

Our Parish Liturgy

This Week (15 A)

DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 3
ENTRANCE HYMN	18.00 801 09.00 801 11.00 Musicians
PENITENTIAL ACT	Spoken
GLORIA	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
FIRST READING	Isaiah 55:10-11 <i>'The rain makes the earth bring forth and sprout.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.</i>
SECOND READING	Romand 8:18-23 <i>'The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.'</i>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; all who find him will live for ever. Alleluia!</i>
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 13:1-23 <i>'A sower went out to sow.'</i>
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	18.00 792 09.00 792 11.00 Musicians
SANCTUS	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
GREAT AMEN	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Spoken
OUR FATHER	18.00 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Musicians
AGNUS DEI	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Spoken
COMMUNION ANTIPHON	<i>The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.</i>
THANKSGIVING	18.00 731 09.00 731 11.00 Musicians

RECESSION	18.00 887 09.00 887 11.00 Musicians
Next Week (16 A)	
DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 4
FIRST READING	Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 <i>'You give repentance for sins.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>O Lord, you are good and forgiving.'</i>
SECOND READING	Romand 8:26-27 <i>'The Spirit intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.'</i>
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 13:24-43 <i>'Let both grow together until the harvest.'</i>
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MARRIAGE MATTERS

In his Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis offers a profound insight into the joy of Christian marriage and reminds us of its place at the very heart of the Church's life. Christian marriage, he observes, 'is a sign of how much Christ loved his Church in the covenant sealed on the cross, yet it also makes that love present in the communion of the spouses. By becoming one flesh, they embody the espousal of our human nature by the Son of God.'

As we know, the Holy Scriptures feed and nourish our faith and help us to grow in our relationship with God and one another. It is for this reason that these scriptural reflections are offered. They should help enable married couples to focus on the richness of God's Word that we hear proclaimed each Sunday of the Year and to experience the deep joy of God's love expressed in the great Sacrament of Marriage.

LISTEN TO THE PERSON BEHIND THE WORDS



The stony ground is when we are too engrossed in the tv, reading or working on the computer to listen to our partner. The thorny ground is where we disengage with such but not wanting real involvement, suggest a cuppa as a diversion. We are called to be fertile ground by real listening – hold hands, look in each other's eyes.

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THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN
Mo 2 Chr. 27-8; Is. 9-12; Micah
Tu 2 Chr. 28-31; 2 Kgs. 16-18
We Is. 13-20
Th Is. 21-7
Fr Ps. 48

Financial News . .

Weekend of 05/07/23
1st Plate £ 496:10
Standing Orders £ 755:00
Contactless £ 85:00
1st Total £ 1,336:10
2nd £ 1,120:00
HCPT (151) Pilgrimage Trust

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2nd Collection . . .

This Weekend 12/07/23
Stella Maris (Sea Sunday)
Gift Aid Members are not able to make this collection tax efficient.
Next Weekend 19/07/23
National Cath. Fund #2
Gift Aid Members are able to make this collection tax efficient by using our Parish Envelope.

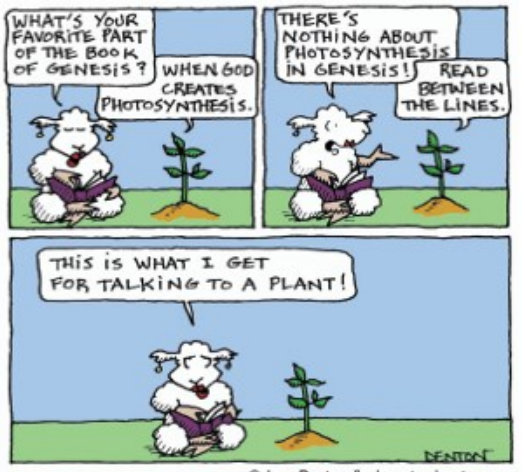
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An idea not coupled with action will never get any bigger than the brain cell it occupied.

