

Thus says the Lord: 'For as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65: (64)

R. Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

You visit the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
God's ever-flowing river brims over
to prepare the grain. R.

And thus you prepare it:
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. R.

You crown the year with your bounty.
Abundance flows in your pathways;
in pastures of the desert it flows.
The hills are girded with joy. R.

The meadows clothed with flocks.
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy; yes, they sing! R.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

8:18-23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for the adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord.

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; all who find him will live forever.

Alleluia.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

13:1-23

At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had not root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.'

Then the disciples came and said to him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?' And he answered them, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:

"You will indeed hear but never understand,
and you will indeed see but never perceive."

For this people's heart has grown dull,
and with their ears they can barely hear,
and their eyes have been closed,
lest they should see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart
and turn, and I would heal them.

'But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it. 'Hear the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

		15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time A 26	
<u>Saturday</u>	6.00 pm	Julie Ann Smith (LD)	St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30 am	Sick Of the Parish	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30 am	Jean & Frank Brankovic RIP	Bl Sac
<u>Saturday</u>	Reader	Theresa Smith	St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Christy Wang & Lucy Gabrielle	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Pam	Bl Sac
<u>Tuesday</u>	9.30 am	People of the Parish	St Ter
<u>Wednesday</u>	9.30 am	Connie Bradbury RIP (N McN)	St MM
<u>Wednesday</u>	5.30 pm	40 Days for Life	St MM
<u>Friday</u>	9.30 am	Alba (Sick baby)	Bl Sac

16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time A 26 A 26			
SATURDAY	6.00 PM	LEE CAWSON	ST. MM
SUNDAY	9.30 AM		ST TER
SUNDAY	11.30 AM	DAVE HALL RIP	BL SAC
SATURDAY	READER	PAM KERSHAW	ST MM
SUNDAY	READER	CHRIS DEIGHTON & CHRIS KELLY	ST TER
SUNDAY	READER	PAUL	BL SAC

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St Ter Env £157.00 LM £10.48
 St MM Env £ LM £ Raffle £ Tba
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ST MARY MAGDALENE’S – 15th July at 5.30 pm, a Vigil Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, followed by refreshments and a talk on the prolife movement by Robert Colquhoun, Director of International Campaigns for 40 Days for Life. Please see poster.

Garden Party welcome for Fr Dominic - a big thank you to everyone involved in the preparation before the event, during the event, and after the event. The afternoon was a great success. Welcome Fr Dominic from Fr Stephen and all the parishioners.

SECOND COLLECTION STELLA MARIS – formerly called Apostleship of the Sea. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris.

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SEA SUNDAY - Stella Maris

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