

**13<sup>th</sup> June 2021: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**



**THE MUSTARD SEED**

The mustard seed is tiny, yet when it grows in good soil it becomes a large shrub, to which birds can come to find shelter to build their nests. The kingdom of God is like a tiny seed within us, yet if we allow it to grow by doing things that are pleasing to God, then people will see that we are truly witnesses to Christ. It is God who gives the increase, for which we give thanks.

It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.

**Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days**

Sat 12	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	<b>Wellbeing for Mary Wilde - 90th Birthday</b>
Sun 13	<b>✠ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>
09.30	<b>Annie, William &amp; Liz Doran RIP</b>
11.00	<b>Konstancja Jazyk RIP</b>
Mon 14	
09.30	<b>Dominic Donnelly RIP</b> <b>Rosary</b>
Tue 15	
09.30	<b>Wellbeing for Mary O'Sullivan</b> <b>Rosary</b>
Wed 16	
09.30	<b>Mary Bowden RIP</b> <b>Rosary</b>
Thu 17	
09:30	<b>Wellbeing for Naramun Sweeney &amp; family</b> <b>Rosary</b>
Fri 18	
09.30	<b>Wellbeing for the People of the Parish</b> <b>Exposition</b>
Sat 19	
09.30	<b>People of the Parish</b>
18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> <b>Owen &amp; Susan Meegan RIP</b>
Sun 20	<b>✠ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>
09.30	<b>Gregario Vatrella RIP</b>
11.00	<b>Thanksgiving for Minna's successful operation</b>

**Something to think and pray about each day of the week**

In his letters, Paul often speaks out of a sense of having been greatly graced by God. Although 'less than the least of all the saints' (the baptised), he has been entrusted with a 'special grace'. The grace Paul speaks about is the Gospel, which unveils the mystery of Christ. Paul is overawed by 'the depths that I see in the mystery of Christ'. He is very aware that this grace that has been entrusted to him carries with it a responsibility. He is called to be a servant of the Gospel with which he has been graced, responsible for proclaiming it to those who have never heard it, and sees himself as a 'steward' who has been given much by his master and who now needs to show that he is worthy of what has been entrusted to him. We have all been graced in various ways by the Lord. We have been baptised into Christ, we have been given a share in his Spirit, we have been entrusted with the Gospel; we are members of Christ's body, the Church; we receive his coming as bread of life in the Eucharist; we are touched by his merciful presence in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Like trustworthy stewards, we have been entrusted with a great deal by the Lord. As 'faithful and wise' stewards, we need to keep treasuring the many graces we have received from God and live out of what has been entrusted to us. We have been graced by the Lord so that we can grace others with what we have received. (Sacredspace)

**Confirmation Programme**

Saturday 19 June at 2pm Rehearsals

Thursday 24 June at 8pm Celebration of Confirmation

**OLSPN Mother, Toddler & Carer Group**

The OLSPN Toddler group are have a Closing Down Sale on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th June, from 1-4 pm.

**Repository**

Confirmation Cards & Gifts are available in the repository which is open Sunday mornings at 11am.

**Gift Aid Envelopes 2021-2022**

For those parishioners attending at Masses again after isolating, Gift Aid envelopes are available. Please make sure you use this year's envelopes.

**The Agency for Evangelisation & Catechesis team**

The Church is made up of people and so is Some Definite Service - Catechists, Formators, Evangelisers, Deanery Mentors, Parish Leads. It is the goal and intention of the Agency and the archdiocese to invest time and energy in all involved in Some Definite Service, to ensure that those working in ministry are supported and do not feel isolated. Are you being called to be part of this network in a particular way. Email: [aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds](mailto:aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds).

**LAST WEEK**

**Offertory** Gift Aided £156 • Not Gift Aided £275  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** Pew Kneelers £207  
**Mass Count** Sat 18:30 (46) • Sun 09.30 (101), 11.00 (94)

**THIS WEEK**

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**DONATING**

**Gift Aid** Tax payers, please sign up. We receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. Visit [www.olspn.church](http://www.olspn.church) for details.

**Tap to Donate** Payment Machine in Church Foyer or [www.olspn.church](http://www.olspn.church)

**Standing Order** Please contact the parish house for details.

**Cheques** Payable to **RCAS St. Philip Neri Sydenham**

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## FIRST READING – Ezekiel 17: 22-24

The Lord says this:

‘From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 91

R. **It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

## SECOND READING – 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; whoever finds the seed will remain for ever.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL - Mark 4: 26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

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, 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.