



# THE PARISH TIMES

St Mary's, St John Bosco's & St Edward's | Weeks 13–16 of Ordinary Time | 27 June–19 July 2026



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## Saints Peter and Paul: Built on Faith, Sent in Mission

*In this issue we honour the two great pillars of the Church: Peter, the rock of faith, and Paul, the apostle to the nations.*

This weekend the Church celebrates the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, two very different men whom Christ called, transformed, and sent to found and build His Church.

Peter, a simple fisherman, was the first to confess, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Mt 16:16) In response, Jesus declared, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church." (Mt 16:18) Peter's faith—strengthened, restored, and confirmed by the risen Lord—made him the shepherd of the early Church. He led with courage, preached the Gospel, and gave his life in witness to Christ.



Paul, once a fierce persecutor, was struck down by Christ's light on the road to Damascus. From that moment he became the Apostle to the Gentiles, bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth with tireless zeal and deep love. He wrote letters that form the heart of our New Testament and established communities of faith in many lands.

Together, Peter and Paul show us that the Church is both rooted and sent—rooted in the truth of Christ and sent in mission to every people and place. Their witness calls us to be faithful in our own vocations, bold in our witness, and united in the one mission of evangelisation.



### Peter's Pence: Help the Pope in His Mission

On Sunday 28 June, our parish will take up the **Peter's Pence** collection.

This worldwide collection enables Pope Leo XIV to support the universal Church and assist our brothers and sisters in need, including victims of war, natural disasters, and poverty.

Your generosity helps the Holy Father to fund the charitable works of the Church and to respond swiftly to humanitarian emergencies.

To learn more, visit: [www.ObolodiSanPietro.va](http://www.ObolodiSanPietro.va)



### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

#### SATURDAY 27 JUNE

- 5.20 pm Confession at St John Bosco's
- 6.00 pm Vigil Mass at St John Bosco's  
(Eddy & Karen, 50th Wedding Anniversary)

#### SUNDAY 28 JUNE

- 9.00 am Holy Mass at St Edward's  
(Allegra and Caelum, health)
- 10.30 am Rosary at St Mary's
- 11.00 am Holy Mass at St Mary's  
(All Parishioners)

**No Sunday evening Mass at St Mary's on 28 June or 5 July.**

#### A WELCOME FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to the very first edition of *The Parish Times*. We hope this newspaper will help us grow together in faith, hope and love, and keep our parish family well informed and connected.

In these pages you will find Mass times and readings, reflections on the Sunday Gospel and *The Golden Thread*, resources for children and families, parish and diocesan notices, news from across the Church in our country, and updates and insights from the Holy See.

Thank you for being part of our parish community. May this paper be a blessing for you and your family.

— *The Parish Times Team*

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#### FOR YOUR PRAYERS



**We pray for**  
All who are sick, housebound, or receiving care.

**We pray for**  
Our families, especially those facing challenges or change.

**We pray for**  
Young people in our parish and in our homes.

**We pray for**  
Peace in the world and an end to war and violence.

**We pray for**  
Vocations to the priesthood, religious life and marriage.

*May Saints Peter and Paul intercede for us.*



Lord Jesus, open our hearts to your word. Help us to hear you, receive you, and follow you in our daily lives. Amen.



# PARISH DIARY & MASS TIMES

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## PARISH DIARY: 27 JUNE – 19 JULY 2026



### PATURDAY 27 JUNE

*Memorial of St Cyril of Alexandria*

5.20 pm Confession, St John Bosco's

6.00 pm Vigil Mass, St John Bosco's  
*Eddy & Karen (50th Wedding Anniversary)*



### SUNDAY 28 JUNE *Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul*

9.00 am Holy Mass, St Edward's  
*Allegra and Caelum (Health)*

10.30 am Rosary, St Mary's

11.00 am Holy Mass, St Mary's  
*All Parishioners*



### MONDAY 29 JUNE

10.00 am Funeral Service, St Mary's  
*Teresa Bean RIP*



### WEDNESDAY 1 JULY

10.00 am Extraordinary Service of the Eucharist,  
St Edward's



### SATURDAY 4 JULY

*Memorial of St Elizabeth of Portugal*

5.30 pm Confession, St John Bosco's

6.00 pm Vigil Mass, St John Bosco's  
*Stefan Robey RIP*



### SUNDAY 5 JULY *14th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

9.00 am Holy Mass, St Edward's  
*All Parishioners*

10.30 am Rosary, St Mary's

11.00 am Holy Mass, St Mary's  
*Helen Fairlamb RIP*



### WEDNESDAY 8 JULY

10.00 am Extraordinary Service of the Eucharist,  
St Edward's



### SATURDAY 11 JULY

*Feast of St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe*

5.20 pm Confession, St John Bosco's

6.00 pm Vigil Mass, St John Bosco's  
*Phyllis & Thomas Connolly RIP*



### SUNDAY 12 JULY *15th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

9.00 am Holy Mass, St Edward's  
*Allegra and Caelum (Health)*

10.30 am Rosary, St Mary's

11.00 am Holy Mass, St Mary's  
*Luke Simpson RIP*

5.30 pm Confession, St Mary's

6.00 pm Holy Mass, St Mary's  
*All Parishioners*



### WEDNESDAY 15 JULY

*Memorial of St Bonaventure*

10.00 am Holy Mass, St Edward's  
*Fr Paul Entwistle RIP*



### THURSDAY 16 JULY

*Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

10.00 am Holy Mass, St Mary's  
*Jeanette Pearson RIP, Roy Pearson*



### FRIDAY 17 JULY (No Meat Today)

10.00 am Holy Mass, St John Bosco's  
*James & Brigid O'Connell RIP and Jeremy O'Connell*