Arnold H. Glasgow

This is one of Jesus' more famous parables, commonly called "The Parable of the Sower" or "The Parable of the Seed." It briefly describes a scenario that makes sense to most listeners. Of course, seeds sown on a path, on rocky ground, and among thorns wouldn't produce much, if any, harvest. And, of course, seed sown in fertile soil should produce a very good harvest. Anyone who knows anything about seeds and plants would understand this, so what is the point Jesus is trying to make? Knowing Jesus, the disciples immediately realise that a seemingly straightforward parable has a deeper meaning than what we understand on the surface. They also recognise that not everyone will read a more profound message into a simple parable, so they ask Jesus why he teaches like this.

This Gospel passage comes after Jesus has just clashed with the scribes and Pharisees, the ones who think they know-it-all when it comes to God and religion. He had been healing people and casting out demons, and many



"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit."
Sheepish Question:
What new insights from God's Word have influenced my actions?

people in the crowds received him with humility and gratitude. The scribes and the Pharisees, on the other hand, wouldn't accept the good work he was doing at face value, and they accused him of working for Satan. Jesus points out to his disciples that those religious leaders are just like their ancestors who refused to listen to the prophets of old. As the saying goes, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't force it to drink." The Pharisees and scribes could see the good and miraculous things Jesus was doing, but they wilfully closed their ears and eyes to how God was acting in and through Jesus. At the same time, many people in the crowd were proving to be "good soil," hearing and seeing how God was acting in the world.



Questions of the week

- 1 Share about a time when you have witnessed someone open to experience God's amazing or miraculous growth.
- 2 At this point in your life, what kind of soil would you say you are?

Parish Office

Normal Office Hours : Monday to Friday 09.30 - 12.30.

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Newsletter Editorial : Items for possible inclusion in the Parish Newsletter (if there is room) need to be received (in writing please) at the Parish Office by midday on Wednesday.

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General Parish Information

Parishioner Registration : Every household within the Parish is requested to complete a 'Parishioner Registration/Census' form so that our Parish records may be kept up to date. These forms can be obtained from the Parish Office and should be completed fully before being returned to the Parish Office.

Should you move address within the Parish at any time please complete a new form and write 'AMENDMENT' across the top of the form. Thank you.

Hospital : If you are going into hospital as a 'planned admission' you are strongly encouraged to make contact with Fr Daryl well beforehand so that, if appropriate, the Sacrament of the Sick can be celebrated beforehand.

Infant Baptism : Infant Baptisms are intended for the children of practising parishioners only and are celebrated on five occasions during the year after parents and godparents have completed a course of preparation. There can be no celebration without this important course. The dates of the courses for the current year can be found in the application form available from the Parish Office. Baptisms do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

Sacramental Preparation : Notice of the availability of Application Forms for preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be made via the Parish Newsletter between the school Summer Half Term and 31st August each year. Possible candidates for Confirmation should respond to the announcements made via the Parish Newsletter at the beginning of the Autumn school term.

Parishioners are advised that it is very difficult to imagine that any family or individual who is not regularly practising the Faith as members of our community could possibly be ready to celebrate a Sacrament of the Church.

Marriage Preparation : Marriages are celebrated by appointment with the Parish Priest. It should be remembered that in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton twelve months minimum notice is required before a marriage may take place; this is a requirement of the Church for all marriages that involve a Roman Catholic (even if they are not taking place in the Catholic Church). It is also necessary that one of the parties must have a meaningful connection with the Parish. Marriages do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

Parish Car Park : All Parishioners attending Mass and using our Car Park need to make sure that they have fully completed our 'Parishioner Registration/Census Form' (available from the Parish Office) before using the Car Park; this ensures that your current vehicle registration is lodged in the system. Registering only needs to be done once (unless you change your car or if you use another car in the family that is not registered on the system).

Important : if you are not registered on the system and you use the car park you will receive a parking notice. Registered Parishioners and pre-registered visitors are able to park whilst they attend our Masses/liturgies without fear of a charge notice. (Car Park queries - parking@shpcobham.com)

NOTE : the Car Park does not use QR codes any found are **scams!**



Church Mouse (cub reporter). . .

