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|  **Gospel Acclamation****Alleluia, alleluia!****The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; whoever finds this seed will remain forever.****Alleluia!****Gospel Matthew 13:1-13**Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large 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 scotched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew 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 prophesy 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 meaning of 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 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 understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.’The Gospel of the Lord.      **15th Sunday in ordinary Time A****First reading. Isaiah 55:10-11****Thus says the Lord: ‘As the rain and the snow come down from the heaven 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.****Responsorial Psalm Psalm 64(65):10-14****Response: Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.****You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.****Response****And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows; you level it, soften it with showers; you bless its growth.****Response****You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.****Response****The hill are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, ye, they sing.****Response****Second reading Romans 8:18-23****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 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.** |  |

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| **We have not resumed public Masses in our Parishes, but we are hopeful that** **we shall hear from the bishop soon. We shall only resume Sunday Masses at** **Blessed Sacrament only for now. The other two parishes would be opened** **later for now. Hopefully, we shall resume weekday Masses later. But I shall** **continue to say Mass for you every day.**

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| **Tuesday** | **9.00am** | **People of our Parishes** |
| **Wednesday** | **9.00am** | **Mary Wolf RIP** |
| **Thursday** | **9.00am** | **For the sick in our Parishes** |
| **Friday** | **9.00am** | **Private intentions** |
| **Saturday** | **9.am** | **Those who have died in our Parishes** |

 **Caritas Hallam Counselling Service*****We understand the challenges and disruption COVID 19 is having on the quality of life*** ***and mental health.  We offer support in managing anxiety as we leave lockdown;*** ***coping with working from home; uncertainty in a changing society; social distancing*** ***and loneliness.******We are now able to offer Counselling for Men by Men!******Our regular quality assurance reviews guarantee high standards of service by our*** ***practitioners.******You do not have to go through this alone.******Please contact Bernie Ware : 07980 406198*****In preparation towards the reopening of our churches, we still need volunteers who** **would serve as ushers during Mass and cleaners who would help to clean the church** **after every use. Volunteers must be below 70years and without underlying health** **conditions. If you can volunteer, please email or call the Parish Priest.*** **We are hoping to open St Mary Magdalene church for private prayers once**

**the requirements are met and the bishop has given his permission. When we open** **we shall let everyone know the days and times it will be open.*** **Bishop Ralph has appointed Fr John Adikwu CM the Parish Priest of Sacred**

**Heart Balby and St Mary’s Edlington. He will be moving in the coming weeks. We** **thank Fr John for all he did while with us.*** **We thank our Parish society of St Vincent de Paul for all they are doing. They**

**have some vouchers to give out to those in need. You can contact the society** **in the strictest confidence on 07598078758 or by Email:** **svpnebarnsley@gmail.com**  |  Welcome to the parishes of **St Teresa’s**  **St Teresa’s**The Presbytery, 1 Bloomfield Rise, Darton S75 5AB**Blessed Sacrament**Matlock Road Athersley S71 3SG**St Teresa’s**The Presbytery, 1 Bloomfield Rise, Darton S75 5AB**Blessed Sacrament** Matlock Road Athersley S71 3SG **St Mary Magdalene’s**The Presbytery, Prospect St. Cudworth S72 8JS**Priests: Fr. Peter Iwuoha CM****Fr. John Adikwu CM**The Presbytery, Prospect Street, Cudworth S72 8JS**Email:** stteresadarton@gmail.com**Tele:** 01226 710320**15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**https://pixy.org/src/152/1523594.png

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| **Today the Lord Jesus tells us the story of the sower. Like all his stories, we can look at it from different angles. We can look at it from the angle of where the seed fell, we can look at it from the angle of the sower himself, we can look at** **it from the angle of the harvest which is the intention of the sower. The seeds that fell on good soil produced rich harvest. This seed is paralleled with a true follower of Jesus who has allowed the word to become flesh in his life as it was in the Lord himself. This parable exhorts us disciples of the Lord to bear fruits. Fruits in word and indeed. There is no competition.** **The secret is to allow the word to take flesh in us. The fruits would come.** **Peace be with you!**  |

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