

patience and generosity, he spreads his Word, which is not a cage or a trap, but a seed which can bear fruit. And how can it bear fruit? If we welcome it. Therefore, the parable concerns us especially. In fact, it speaks more of the soil than of the sower. Jesus carries out, so to speak, a “spiritual X-ray” of our heart, which is the soil on which the seed of the Word falls. Our heart, like the soil, may be good and then the Word bears fruit — and a great deal — but it can also be hard and impermeable. This happens when we hear the Word but it bounces off of us, just as on a street: it does not enter ...

Dear brothers and sisters, Jesus invites us today to look inside ourselves: to give thanks for our good soil and to tend the soil that is not yet good. Let us ask ourselves if our heart is open to welcome the seed of the Word of God with faith. Let us ask ourselves if our rocks of laziness are still numerous and large; let us identify our thorns of vice and call them by name. Let us find the courage to reclaim the soil, to effect a nice conversion of our heart, bringing to the Lord in Confession and in prayer our rocks and our thorns. In doing this, Jesus, the Good Sower will be glad to carry out an additional task: purify our hearts by removing the rocks and the thorns which choke his Word.

Pope Francis, *Angelus Address*, St Peter's Square, 16 July 2017

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Mary Brennan, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Compton Glasgow, Father Tom Jordan, Eddie Margot, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Sue Read, Rose Sheridan, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

Those who have died recently, including . . .

Donnelle Porter died on Saturday 27 June; her Funeral Service will take place at Forest Park Crematorium on Wednesday week. Because of the pandemic, numbers will be strictly limited.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

11-17 July: Des Bolton, Norah Barwell, Eddie Healy, Bernadette Fahy, Edward Hewitt, Edward Ingleton, Terry Pohl, Jock Brolly, Charles Benton, Liam Chaudry-Dunne, Michael O'Sullivan, Iris Quinn, Linda Ryan, Monica O'Connor, Pauline Roberts, Coralie Toogood, Thomas Tully, James Daly, Kathleen Brennan, Lily Verlander, Thomas, Shaughnessy, Anne Healy, Edwin Hardacker and Eileen Brown.

CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

This week, the light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Bob Greene.



MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 11 July : 6.30 pm Nancy Harrison RIP (Doherty/Harrison)

Sunday 12 July : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community
11.30 am Eddie McGeary RIP (McGeary family)

Monday 13 July : 9.00 am Canon Colin Taylor RIP (PACT Nottingham)

Tuesday 14 July : 9.00 am Ruby Martin RIP (Gray)

Wednesday 15 July : 9.00 am John Andrews RIP (McGoay)

Thursday 16 July : 9.00 am Thanksgiving (Vettath family)

Friday 17 July : 9.00 am Father William Wells RIP (PACT East Anglia)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 18 July : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 19 July : 9.00 am Teresa Arthur Benyah int – 80th Birthday (Joseph, Arnold & Yvonne)

11.30 am Ollie Bridewell RIP (Cochrane)

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11-12 July 2020



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicolliarrow.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday : 6.30 pm, Sunday : 9.00 am and 11.30 am

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am

MORNING PRAYER

Monday to Friday : 8.45 am

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Friday : 7.30 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday : 5.30 – 6.30 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday : 6.00-6.30 pm

or any other time on request

The church is open at the following times:

Monday to Saturday

9.00 am to 12 noon and 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm

MASS AND OTHER ACTS OF WORSHIP

Thank you for your patience and willingness to be flexible; it meant that last weekend we were able to celebrate Mass again for the first time since lockdown began - and it went smoothly. We have to follow rules that have been issued by the government, with further guidance provided by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The aim is to limit the possibility of the spread of the Coronavirus; now we need to get used to what is going to be the “new normal” for some time to come.

PRIVATE PRAYER

Thanks to our team of 'church stewards' we are allowed to have the church open during the day for private prayer. Do take the opportunity to pay a visit and spend some time in the peace and tranquillity of our church. If the opening times are not convenient, it may be possible to open the church for you at another time of day – please 'phone Father Philip to see if this can be arranged.

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

Do Catholics have to go to Mass on Sunday? In ordinary times, the answer would be: yes, we are obliged to keep the Sabbath holy by participating in Sunday Mass. However, during this health crisis the obligation has been lifted. So, you might like to consider coming to a weekday Mass instead – a quieter celebration that allows for ample social distancing. It could also help relieve the pressure on numbers at Sunday celebrations.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Your offerings last weekend, together with those given during lockdown and handed in to Church House, came to: £1075.24 (of which £560.00 was gifted aided). Contributions paid by Standing Order last month amounted to £2092.75. Thank you for your continued support.