### SATURDAY 18 JULY

5.20 pm Confession, St John Bosco's

6.00 pm Vigil Mass, St John Bosco's  
*Charley Callaghan RIP*



### SUNDAY 19 JULY *16th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

9.00 am Holy Mass, St Edward's  
*All Parishioners*

10.30 am Rosary, St Mary's

11.00 am Holy Mass, St Mary's  
*Daniel Castillo RIP*

5.30 pm Confession, St Mary's

6.00 pm Holy Mass, St Mary's  
*Mike Hall RIP*



## LITURGICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- ✝ 27 June Memorial of St Cyril of Alexandria
- ✝ 28 June Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul
- ✝ 4 July Memorial of St Elizabeth of Portugal
- ✝ 11 July Feast of St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe
- ✝ 15 July Memorial of St Bonaventure
- ✝ 16 July Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel



## WEEKEND NOTES

### EVENING MASS RESUMES ON SUNDAY 12 JULY

*St Mary's Church*

From Sunday 12 July, the 5.30 pm Confession and 6.00 pm Holy Mass will resume at St Mary's and continue each weekend. All are very welcome.



## PARISH AT A GLANCE



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## OUR CHURCHES



St Mary's Church



St John Bosco's Church



St Edward's Church



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

*The sick and housebound of our parish, all who care for them, and for those who have died recently. May they rest in peace.*



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## Important Parish Notices

*Please read carefully: this issue covers several weeks and includes temporary timetable changes and practical information.*

**D**uring the summer weeks in this issue, there are a number of temporary changes to our normal timetable. These changes reflect clergy availability and pastoral needs across our three churches. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Please take time to read the notices below carefully so that you can plan ahead.



### Please read Mass and Confession times carefully

This issue covers several weeks. Times may differ from our usual programme.



### No Sunday evening Mass at St Mary's on 28 June and 5 July

There will be no evening Mass at St Mary's on these two Sundays.



### Services of the Word with Holy Communion at St Edward's on 1 & 8 July

On Wednesday 1 July and Wednesday 8 July, the service at St Edward's will be a Service of the Word with Holy Communion, not Mass.



### Sunday evening Mass at St Mary's resumes on Sunday 12 July

The usual Sunday evening Mass at St Mary's resumes on Sunday 12 July at 6.00 pm. Confessions at St Mary's will be available from 5.30 pm.



### Fridays 3, 10 and 17 July: days of abstinence

The Church asks all Catholics aged 14 and over to abstain from meat on these Fridays. Pray, fast and give alms.

### QUICK REMINDERS



Read the times carefully before you come.



No Sunday evening Mass at St Mary's on 28 June and 5 July.



Services of the Word with Holy Communion at St Edward's on 1 & 8 July.



Sunday evening Mass resumes at St Mary's on 12 July at 6.00 pm.



Confessions at St Mary's from 5.30 pm every Sunday evening.



Fridays 3, 10 & 17 July are days of abstinence from meat.



### Keeping Parish Life Orderly *A shared responsibility*

When timetables change, a little extra care helps everyone. Please arrive a few minutes early, listen to announcements, and be mindful of others. Let us show patience and charity in all we do, remembering that our parish is a family on pilgrimage together.

Thank you for helping us keep our churches prayerful, welcoming and safe.



### PLEASE NOTE

This issue covers several weeks. Please read the Mass and Confession times carefully before you come.

Timetables are subject to change. Any further updates will be announced at Mass and on our noticeboards and website.

Thank you for your understanding.



### FRIDAY ABSTINENCE

Fridays 3, 10 and 17 July are days of abstinence from meat for all Catholics aged 14 and over.

On these days, we are also encouraged to pray more, give alms, and show generosity to those in need.

Let us unite our small sacrifices with the Lord's Cross.



### ORDINARY PARISH MATTERS

For ordinary parish matters—baptisms, marriages, certificates, hall bookings, newsletter items, general enquiries—please use our usual contact details:

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Thank you for your patience and co-operation.



### EMERGENCY SACRAMENTS

For a genuine sacramental emergency, especially danger of death or urgent Anointing of the Sick, please contact:

Holy Cross  
0116 255 3856

St Thomas More Parish  
0116 221 8385

Please leave your name, contact number, location, and the nature of the emergency clearly.

Your message will be received and responded to as soon as possible.



### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

For funeral arrangements, please contact the parish in the usual way.

We will be happy to support you with prayer, planning and practical details at this difficult time.

May God grant eternal rest to the faithful departed.

### A WORD FOR THE JOURNEY

Keep the focus on Christ



When plans change, our first instinct should be to turn to the Lord. Let us keep our eyes on Jesus, who walks with us in every season.

Offer up any inconvenience for those who are ill, for families, and for our parish community.

The Mass, the Word and the Sacraments are our strength. Let us draw close to them.

Christ is our peace and our hope.



Lord Jesus, open our hearts to your word. Help us to hear you, receive you, and follow you in our daily lives. Amen.





# Sunday Readings: Saints Peter and Paul

## The Golden Thread

Today we honour the two great pillars of the Church. Peter shows the faith on which the Church is built; Paul shows the mission by which the Gospel reaches the nations.



