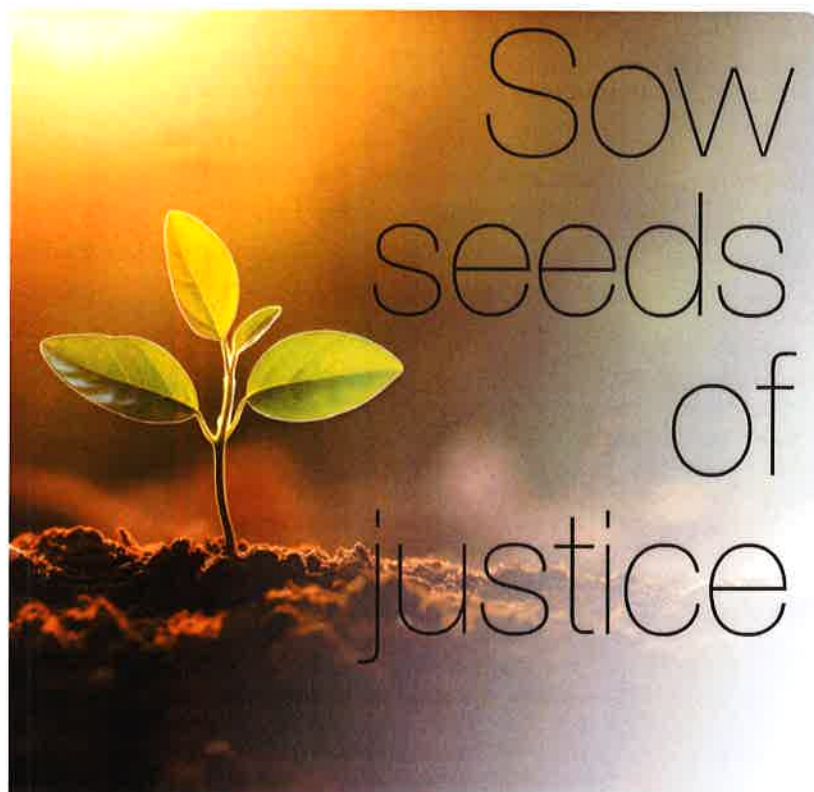


SUNDAY *Plus*

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week III** Year A



As yet, we seem incapable of recognising that the destruction of nature does not affect everyone in the same way. When justice and peace are trampled underfoot, those who are most hurt are the poor, the marginalised and the excluded. The suffering of indigenous communities is emblematic in this regard.

That is not all. Nature itself is reduced at times to a bargaining chip, a commodity to be bartered for economic or political gain. As a result, God's creation turns into a battleground for the control of vital resources. We see this in agricultural areas and forests peppered with landmines, "scorched earth" policies, conflicts over water sources, and the unequal distribution of raw materials, which penalises the poorer nations and undermines social stability itself...

Environmental justice... is a urgent need that involves much more than simply protecting the environment. For it is a matter of justice – social, economic and human. For believers it is also a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed...

By working with love and perseverance, we can sow many seeds of justice and thus contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope. It may well take years for this plant to bear its first fruits, yet that, for their part, involve an entire ecosystem made up of continuity, fidelity, cooperation and love, especially if that love mirrors the Lord's own self-sacrificing Love.

Leo XIV, Message for the Tenth World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, 2021

Loving Lord, sow your Word in my heart. May I be good soil, bearing fruit in faith. Bless all who sail the seas – guide, protect, and nourish them with your love.  Amen.

On Sea Sunday...



Loving God, we thank you for the gift of the sea and for all who work upon it.

Bless the seafarers who sail far from home, bringing us the goods and resources we need each day. Grant them safe passage through calm and storm, strength in times of loneliness and hope when the journey feels long.

Bless the chaplains, ship visitors, and volunteers of Stella Maris, who offer welcome, comfort, and care to those in need. May their kindness be a beacon of your love in every port.

On this Sea Sunday, we remember the families waiting on distant shores. Hold them in your peace until they are reunited. Amen.

Jesus lived and prayed around the Sea of Galilee. That is where he called his first disciples in the setting of their daily lives and work.