The musings of one of God's smallest creatures on events in and around the Parish over the past seven days

Another busy week here at The Presbytery as Fr D got together materials for several meetings that he was involved in through the week

At all of our Masses last weekend there was an appeal for the HCPT Lourdes Pilgrimage Group that Fr D travels with each year after Easter. The leader of the Group was able to talk a little about the origins of the Children's Pilgrimage and give a little taste of what the children do during their week each year. Several parishioners took the opportunity to talk to the two Group representatives after each Mass and at coffee after the 11.00 Mass.

Early on Monday morning Fr D was up and about to give access to the electrical engineers who made a start on 'Phase Two' of the reworking of the church lighting system. This involved altering the round spotlights throughout the building from halogen units (240w) to LED units (50w) and ensuring each was reinforced where necessary to take bulbs that are four times the weight of the old ones! Just to be certain each unit is now held with a short length of aircraft grade wire to ensure that there will be no accidents! The smaller amount of power that the new units use will make a considerable dent in the lighting electricity bills in the future (as well as lasting much longer before replacement becomes necessary)!

After celebrating Morning Prayer, Mass, and Exposition on Tuesday, Fr D took off down to Crawley in the car to continue work on two cases he will soon call to judgement, as well as answering an increasing number of canonical queries that seem to come in to the Tribunal office.

After Morning Prayer and Mass on Wednesday Fr D had a meeting with the Clergy Welfare Officer for Surrey. This involves a chat during which the officer checks that Fr D is looking after himself (eating properly etc.), taking his day off each week, and being in reasonable contact with other clergy locally. She also reminded him that he really ought to avail himself of the diocesan 'health check' at some point (when there's time).

Following Morning Prayer and Mass on Thursday Fr D did not go down to Crawley for his second day of Tribunal work as he had a Teams Meeting of the Trustees of the Bosco Catholic Education Trust. Fr D joined via teams because the meeting was taking place in Hastings and he had other things that he needed to do which precluded travelling for that long (and the heat was not the best thing to be driving in)

Churchmouse

CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH 15TH SUNDAY YEAR A

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LAKESIDE CROWDS SOWER
SEEDS BIRDS SOIL
EARTH SCORCHED ROOTS
WITHERED THORNS CROP



BEARING FRUIT

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

¹That same day Jesus left the house and went to the lakeside, where he sat down to teach. ²The crowd that gathered round him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it, while the crowd stood on the shore. ³He used parables to tell them many things.
"Once there was a man who went out to sow corn. ⁴As he scattered the seed in the field, some of it fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some of it fell on rocky ground, where there was little soil. The seeds soon sprouted, because the soil wasn't deep. ⁶But when the sun came up, it burnt the young plants; and because the roots had not grown deep enough, the plants soon dried up. ⁷Some of the seed fell among thorn bushes, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸But some seeds fell in good soil, and the plants produced corn; some produced a hundred grains, others sixty, and others thirty."
⁹And Jesus concluded, "Listen, then, if you have ears!"

¹⁸"Listen, then, and learn what the parable of the sower means. ¹⁹Those who hear the message about the Kingdom but do not understand it are like the seeds that fell along the path. The Evil One comes and snatches away what was sown in them. ²⁰The seeds that fell on rocky ground stand for those who receive the message gladly as soon as they hear it. ²¹But it does not sink deep into them, and they don't last long. So when trouble or persecution comes because of the message, they give up at once. ²²The seeds that fell among thorn bushes stand for those who hear the message; but the worries about this life and the love for riches choke the message, and they don't bear fruit. ²³And the seeds sown in the good soil stand for those who hear the message and understand it: they bear fruit, some as much as a hundred, others sixty, and others thirty."

**This is a shortened form of today's reading. The full reading is Matthew 13:1-23.
Other Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 65:9-13; Romans 8:18-23*

LECTIO:

Jesus frequently used parables, or simple short stories, to teach very profound truths about God. He based his parables around ordinary human experiences and used items familiar to most people. His parables normally had a simple plot and a single message.
In our text, Jesus paints a vivid word picture of the sower and the seeds. Each situation described in this parable has a specific meaning. The parable is about how various people receive the word of God and the harvest that results.
Jesus likens people to four different soil types. Three out of the four groups of people Jesus identifies don't allow God's word to produce the fruit that God intends. The reasons vary but the ultimate result is the same. Although they receive the message, they don't let it take root in them.
Only one group of people, 'the good soil', is fruitful. Different people produce various amounts of fruit but this group are all fruitful.
The responsibility of the sower is to sow the seed. The sower doesn't know what the potential harvest will be; only God knows that.