### FIRST READING | Acts 12:1–11

*Peter is imprisoned, the Church prays, and the Lord frees him; God protects and strengthens His Church.*

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the Church. He had James, the brother of John, put to death by the sword. And when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the days of Unleavened Bread.) He had him taken into custody and put in prison, handing him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the Church. On the very night before Herod was to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was lying between two soldiers, while guards kept watch at the entrance. And behold, the angel of the Lord came and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and roused him, saying, "Rise quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. The angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." So he went out and followed him, not knowing that what was being done by the angel was real, but thinking he was seeing a vision.

When they had passed through the first and the second guard post and came to the iron gate leading into the city, it opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and passed along one street, and immediately the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.



### PSALM | Psalm 34

*A prayer of trust and deliverance.*

*The Lord delivered me from all my fears.*

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me;  
together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,  
and your faces may not blush with shame.

When the poor one called out, the Lord heard,  
and from all his distress he saved him.

The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;  
blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

*The Lord delivered me from all my fears.*  
(R.)



### SECOND READING | 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 17–18

*Paul has fought the good fight and kept the faith; the Lord stood by him and strengthened him.*

Beloved:

I am already being poured out as a libation,  
and the time of my departure has come.  
I have competed well; I have finished the race;  
I have kept the faith. From now on there is  
reserved for me the crown of righteousness,  
which the Lord, the righteous judge,  
will award to me on that day,  
and not only to me, but to all who have loved  
his appearing. But the Lord stood by me  
and gave me strength, so that through me  
the proclamation might be completed  
and all the Gentiles might hear it.  
And I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat  
and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.  
To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.



### GOSPEL | Matthew 16:13–19

*Peter confesses Jesus as the Christ; Christ gives Peter a unique mission in the Church and speaks of the keys of the kingdom.*

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### THE GOLDEN THREAD



Today's readings show one Church, rooted in faith and sent in mission.

Peter is set free by God's angel because the Church prays. His rescue reveals that the Lord protects His people and keeps His promises.

Peter then proclaims Jesus as the Christ, and the Lord entrusts him with the keys of the Kingdom—the mission of unity, leadership, and service.

Paul, in his final witness, speaks of faithful perseverance. Strengthened by the Lord, he brings the Gospel to the nations.

Rooted in faith. Sent in mission.  
One Church in Christ.

*“You are Peter,  
and on this rock  
I will build my Church.”*



MATTHEW 16:18



### ONE THING TO DO THIS WEEK

Pray for the Pope, our bishops, priests, deacons, religious, missionaries, catechists, and all who serve the Church. Ask the Lord: How can I be more faithful like Peter and more missionary like Paul? Offer one act of love and service for the life of the Church.



### CATHOLIC WORD OF THE WEEK

**Apostle** [ap-uhl-stl] *noun*

One who is sent with authority to proclaim the Gospel and build up the Church. From the Greek *apostolos*, "one who is sent."

*St Peter and St Paul were apostles—witnesses chosen, sent, and strengthened by Christ.*



### PRAYER BEFORE SCRIPTURE

Come, Holy Spirit, open my heart to your Word.

Remove the distractions of my mind  
and fill me with your light.

Help me to hear what you are saying,  
to believe it with faith, and to live it in love.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Lord Jesus, open our hearts to your word. Help us to hear you, receive you, and follow you in our daily lives. Amen.





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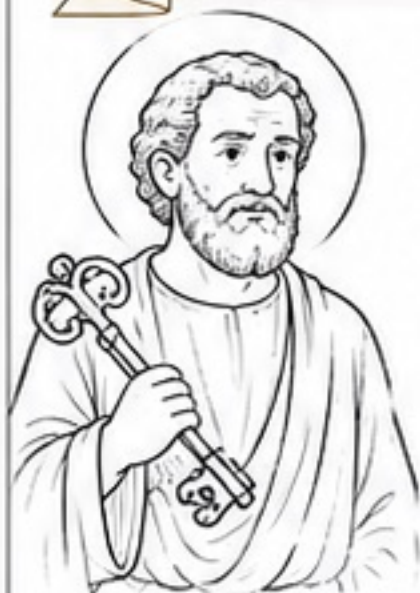


## Kids' Corner



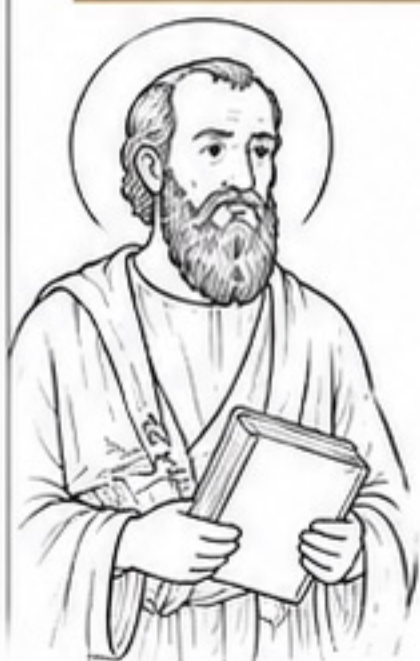
### Saints Peter and Paul

#### MEET THE APOSTLES



##### Peter the Fisherman

Peter was a fisherman when Jesus called him to be one of His special friends. Peter loved Jesus and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus chose Peter to be the rock on which He would build His Church. Peter led the first Christians with courage and faith.