Pope Leo XIV

Feast of the week Sunday 12 July

St John Jones (1530-1592)

St John Jones, born around 1530 in Clynnog Fawr, Wales, was a Franciscan priest and one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. Amid fierce persecution under Queen Elizabeth I, Jones ministered to Catholics in London and the countryside, offering sacraments in secret. Arrested in 1596 by notorious and sadistically cruel priest-hunter Richard Topcliffe, he endured brutal torture and two years of imprisonment. Despite his intense suffering, he remained steadfast in faith, encouraging fellow prisoners like John Rigby, who also became a martyr. On 12 July 1598, Jones was executed at St Thomas' Waterings, Southwark: hanged, drawn and quartered for the "crime" of being a Catholic priest. Before his death, he preached to the gathered crowd, affirming his loyalty to God and the Church. Canonised in 1970 by Pope Paul VI, his courage and compassion continue to inspire those who seek justice, mercy and unwavering spiritual conviction.

READINGS

Today:
Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Monday:
Isaiah 1:10-17
Matthew 10:34 – 11:1

Tuesday:
Isaiah 7:1-9
Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday:
Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16
Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday:
Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19
Matthew 11:28-30

Friday:
Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday:
Micah 2:1-5
Matthew 12:14-21

Next Sunday:
Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23



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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SEA SUNDAY (Stella Maris)

Sat. 11th July 6:30pm. Marc Chavrimootoo
(60th Birthday RIP)
Sun. 12th July 9:30am. Irene & Jim McKenna
(Anniversary RIP)
11:00am. Pauline James (Recently Deceased RIP)

Mon. 13th July 10:00am. NO MASS
Tues. 14th July 10:00am. Mary Nassan (Wellbeing)
Wed. 15th July 10:00am. For All the Holy Souls
Thur. 16th July 10.00am. Y6 School Leavers Mass
Nishanthan Gnanathas
(10th Anniversary RIP)
Thomas McHugh (Anniversary RIP)
Fri. 17th July 6:00pm. **Adoration and Benediction**
7:00pm. Linda Oliva (Wellbeing)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sat. 18th July 6:30pm. Carmel Fitzgerald (RIP)
Sun. 19th July 9:30am. Nishanthan Gnanathas (RIP)
Joaquim and Santana Rebello (RIP)
11:00am. Louise Emerson (3rd Anniversary RIP)
Margaret & Murty Conneely
(Anniversary RIP)

Parish Life -

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO ALL THE JULY BIRTHDAYS BABIES !**



Second Offertory This weekend is Sea Sunday. The second offertory is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) supporting seafarers worldwide with practical and pastoral care. 90% of world trade is conducted by ship. Seafarers work under harsh conditions away from home and away from family often for a year at a time.

St Cecilia's Church Summer Fayre—11th July. A big thank you to everyone who took part in the setting up, the preparations, running a stall, the clearing up or who came along to enjoy the day and the sunshine. Thank you for supporting your church, without everyone's contributions we would not be able to build and sustain our parish community. Thank you for every effort made, from the tallest to the smallest. More news about the Fayre to follow soon.

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"While the Lord was calling me, all the world's pleasures stood nearby. As though holding deliberations with a friend, my mind pondered what course to take, which to abandon. Thanks be to You, good Jesus, who, moved by the holy entreaties of your servant, broke my bonds and cast upon me the bonds of your love." St Hilary of Arles

Saints of the Week

11th St Benedict;
13th St Mildred; 13th St Henry;
14th St Camillus de Lellis;
15th St Bonaventure; 15th St Swithun;
16th Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Upcoming Mass Intentions 21st Michael Short
23rd M. Perinpanath; 25th Damian Brookes

Prayers for the Sick and Housebound:

Please pray for the wellbeing of:
D.H. Adelaide Cotter; Paul Fairhall; E.K.U.; Amy Bradbury; Marie Goti; Michael Christou; John Rosenow; Mary Silva; Michael Hoskins; Phyllis Sibley; Martha Gilbert and Mary Nassan.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2026 The first session is Saturday 18th July at 11am, in the Canon Beausang Parish Room. If you have not yet received an email from Jaidz Majasi, Catechist, please send a message to the parish office. If you are an adult and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation but would like to do so, now is the time to speak with Fr Ben.

Please note we are not taking registrations for First Holy Communion until much later in the year, and will let you know when applications are open.

A Family in Need. Friends in the parish seek your help to support a local family care for their wife and mother. About a year ago Ana was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer, she was cared for at our local hospice. Anna's struggle with the disease is over and her journey to our Father in Heaven has begun. We ask your help in raising funds to assist Anna's family in their greatest time of need. Please keep them in your prayers, loved and not forgotten. A fund raising page is set up especially at:



<https://gofund.me/5486f9355>