

**Fifteenth Sunday Of the Year**  
**12th July 2026**

**Our Parish Mission**

All are welcome in this place  
Behold Love's amazing grace  
All are welcome  
Bring your hopes, bring your dreams  
Mercy flows and love redeems

Its 5.38am It is suppose to be a lovely day and for the next few days. I hope the weather forecasters are correct. The sun makes everyone feel better. It puts a smile on peoples faces, which can only be a good thing.

If you are a sports fan the tennis and football are nearly coming to an end. If you are not a fan you will be delighted.

We need to continue to pray for peace in our world, Iran, Ukraine and Gaza. Sese has to prevail in all these conflicts.

Our Lady Queen of Peace pray for us.

**Side Chapel**

New Chairs

Will be arriving on Monday Morning.

## **This Sunday's Readings**

### **First Reading**

*Isaiah 55:10-11*

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 65:10-14*

A prayer of praise to God for his abundance.

### **Second Reading**

*Romans 8:18-23*

Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

### **Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 13:1-23 (shorter form: Matthew 13:1-9)*

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse. Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in

good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit. To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

### **Funeral Arrangements**

Mary Coyle

Tuesday 14th July Reception 6pm

Wednesday 15th July Funeral Mass 10am

Ruth Leabody

Friday 17th July Funeral Mass 2pm

## **Next Weeks Mass Programme**

**Monday: No Mass**

**Tuesday : 10am Mass**

**Wednesday: 10am Mass**

**Thursday: 10am Mass**

**Friday: 10am Mass & Ruth Leabody Funeral Mass 2pm**

**Saturday: 10am Mass**

## **This Week's Rota**

**Readers**

**4pm Vigil: J. Logan**

**9.30am: P. Davies**

**11am: L. McIntosh**

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

**4pm Vigil: S. Boyle, A. Conway & A. Gebbie**

**9.30am: K. O'Neill, T. Kennedy & C. Bonnar**

**11am: H. Govers, M. McGuire & K. Grant**

## **Weekday 10am Mass Readers Rota**

**Tuesday: P. Davies**

**Wednesday: B. Cornes**

**Thursday: P. McKeown**

**Friday: J. McCluskey**

**Saturday: A. Devlin**

**Please pray for the following:**

**Sick:**

Margaret Callaghan Doreen Cleary, Neil Boyle,  
John Rielly Molly Strang, James Clark,  
Fr. Michael McLaughlin, Patricia Henderson,  
Joanna Maier (Connecticut USA), Therese Gilgunn Tressy  
Callaghan, Suzanne McMurray,  
Mary Coyle, Lesley Watson (Spain) Maureen McHugh,  
Margaret Burke, Marie White, Kathleen Daly,  
John McGuire, Jill Brown, Karen Pritchatt,  
Louise Newton, Faith Lyndsey, Jill Brown,  
Marie McGuire, James Morton, Paul Kearney,  
Thomas Daly, Andrew McCluskey,  
Premature Baby Vincent McDowell,  
Bill Allan, Gudren Berk (Germany),  
Jaqueline McReynolds, Mary Morrison, Helen Howarth  
(Easterhouse), Margaret Loan, Avril McCluskey,  
Carol Corr, Thomas Kennedy, David Borland, Margaret Park,  
and all our sick.

**Recently Dead:**

Ruth Leabody, Mary Coyle, Bobby Frew, Joe McGuire, John  
McKenzie, Margaret-Mary Bissett (London),  
Jim Gormley (Motherwell),

**Month Minds & Anniversaries:**

John Gallacher, Frances Hunter, Margaret McConkey  
(Cardonald), Graham Clark, Cissie Clark, Christine Archibald,

Frank Lyttle, Niamh,, Niall & Derek James Rooney

Please if you could make sure all month minds and anniversaries are handed in no later than Wednesday Night. If they come in after that they will be read out at Mass on Sunday. If the recently dead come in after the Wednesday deadline they too will be read out at Mass on the Sunday.

### Powerpoint Remote Control:

I am also looking for Volunteers to move the power-points on during the Sunday Masses,  
Vigil 4pm, 9.30am & 11am.

It is very easy to operate, if we get enough volunteers for each Mass we would put a wee rota together. It would take a wee bit of pressure off me.

### Gift Aid

If you wish to sign up for Gift Aid. It is a great way to help the parish financially, costing you absolutely nothing. If you wish to sign up contact myself or Doreen Lee and we will give you the form and hand it back as you can and we can get it organised. As I said it costs you nothing, but helps the parish so much.

**Baptism/Wedding Meetings: THURSDAY 6pm & 7pm. JUST  
TURN UP**

**The Bulletin is available by email**

**I can't thank you enough for your generosity to the Parish. I  
really appreciate it. Please keep it up, Once again Thank  
You.**

**Fr. Frank**