##### Paul the Missionary

Paul was not a follower of Jesus at first. But on the road to Damascus, Jesus met him in a bright light and changed his heart. Paul became one of the greatest missionaries, travelling far and wide to tell everyone about Jesus. He wrote letters that are part of the Bible and helped many people come to know and love God.

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**"Who do you say that I am?"**

- Jesus (Matthew 16:15)

Jesus asks each one of us the same question!  
Take a moment to think about your answer.  
Draw or write it below.



#### CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear Jesus,  
Thank You for loving me.  
Help me to love You with all my heart.  
Help me to follow You every day,  
and to tell others about Your goodness.

Bless my family, my friends and everyone in the world.

Amen.



#### WORD SEARCH

Can you find all the words below?  
Look up, down, across and diagonally.

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A	P	O	S	T	L	E	A	I
U	R	H	C	H	U	R	C	H
L	A	I	T	F	P	R	A	Y
J	E	S	U	S	I	S	E	R
M	I	S	S	I	O	N	O	E
R	O	M	E	T	E	R	H	P
Z	B	V	P	E	T	E	R	A
D	F	A	I	T	H	G	L	U
Q	W	K	L	M	N	X	Y	Z

#### WORDS TO FIND

PETER  
PAUL  
JESUS  
CHURCH  
FAITH  
MISSION  
PRAYER  
GOSPEL  
ROME  
APOSTLE



#### CATHOLIC FUN FACT

Peter is often shown with keys because Jesus gave him the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Paul is often shown with a sword because he was beheaded in Rome for his faith.



#### SAINT SYMBOLS



**KEYS (Peter)**  
Jesus gave Peter the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. They show his role as leader of the Church.



**BOOK (Paul)**  
Paul wrote letters (teaching) to help people learn about Jesus. The book reminds us of the Word of God.



**SWORD (Paul)**  
Paul was a brave witness for Jesus and gave his life for his faith. The sword reminds us of his martyrdom.

#### MINI QUIZ

1. What job did Peter have before he followed Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What happened to Paul on the road to Damascus? \_\_\_\_\_
3. In which city were both Peter and Paul martyred? \_\_\_\_\_

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Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs. — Mark 10:14



BE BRAVE. BE KIND. BE A LIGHT!

# PRAYER, CARE & SAINTS

*Keeping faith alive in ordinary weeks*

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## FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

*He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.” — Psalm 147:3*



Lord Jesus, you came to bring life in all its fullness. We turn to you with faith and love for all who are in need of your healing touch.

- ✝ We pray for those who are unwell, whether in hospital, at home, or in care; for those who are frail, housebound, recovering from illness or surgery, waiting for appointments or results, or receiving treatment and its side effects.
- ✝ We remember those whose suffering is hidden, carried in silence in body, mind or spirit.
- ✝ Comfort those who are troubled, give courage to the anxious, and grant peace to all who are afraid.
- ✝ We pray especially for family carers and loved ones, that they may be strengthened in patience and sustained in their care.
- ✝ Bless all who serve in the healing of others—doctors, nurses, healthcare assistants, chaplains and all who offer practical help.
- ✝ May our parish be a place of compassion and support, where no one is forgotten and all are held in prayer.

*Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us.*

## KEEPING FAITH ALIVE IN ORDINARY WEEKS

*“Remain in me, as I remain in you.” — John 15:4*



Faith is not only for Sundays. It grows in the everyday moments of family life, work, study, and service. Here are simple ways to keep your faith alive through the week.

- ✝ **Keep Sunday Holy.** Make Sunday Mass the heart of your week. It is where we encounter Christ, receive His grace, and are sent to love and serve.
- ✝ **Pray Every Day.** Even a short prayer connects your heart to God. Offer your day in the morning and thank Him at night.
- ✝ **Read a Little of the Gospel.** Five minutes with the Gospel can change your whole outlook. Let God speak to you each day.
- ✝ **Remember Others.** Pray for the sick, the bereaved, and those going through difficult times. You are never praying alone.
- ✝ **Use Your Parish Website.** Our parish website [cathparishmje.co.uk](http://cathparishmje.co.uk) is a rich source of support for you and your family. Visit often to find:
  - **Daily homilies** – to reflect on God’s Word
  - **Bible studies** – to deepen your understanding
  - **Sacramental guidance** – clear, helpful resources for each sacrament
  - **Defending the Faith** – our new series exploring key questions about our Catholic faith with confidence and charity

Let us walk together in faith each day, trusting in Christ who is with us always.

## PRAYER LIST



We hold in prayer:

### The Sick

*Names can be added with permission.*

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### The Housebound

*We remember all who are unable to join us in church.*

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### The Recently Deceased

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*

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### Anniversaries

*We pray for those whose anniversaries occur in these weeks.*

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## LEARNING FROM THE SAINTS IN THESE WEEKS



**ST CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA (27 JUNE)**  
Defender of the truth of Christ’s divinity and teacher of the Church.  
**Lesson:** Hold fast to the truth with courage and gentleness, and seek unity in what is essential.



**ST ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL (4 JULY)**  
A queen who chose generosity over privilege, serving the poor with joy.  
**Lesson:** Use what you have for the good of others; true greatness is found in love.



**ST BENEDICT (11 JULY)**  
Founder of Western monasticism and author of the Rule “that nothing be preferred to the work of God.”  
**Lesson:** Order your days around God—prayer, work and rest in balance.



**ST BONAVENTURE (15 JULY)**  
Franciscan bishop, theologian and lover of Sacred Scripture.  
**Lesson:** Let the Word of God set your heart on fire with love for Christ.



