and then an allegorical meaning of this parable.

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Looking at the Gospel

This Sunday we begin Matthew's collection of parables of Jesus contained in Chapter 13 which we read over three weeks. Matthew carefully arranges the discourse with an introduction and conclusion, reason for telling parables, he places longer ones first and shorter ones last. He includes two explanations of the parables. We have the first in today's gospel: the parable of the Sower and the seed.

The First Reading and Responsorial Psalm set the scene of a fruitful earth where plants flourish and animals thrive. Isaiah prophesies that these natural images are sign of God's plentiful and effective word.

The Parable of the sower introduces to the listener blockages and distractions to God's providence and bounty. Jesus warns how God's word is stolen, choked or withered away but in turn offers us grace and power to hear his Word and be productive disciples.

When I visit farming communities and this Gospel is proclaimed I ask the wheat growers after Mass what yield should we expect? Is Jesus prospects of thirty, sixty or hundredfold realistic. It certainly was unheard 2000 years ago. Answers to my questions are allusive. They speak of all the variables to be considered: soil, sun, rain, seed, timing etc. But all agree that a hundredfold would be miraculous. And that it what we should expect: The miracle of God's Word planted with our spirits.

*Loving God, please help me become more aware of my
interaction with the world and the people around me. Often,
I am trapped in my own concerns and I overlook the feelings
of the people I encounter. My hope is to work for a better
balance. To take my problems in stride, but always to
respond to others with the respect they deserve. Amen.*



Congratulations
and
Best wishes to
David Lyons
who is celebrating
his 100th Birthday
the 15th July

**At all Masses this
weekend Deacon
Francois will read the
shorter version
of the Gospel
Matthew 13: 1-9.
Everyone is encouraged
to take time during the
week ahead to read the
longer version
Matthew 13: 1-23.**