MEDITATIO:

- How do you respond to God's word? Which of the four soil types do you feel describes you best? How do you feel about this?
- 'The seeds that fell in good soil stand for those who hear the message and retain it in a good and obedient heart, and they persist until they bear fruit.' (Luke 8:15). Does Luke's description of the 'good soil' help us understand this passage better? What can we learn from this verse?
- Consider how you might bear more fruit in your life.

ORATIO:

Reflect on the scripture and respond to God humbly in prayer. Ask God to give you boldness and show you specific opportunities to share your faith.

CONTEMPLATIO:

The ministry of your priest comes to you at their great personal cost. How has their ministry influenced you? What have you ignored or rejected that may be reducing the fruit you might bear? What can change in your attitude to their ministry over the coming weeks and months?

Day	Date	Time	Service / Intention	Donor
Sat.	11 th July		St Benedict, Abbot & Patron of Europe	
			Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	18.00	Rob Pierre
				M. Drury
Sun.	12 th July		15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A	
		☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	09.00	For the Parishioners
		☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	11.00	Geraldine Sharpe
				M. Drury
Mon.	13 th July		Ferial Weekday	
			No Service Today	Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead
Tue.	14 th July		Ferial Weekday	
			09.00	Morning Prayer of the Church
		☐ Live-Streamed	09.30	Rita Diffley
				M. Drury
			10.00 - 11.00	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Private Prayer
Wed.	15 th July		St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	
			09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church
		☐ Live-Streamed	09.30	Rev. Fr Tony Bridson
				M. Drury
Thu.	16 th July		Ferial Weekday	
			09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church
		☐ Live-Streamed	09.30	Rev. Fr Tony Collins
				M. Drury
Fri.	17 th July		Ferial Weekday (Day of Abstinence)	
			09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church
		☐ Live-Streamed	09.30	Fr Daryl's Intentions
				M. Drury
Sat.	18 th July		Ferial Weekday	
			17.00 - 17.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	18.00	Canon Tony Clarke +
				M. Drury
Sun.	19 th July		16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A	
		☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	09.00	Mike Price +
		☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	11.00	For the Parishioners
				J. & E. Yates

Mass may be offered for both the living and the dead and also for most other intentions. We do our best to try and accommodate specific dates but this can be especially difficult on weekends and at less than three months notice.
'Mass Intentions' are published in the Parish Newsletter on the weekend before they are celebrated although sometimes a Requiem Mass will 'bump' an intention to a later date.

St Bonaventure

Born in 1221, St Bonaventure was baptized John, but became Bonaventure when he became a Franciscan at the age of twenty-two. While St Francis died about five years after Bonaventure's birth, he is credited with healing Bonaventure as a boy of a serious illness. Bonaventure's teaching career came to a halt when he was elected to serve as Minister General. His seventeen years of service were not easy as the Order was often involved in conflicts over the interpretation of poverty. Some friars even ended up in heresy saying that St Francis and his community were inaugurating the era of the Holy Spirit which was to replace Jesus, the Church, and Scripture. But because he was both a man of prayer and a very good administrator, Bonaventure managed to structure the Order through effective legislation. But more importantly, he gave the Friars an organized spirituality based on the vision and insights of St Francis.

Always a Franciscan at heart and a mystical writer, Bonaventure managed to unite the pastoral, practical aspects of life with the doctrines of the Church. Shortly before he ended his service as General Minister, Pope Gregory X created him a Cardinal bishop of Albano. But a little over a year later, while taking part in the Second Council of Lyon, Saint Bonaventure died suddenly on July 15, 1274. There is a theory that he was poisoned.