**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL (16 JULY)**  
Mother and Queen who leads us closer to her Son.  
**Lesson:** Entrust yourself to Mary’s care; she guides us safely to Jesus.

## DAILY HABITS FOR HOLY LIVING



**MASS** Make Sunday Mass the centre of your week.



**PRAYER** Set aside time morning and evening.



**SCRIPTURE** Read a little of the Gospel each day.



**CHARITY** Do one kind act each day.



**CONFESSION** Go regularly—God’s mercy heals.

“ Lord Jesus, you know our hearts and our needs. Be with us this week. Guide us in your love, keep us in your peace, and send us out as light to our families, our parish, and our world. Amen.



*Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, make our hearts like yours.*



# DIOCESAN & NATIONAL NEWS

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FROM THE EDITOR

## Growing in Faith, Serving the World



The summer months are a gift: time to rest, but also to renew our hearts for mission. For many young adults, this is a season of questions—Who am I? What is God calling me to? How can I make a difference?

The Church invites us not just to seek answers alone, but to step into community, to listen, discern, and respond together.

The events on this page are opportunities to do just that—to grow in faith, discover vocation, and build a more just and compassionate world.

Whether you join a BBQ, an evening of reflection, or a national conference, you are saying “yes” to God’s call.

*“Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.” (Hebrews 10:7)*

— The Parish Times Team

## Young Adult Summer BBQ



*Come together for Mass, good food, faith and fellowship as we support the World Youth Day 2027 Fund.*

- Saturday 4 July 2026
- Mass at 12.30 pm
- Saint Joseph’s Church  
Burton Road, Derby
- £5 per person supporting the World Youth Day 2027 Fund

All young adults aged 18–35 are warmly invited.

**Booking is essential.**

Please sign up using the online form or scan the QR code below.

BOOK HERE



or visit:  
[cathedral-diocese.org.uk/young-adult-bbq](http://cathedral-diocese.org.uk/young-adult-bbq)



## Go Make Disciples

- Monday 13 July 2026
- 7.00 pm
- Saint Barnabas Cathedral Nottingham

All are welcome to join Father John Church OP, a Dominican from Leicester, for an evening of reflection and conversation.

Come and hear about Dominican life and his vocation, followed by questions, refreshments and fellowship.

## WHY THESE EVENTS MATTER

### FELLOWSHIP

We are not meant to follow Christ alone. These gatherings build community and lasting friendships rooted in faith.

### DISCIPLESHIP

Through prayer, teaching and reflection, we grow in our relationship with Christ and learn to follow Him more faithfully each day.

### CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Our faith calls us to justice and compassion. These events inspire us to put love into action for the common good.

*Come, be encouraged and equipped for the mission God has for you.*



## Just Talk

- Friday 24 – Sunday 26 July 2026
- National Justice and Peace Network Annual Conference
- £150 for the weekend (Young adults 18–35)

The theme for this year’s conference is “Just Talk”.

A limited number of places for young adults aged 18–35 are available at £150 for the weekend on a first come, first served basis.

More details and booking information available at: [www.justice-and-peace.org.uk](http://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk)

IN BRIEF

### Youth in Mission

Across the Diocese, young people are leading retreats, ministries and projects. Thank you for saying “yes” to God’s call!

### Vocations

Please keep the seminarians and all discerning their vocation in your prayers. You can find vocation resources at: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/vocations](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/vocations)

### Justice & Peace

From local food projects to global campaigns, the Church calls us to act for a fairer world. Learn more at: [www.justice-and-peace.org.uk](http://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk)

### Lay Participation

Thank you to all who volunteer, teach, catechise and serve in our parishes. Your gifts build up the Body of Christ!

## YOUNG ADULT VOICES

What these events mean to our community

“The BBQ last year helped me meet other Catholics my age and grow in friendship and faith.”

— Sophie, 26

“Go Make Disciples inspired me to consider God’s call more deeply.”

— James, 24

## WILL YOU SAY “YES”?

These opportunities are open to you. Take the next step:




- Pray: Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you.
- Participate: Join in and bring a friend.
- Share: Invite others and spread the word.
- Serve: Offer your time and talents.

*“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28:19)*

Lord Jesus, send your Holy Spirit upon our young people. Give them courage to follow You, wisdom to discern Your will, and joy in proclaiming Your love to the world. Amen.

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## Peter's Pence

### Helping the Holy Father in His Mission

On Sunday 28 June, our parish will take up the **Peter's Pence** collection.

This worldwide collection enables Pope Leo XIV to support the universal Church and assist our brothers and sisters in need, including victims of war, natural disasters, and poverty.

Your generosity helps the Holy Father respond swiftly to humanitarian emergencies, sustain pastoral initiatives, and promote the Gospel where it is most needed.

To learn more, visit: [www.ObolodiSanPietro.va](http://www.ObolodiSanPietro.va)



## Magnifica Humanitas

### Resources for Reflection and Mission

The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has prepared a range of resources to help individuals and communities deepen their understanding and reflection on the Encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*.

These pastoral and educational materials are designed to inspire action for a more just, fraternal, and sustainable world in the light of the Gospel.

Explore the resources here:  
[www.humandevlopment.va/en/magnifica-humanitas/risorse/kit-pastorale.html](http://www.humandevlopment.va/en/magnifica-humanitas/risorse/kit-pastorale.html)



## Thinking about a Sacrament?

### We are here to walk with you

If you are considering Baptism, Confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders, or Anointing of the Sick, please speak to Fr John first.

