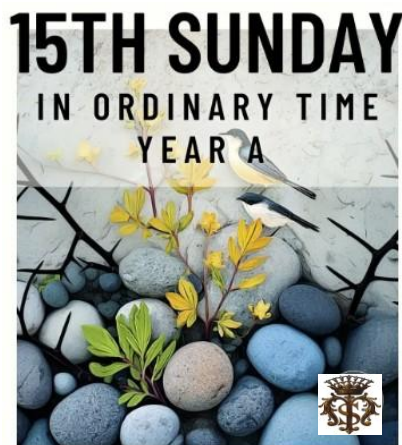




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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR. A 12TH JULY 2026

Reflection

The readings of this Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, invite us to reflect deeply on the life-giving power of God's word and our response to it.

The 1st reading from the Book of prophet Isaiah 55:10-11, we hear the Lord proclaim that His word will not return to Him empty but will accomplish the purpose for which it was sent. Just as rain and snow nourish the earth, God's word nurtures our souls. This imagery underlines the assurance that God's guidance is both intentional and fruitful.

The 2nd reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:18-23, reminds us of the creation's longing for redemption. St. Paul speaks of hope – an anticipation of liberation from suffering and decay, pointing toward the ultimate fulfilment of God's promise. This hope is not wishful thinking, but a steadfast assurance grounded in God's word.

The Gospel is taken from St. Matthew 13:1-9, Jesus tells the parable of the sower, illustrating how the word of God is received differently in the hearts of people. Some are like the path, hard to God's seed, while others are like rocky ground or thorny soil, which, though initially receptive, fail to endure. Yet, some hearts are fertile, producing a bountiful crop.

Let us ask ourselves, what is our response to God's word? Are we cultivating the soil of our hearts to receive His message? Are we allowing His truth to take root and flourish in our lives?



Summer Mass - As the Priests in the Community will be taking holidays at different times during August, it was decided to have One Mass each weekday from Monday 3rd August to Friday 28th August at 10 am each day only. There will be NO 6.30 pm Evening Mass. Except on 26th August (Wednesday) for St. Peregrine Healing Mass at 6:30 pm. Though Saturday and Sunday masses will be as usual; Saturday at 10:00 am and Vigil at 6:30pm, Sundays at 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 am (Spanish Mass) and 6:30 pm.

Banneux ND GB Pilgrimages 2026 - invite you to join our pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Banneux, Belgium, a major Catholic Marian pilgrimage site. It will start on the 12th August and returning on the 18th August. You may call Millie on WhatsApp 07957594646 for more information.

Appeal for the Lighting System – We are deeply grateful to two generous parishioners who have donated £10,000 (which will increase to £12,500 through Gift Aid) and £5,000 towards the repair and upgrade of our church lighting system. We prayerfully invite other parishioners and friends of the parish to help us meet the remaining cost. Every donation, large or small, is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your kindness and generous support. May God bless you abundantly.

Mass Collections (4th & 5th July 2026) – £1,461 was received in the main collection, and £389 in the second collection for Church Restoration. Thank you for your faithful kindness and wholehearted support.



Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30 pm
Sunday 9.30 am
11.00 am
Spanish Mass 12.30 pm
6.30 pm
Mon to Sat 10am & 6.30 pm

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am
6.00 – 6.30 pm
Mon – Fri 6:15 – 6:30 pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch from 1.30pm to 2.30pm)

Rosary

Every Wednesday after
10am Mass followed by Tea
in the Founders Room.

- Rosary also held on Sundays
at 3pm in the Colonnade.

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the
Parlour.

Holy Hour

1st Friday of every month after
10am Mass. The hour will include
Rosary, Litany Divine Mercy &
Benediction.

Saints Days

Mon 13th – St. Clelia Baribieri
Tue 14th – St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Wed 15th – St. Bonaventure
Thu 16th – Our Lady of Mount
Carmel
Fri 17th – St. Francis Solano
Sat 18th – St. Camillus de Lellis



St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Our next St. Peregrine Mass of
Healing is on **29th July 2026** at
6.30pm.

Relic of St. Carlo Acutis

Exposition of this Relic on every
Monday after our 10am Mass.

St. Carlo Acutis, Pray for us.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet

Isaiah

55:10-11

Thus says the Lord:

‘For as the rain and the 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.

All: Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 65(64):10a-d. 10e-11. 12-13. 14. R Luke 8:8

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

1. You visit the earth, give it water; you fill it with riches. God’s ever-flowing river brims over to prepare the grain. **R.**
2. And thus you prepare it: you drench its furrows; you level it, soften it with showers; you bless its growth. **R.**

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3. 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.**

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

SECOND READING

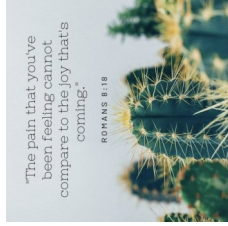
A reading from the Letter of

St. 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 adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



(Year A) 12th July 2026

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

13:1-9

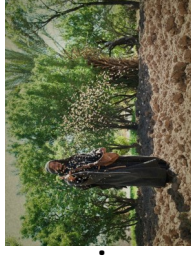
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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 no 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.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you,

Lord Jesus Christ.



NICENE CREED—See Laudate 479 (205)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our

salvation he came down from heaven, (*All bow for following three lines*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.