DATE / MASS	WELCOME MINISTERS	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	REPOSITORY AFTER MASS
SATURDAY 16 A 18/07/26 18.00	Still Required; please offer	Sr Patricia	N/A at present	P. Hunt A. Essien
SUNDAY 16 A 19/07/26 09.00	Still Required; please offer	R. Lake	G. Fisher D. Meehan	B. Harris M. Jethwa
SUNDAY 16 A 19/07/26 11.00	Still Required; please offer	C. Templer	J. Vizzini E. Twist	M. Smith C. Kendall

PLEASE REMEMBER : If you are unable to complete your particular ministry then it is **your responsibility** to arrange cover with another minister. In this way our Sunday Liturgies will run in a smooth and prayerful way.



**OUR PARISH
SUPPORTS THE
COBHAM AREA
FOODBANK**

**UPDATED LIST OF
WANTED ITEMS**



Are you able to help local people in crisis by purchasing items on the list below and placing them in the Foodbank's collection point in the narthex when you come to Mass at the weekend? Thank You!

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| ⇒ UHT Fruit Juice | ⇒ Bleach |
| ⇒ UHT Semi-Skimmed Milk | ⇒ Tinned Meat |
| ⇒ Fruit Squash | ⇒ Tinned Tomatoes |
| ⇒ Tinned Soup | ⇒ Tinned Fish |
| ⇒ Tinned Spaghetti Hoops | ⇒ Tinned Fruit |
| ⇒ Sponge Puddings | ⇒ Honey |
| ⇒ Tinned Rice Pudding | ⇒ Antibacterial Multipurpose Spray |
| ⇒ Marmite | ⇒ Shower Gel |
| ⇒ Hair Shampoo & Hair Conditioner | ⇒ Sanitary Pads |
| ⇒ Laundry Powder / Liquid / Capsules | ⇒ Baby Wipes |

Prayers Please



FOR THOSE UNWELL AT THIS TIME:

Sr Anne Bayley, Norma Begley, Judith Carson, Maggie Dongray, Tom Delbridge, Jonica Fox, Fiona Frank, Maureen Garner, baby Naomi Hunt, Michael Nutter, Fr Sebastian Paul, Pascal Smyth, Anne Sproul and John Wilkey.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

None

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

David Copland †
Richard Cunningham †
Alfred Turrall †
George Holding †
Fr Leonard Turner †
Fr Francis Von Weyrother †

HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:

" let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God."

For those who are unwell.....

those who have died recently....

those whose anniversaries occur.....

the Holy Father's Prayer Intention....

FIRST RECONCILIATION/EUCHARIST 2026/7

Application Forms for next year's 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist Programmes are now available from the Sacristy after our weekend Masses.

Prospective candidates:



- need to have been born before 31st August 2019,
- be in at least Year 3 when schools re-commence in September,
- and, of course, be attending our weekend and Holy Day Masses along with their family.

It is very difficult to imagine that anyone who is not presently worshipping along with our community on a regular basis could possibly be prepared and ready to receive this important sacrament of Christian growth within the next year.

Parents only (*not grandparents or friends*) should collect the application which needs to be completed and returned by 18.00 on 31st August 2026 (sorry, no late applications can be accepted).



RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure on board. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is this weekend. On this weekend the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.



STELLA MARIS



11.00 SUNDAY COFFEE - Many thanks to all our volunteers who help to provide coffee after church and to those parishioners who come along and make it an enjoyable social event. Due to the generosity of everyone we have been able to donate £500 to Cobham Food Bank this year, which is sorely needed. We are grateful to our volunteers who are taking a step back and welcoming several new volunteers in September.

There will be coffee after 11 o'clock mass up to 19th July and then a break for the summer, see you in September. If anyone would like to help in any way, please get in touch with Diane Yearley 07927 397936.

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, LEATHERHEAD - Prospective Parents Open Mornings will take place on Tuesday 10th November and Tuesday 17th November at 09.30. Please email the school office to book your place: School Office email: office@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk

COBHAM FOOD BANK - As a Parish we have recently sent £ 1,000 as a donation to this important local charity. It is envisaged that we will continue to make occasional donations to this worthy cause.

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us once again on the weekend of 25th - 26th July to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them will be highly appreciated.