Every sacrament is a gift of God's grace and a step forward in our life of faith.

Our parish is here to accompany you with patience, prayer and care.



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## Prayer for the Universal Church

Lord Jesus, Shepherd of the Church, look with love upon Your people throughout the world. Strengthen our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, and all who serve You. Unite us in faith, hope and charity, that we may be one family, a sign of Your Kingdom among the nations. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. Amen.



*Lord Jesus, open our hearts to your word. Help us to hear you, receive you, and follow you in our daily lives. Amen.*





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## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Year A — The Golden Thread

*The Lord reveals His kingdom to the lowly, offers rest to the weary, and calls us to walk in the Spirit.*



#### FIRST READING — Zechariah 9:9-10

*The humble king of peace comes to save and to bring joy.*

Rejoice greatly, daughter Zion! Shout aloud, daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

The Lord brings His king not in the splendour of armies but in the simplicity of peace. He is gentle and humble, close to His people. He will banish the chariots and warhorses, the instruments of violence, and proclaim peace to the nations, His rule is one of justice and compassion, bringing salvation to the ends of the earth. God's promise is fulfilled in a king who serves, not conquers. Let us rejoice, for He comes to set us free.



#### SECOND READING — Romans 8:9, 11-13

*Life in the Spirit leads to freedom and new life.*

You are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Let the Spirit guide your thoughts, your words and your actions. In His power we are set free from sin and empowered to live as God's children.



#### PSALM — Psalm 145

*A song of praise for the Lord, our king and our God.*

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. Every day will I bless you and praise your name for ever.

**R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. The Lord is good to all and his mercy is over all he has made.

**R.**

All your works shall thank you, O Lord, and all your faithful ones bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your mighty deeds.

**R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who fall and raises all who are bowed down.

**R.**



#### GOSPEL — Matthew 11:25-30

*Jesus invites the weary to find rest in Him, who is gentle and humble of heart.*

At that time Jesus exclaimed, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

*For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.'*

#### THE GOLDEN THREAD



The kingdom of God is revealed not in power and pride, but in humility and love.

**In the First Reading**, the Lord speaks of the king who comes humbly to bring peace and salvation. True kingship is shown in gentleness.

**In the Psalm**, we praise a God who is kind, merciful and faithful, lifting up all who are in need.

**In the Second Reading**, St Paul teaches that the Spirit of God gives us life, freedom from sin and the strength to live as His children.

**In the Gospel**, Jesus praises the Father for revealing Himself to the little ones and invites all who are weary to come to Him. In His gentle yoke we find true rest and freedom.

*The humble King reveals the Father. The Spirit gives life. Christ gives rest. This is the heart of the Gospel.*

**“ Learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart.**

MATTHEW 11:29



#### ONE THING TO DO THIS WEEK

- Come to Christ in prayer, especially when you feel tired or overwhelmed.
- Entrust your burdens to Him and ask for His rest.
- Show gentleness in your words and actions this week.
- Encourage someone who is weary or discouraged.

*Small acts done in love change hearts.*



#### CATHOLIC WORD OF THE WEEK

##### Yoke *noun*

A wooden frame that fits across the shoulders of two animals, fastened so they can work together.

*Jesus asks us to take His yoke: a sign of discipleship that is gentle, sharing His way so we can walk with Him.*



#### PRAYER BEFORE SCRIPTURE

Come, Holy Spirit, open my heart to your Word.

Remove the distractions of my mind and fill me with your light.

Help me to hear what you are saying, to believe it with faith, and to live it in love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



#### AT MASS THIS SUNDAY

- We rejoice in the humble King who comes in peace.
- We praise a merciful God who lifts up all.
- We live by the Spirit who gives life and freedom.
- We accept Jesus' invitation to find rest in His gentle heart.
- We leave Mass renewed, to be gentle, peaceful and full of hope.



#### SAINTS TO KNOW

##### St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (8 August)

Founder of the Sisters of St Joseph. She served the poor with courage, faith and love.

##### St Benedict (11 July)

Father of Western monasticism. He taught that humility, prayer and obedience lead to true peace.

*Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs. — Mark 10:14*

† BE BRAVE. BE KIND. BE A LIGHT! †

## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A — The Golden Thread

*God's word goes forth like rain upon the earth;  
the seed of the kingdom is sown generously and calls for a fruitful response.*

### FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10-11

*The word of the Lord achieves the purpose for which it is sent.*

Thus says the Lord: "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it yield and giving growth so that it may provide seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

*Note: God's word is powerful and effective. Like life-giving rain, it brings forth new life and never returns empty.*

### PSALM Psalm 65

*R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

You care for the earth and water it;  
you fill it with wealth.  
The river of God is full of water;  
you provide their grain,  
for so you have prepared it.  
You drench its furrows and level it;  
you soften it with showers and bless its growth.  
You crown the year with your bounty,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

*R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

*Note: God, the generous gardener, makes the earth fertile and our lives fruitful.*

### SECOND READING Romans 8:18-23

*Creation itself will be set free from bondage to share in the glory of God's children.*

I think that what we suffer in this present time can never be compared to the glory about to be revealed to us.  
For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

*Note: Creation groans in hope. The Spirit is already at work, leading all things to the fullness of God's glory.*

### GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-23

*The parable of the sower explains how people receive the word.*

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables. "A sower went out to sow." As he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil; it sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, but when the sun rose it was scorched, and since it had no root it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. Other seed fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear."

