

15th JULY 2023: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY (A)

Mass Book page 102: 1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-11 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 18-23 Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23

11am Mass Hymns	Entrance: 873 Gloria: 489	Gospel Accl. ⁿ : 820 Communion: 631	Offertory: 643 & 944 Post-Communion: 731	Euch. ^c Prayer: 490 Recessional: 856
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The seed of faith

God does nothing in vain. All our suffering has a meaning, and through it we are deepened in our spiritual lives so that we yield a rich harvest. The world longs for the Spirit of Christ to come and set us free from clinging to the things of this world.

A sower went out to sow.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 15	18:30	First Mass of Sunday Intention of Fr Regis
Sun 16	09.30 11.00	✠ FIFTEENTH SUNDAY (A) Adi & Valery Yazdabady RIP KSC: Augustine Adesite's Silver Jubilee
Mon 17	09.00	Intention of the Walsh family Rosary
Tue 18	09.00	Intention of Mary Gray Rosary
Wed 19	09.00	Bob Gray RIP Rosary
Thu 20	09.00	Amelia Spindler RIP Rosary
Fri 21	09.00	Colin McAleavey-Dunne Exposition
Sat 22	09.30 18:30	Saint Mary Magdalene Margaret Mary Kelleher & Timothy Joseph Kelleher RIP First Mass of Sunday Owen and Susan Meegan RIP
Sun 23	09.30 11.00	✠ SIXTEENTH SUNDAY (A) Mary Clara Thuraingham RIP Theresa Hector RIP

Sharing the Word

First Reading

God cares for the earth by sending rain to make it fruitful. God cares for us by sending us his word. The reading emphasises the effectiveness of God's word. The rain always produces positive results. And so God persists with his word until he gets a response.

Second Reading

St Paul says that the glory that awaits us in the next life far outweighs anything we could suffer in this life. Our redemption will be complete only at the resurrection, which includes the redemption of the whole physical universe.

Gospel

The parable of the sower. The meaning of the parable is that despite all obstacles the word of God will bear fruit. It echoes the idea of the first reading: the word of God achieves the end for which it was sent. The early church adapted the parable to the new situation in which they found themselves. The explanation reflects the missionary experience of the early Church. It accounts for the relative failure of the message of Jesus. Four obstacles have frustrated the growth of the kingdom: the shallow mind, the hard heart, worldly preoccupations and persecution.

Keys picked up in the Church

A bunch of keys was left in the church. If you are missing any keys please speak to Fr Regis.

Sick and Housebound

If your neighbour or anyone you know is unable to attend mass because they are in poor health, please let Fr Regis know and he will take Holy Communion to them.

Prayer Requests

If you request for yourself or an immediate family member to be listed in the Parish Newsletter, it will run for a month per request. Please send an email to: regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Turner who died on 7th July 2023 and will be laid to rest on 3rd August 2023.

Forthcoming Diocesan Events

The Commission for Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation for the Archdiocese of Southwark – Autumn Assembly – Saturday 23rd September 2023.

The Right to Stay: Free to Choose: addressing the motivations that affect decisions taken to leave one's native land. More info: justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk

Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities Seminar - Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Sat. 28th October.

Chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast and joined by contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark. For information and registration visit: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>. or write us: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk.

Please join us for a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion. Registration is FREE.

Right To Life UK

Ask your MP to stop abortion up to birth

The abortion lobby is running a campaign to fully 'decriminalise' abortion, which would introduce abortion up to birth! Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to oppose the introduction of abortion up to birth. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/noabortionuptobirth to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

Join The Passage's Secret Garden Party! Thursday 20th July at 6pm

Held in the beautiful surroundings of the historic, College Garden, Westminster Abbey, enjoy a delicious barbecue, buffet, unlimited drinks (beer, wine, Pimm's and soft drinks), entertainment, a raffle, silent auction, and lots more.

Your ticket purchase will support our mission to help create a society where everyone has a place to call home. Visit: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/secret-garden-party/> or call 020 7592 1856.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £214, Not Gift Aided: £237

Mass Count: Sat (50), Sun 09.30 (92), 11.00 (98)

Second Collection

Last week: Sea Sunday (£329)

This week: None

Next Week: None

Donate

Gift Aid: Tax payers, please sign up, so we can claim 25p for every £1 donated. Email Treasurer for details.

Card: Card Machine in Church Foyer or www.olspn.church

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