*Note: A shorter version, Matthew 13:1-9, may be used.*

### THE GOLDEN THREAD



The word of the Lord is living and powerful. Isaiah tells us it never returns empty but achieves the purpose for which it is sent.

In the Gospel, Jesus sows the seed of the kingdom widely. The parable shows that the response of the heart determines the fruit.

Paul reminds us that all Creation is groaning in hope, already moving toward the freedom and glory that Christ will bring.

Through the Spirit, God prepares the soil within us. We are called to listen, open our hearts, and bear fruit for the kingdom.

*"He who has ears, let him hear."*

MATTHEW 13:9



### ONE THING TO DO THIS WEEK

- Make time for silence this week.
- Read a Gospel passage slowly and attentively.
- Remove distractions so you can hear and receive God's word.
- Ask the Lord to make your heart good soil that bears fruit.

*Small steps, faithful hearts, great harvest.*

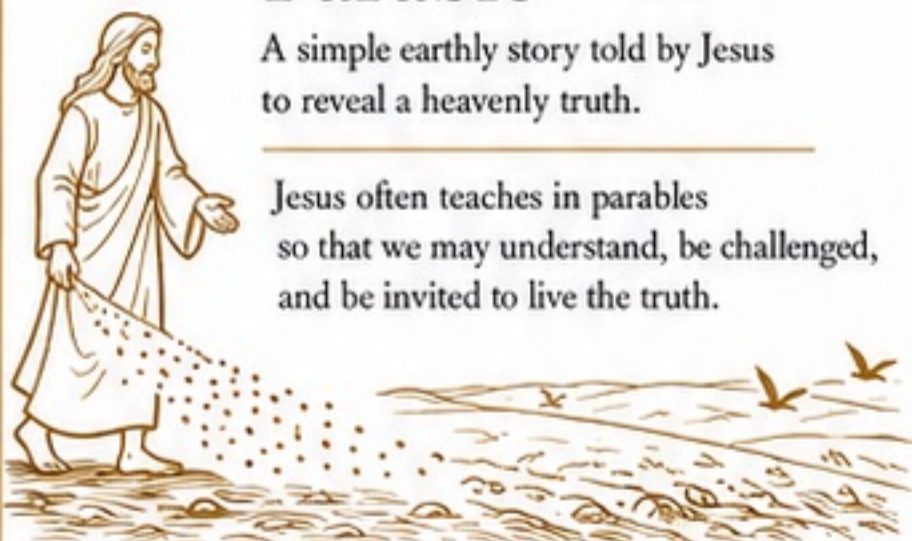


### CATHOLIC WORD OF THE WEEK

## Parable *noun*

A simple earthly story told by Jesus to reveal a heavenly truth.

Jesus often teaches in parables so that we may understand, be challenged, and be invited to live the truth.



### PRAYER BEFORE SCRIPTURE

Come, Holy Spirit,  
open my heart to Your word.  
Remove the distractions  
of my mind and fill me  
with Your light.  
Help me to hear what You are saying,  
to believe it with faith,  
and to live it in love.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



### AT MASS THIS SUNDAY

- The word of the Lord is powerful and fruitful.
- Jesus sows the seed of the kingdom in every heart.
- Our response determines the fruit we bear.
- With the Spirit's help, let us be good soil and bear fruit.



Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.



The kingdom of heaven is at hand.



Rejoice and be glad!





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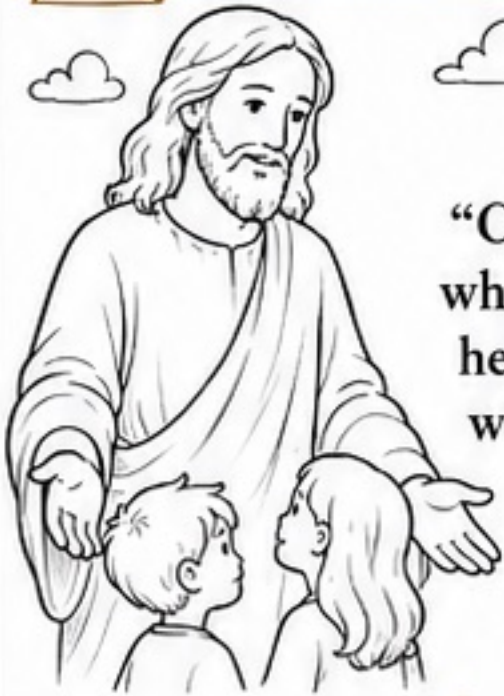
## Kids' Corner

### 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Year A — Come to Me



#### MEET THE GOSPEL



Jesus says,  
"Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Jesus is gentle and humble in heart. He knows that life can be hard. He wants you to bring Him your worries, your tiredness, and all your prayers. He will give you peace and rest.

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**"What can you bring to Jesus this week?"**

Think about it and choose something to give to Jesus.



a worry



a thank-you



someone you want to pray for



#### CHILDREN'S PRAYER

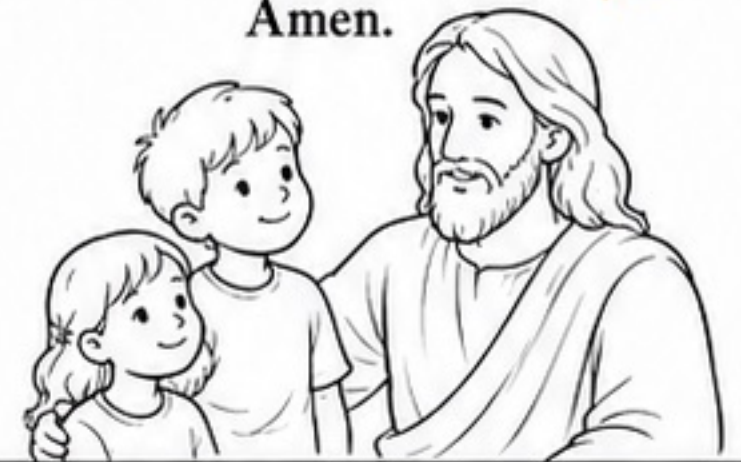
Dear Jesus,  
You are gentle and kind.  
Help me to come to You every day.

Give me Your peace when I am worried.

Teach me to be gentle with others.

Thank You for loving me and giving me rest in Your heart.

Amen.



#### ★ WORD SEARCH ★

Can you find all the words below?  
Look up, down, across and diagonally.

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#### WORDS TO FIND

JESUS  
REST  
PEACE  
SPIRIT  
PRAYER  
GENTLE  
HUMBLE  
YOKE  
KING  
JOY



#### ★ GOSPEL MINI QUIZ ★

1. What does Jesus invite us to bring to Him?
2. What does Jesus promise to give us?
3. How does Jesus say He is in heart?

ANSWERS: 1. Our worries and tiredness  
2. Rest 3. Gentle and humble

#### ★ CATHOLIC FUN FACT ★



A yoke is a wooden bar that was put over a pair of oxen so they could work together.

Jesus uses the yoke image to show that His way is not heavy or harsh—it is easy because He is gentle and walks with us.

#### † SAINT SPOTLIGHT

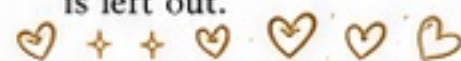
St Elizabeth of Portugal



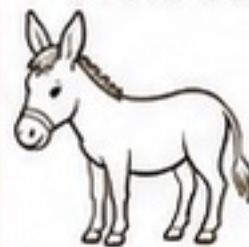
St Elizabeth loved God and served the poor with joy. She brought peace where there was sadness or anger. She was kind, gentle, and always thought of others. She helps us to love and serve like Jesus.

#### LITTLE THINGS TO TRY THIS WEEK

- ★ Be gentle in what you say and do.
- ★ Help at home without being asked.
- ★ Pray for someone who is sad or worried.
- ★ Smile at someone who is left out.



#### SYMBOLS TO NOTICE



The DONKEY is a sign of the humble King. Jesus comes not with power but with love.



The HEART shows Jesus' gentle love. He cares for you and wants you to be close to Him.



*"Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*

MATTHEW 11:28

Learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. — Matthew 11:29

★ BE GENTLE. BE JOYFUL. BE CLOSE TO JESUS! ★



## Kids' Corner

— 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time —

Year A — The Sower and the Seed



### MEET THE GOSPEL



Jesus told a story about a sower who scattered seed over the ground. Some seed fell on the path, some on rocky places, some among thorns, and some on good soil.

Only the seed that fell on good soil grew and produced lots of fruit.

This story shows us that God plants His word in our hearts. When we listen to Him and let Him in, His word can grow and bear good fruit.

Let's ask Jesus to help us be good soil so His word can grow strong in us!

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

“What helps your heart listen to God?”



I can talk to God in prayer every day.



I can be quiet and listen to Him in my heart.



I can show love and kindness to others.



Draw something that helps you listen to God.

### CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear Jesus,  
You are the good Sower.  
Please plant Your word  
in my heart.

Help me to listen to You  
and keep Your word.

Make my heart good soil  
so Your love can grow  
and bear good fruit.

Thank You for loving me  
and helping me every day.

Amen.



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### WORDS TO FIND

SOWER  
SEED  
SOIL  
RAIN  
WORD  
HEART  
LISTEN  
FRUIT  
GOSPEL  
KINGDOM



### GOSPEL MINI QUIZ

1. What did the sower scatter across the field? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What happened to the seed that fell on good soil? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What can grow in our hearts when we listen to God's word? \_\_\_\_\_

ANSWERS: 1. Seed 2. Grew and produced fruit 3. Good love and good fruit

### CATHOLIC FUN FACT

A parable is a simple story that Jesus used to teach important lessons about God's Kingdom.

The Parable of the Sower helps us understand that our hearts are the soil where God's word grows.



### SAINT SPOTLIGHT

#### St Benedict

St Benedict loved God and wanted others to love Him too. He lived in a monastery where he prayed every day and worked hard. He listened to God in His heart and taught others to pray, to work, and to be kind.

St Benedict, pray for us!



### GOOD SOIL ACTIONS



Listen carefully to the readings and the homily at Mass.



Say a short prayer morning and night.



Pull out weeds of anger or selfishness.



Do one kind act for someone today.



Read one verse of the Gospel.

### SYMBOLS TO NOTICE



The seed is God's word. He plants it in our hearts so it can grow.



The soil is our hearts. Good soil is open, ready, and full of love.



The rain is God's grace. It helps the word grow and makes us strong.

Let's thank God for planting His word in us!

### ONE MORE THING



“The seed is the word of God, and the sower is Christ.”

LUKE 8:11

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to Him will live for ever. — Luke 8:11

LISTEN WELL. GROW STRONG. BE GOOD SOIL!