REPOSITORY

The Repository is being kept closed at present. If there is something you need, please ask and it will be opened for you.

TEMPORARY MINISTRY ROTA

	READERS	COMMUNION MINISTER
11-12 July		
6.30 pm	Mary O'Driscoll Vanessa Thompson	Clare Scott
9.00 am	Lisa Walker Maria Green	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	Nuala Doherty Stephen Doherty	Shirley Hay
18-19 July		
6.30 pm	Frank Smith Jean Capps	Graham Rogan-Hill
9.00 am	Pat Pridham Aimee Peters	Marguerite Crossfield
11.30 am	Onyema Agbebi Susan Smithson	Louise Seaton
25-26 July		
6.30 pm	Kerry Truman Kim Pritchard	Maria Smith
9.00 am	Ken Hay Lorna Lyons	Andrew Green
11.30 am	Triston Osuji Michael Chadwick	Martin O'Regan
1-2 Aug		
6.30 pm	Sue Butcher Nicola Charles	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	Eileen Jonas Alex Hinton	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	Carleen Heath Terence Osuji	Attracta Caulfield-Ross
8-9 Aug		
6.30 pm	Margaret Smith Eileen Rogan-Hill	Kim Ayling
9.00 am	Wally Barnes Roger King	Andy Fay
11.30 am	Carleen Heath Les Hislop	Barbara Binder

*Readers and Communion Ministers should come to the Sacristy to sign in as usual.
Readers will need to sanitise their hands before and after reading,
Communion Ministers just before distributing Holy Communion.
Hand gel is available on the Credence Table.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Children's Liturgy, which takes place during the 11.30 am Mass in term times, will hopefully recommence in September. For now, the worksheets the children would have used will be available in the porch for them to take home and try the activities and colouring tasks.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD – Development Officer

If you are passionate about supporting local volunteers, and have strong experience in training and networking in the charitable sector, this could be your perfect job! The deadline to apply is 2 October 2020 and the start date is January 2021. For the Job Description and full details of this

significant new role, which will help enhance our Gospel mandate to serve and recognise Christ in the poor, and in those on the edges.

Please visit www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/developmentofficer/

LOURDES IN YOUR LIVING ROOM : 27 – 31 July



Join Bishop Alan and hundreds of pilgrims from across the Diocese in a full week of pilgrimage including daily Mass, Rosary, Angelus, Morning and Night Prayer, daily Reflections ... and a Talent Show! For the virtual Marian (Torchlight) procession we welcome photos of you, family members and friends, alone or together, holding a lighted candle. Please send these to info@bcys.net by next Sunday, 12th July. If you are a singer, dancer, joke-teller or entertainer, email us at info@bcys.net and we will help you submit your act for the talent show. For those age 15-23 there is an additional social programme, and full

THE 18 HOUR CHALLENGE

To mark the beginning of the Lourdes week, young people are using the 18 hours they would be spending on the coach (and remembering the 18 apparitions of Our Lady to Bernadette) in a wide variety of creative ways – including 44 of them (and Fr Dominic) each walking 18 miles, together covering the distance from Brentwood to Lourdes! Money raised will go to the BCYS and the CAFOD "Summer of Hope" Appeal. Sponsorship can be offered at www.bcys.net/donate or posted to Fr Dominic, 18 Hour challenge, Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Brentwood CM14 5SH (cheques to "Brentwood Catholic Youth Service"). Our target is £1800 and we are very grateful for all sponsorship.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of St Henry II, Holy Roman Emperor** – lived from 973 to 1024. Together with his saintly wife, he gave much-needed Christian example during what was a turbulent period of history.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Camillus de Lellis, Priest** – an Italian priest, he lived from 1550 to 1614. He was a man ahead of his time in methods of nursing the sick, and founded one of the Church's religious orders devoted to such work. He is a patron saint of healthcare workers.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** – the brilliant intellect of this Franciscan (who lived from 1221 to 1274), together with his no less outstanding humility and holiness, have caused him to be hailed as second only to St Francis himself among the friars.

Thursday is the **Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel** – members of the Carmelite Orders are spiritual descendants of the followers of the Old Testament prophet Elijah, who lived on Mount Carmel. This feast recalls the tradition that Our Lady appeared, in 1251, to St Simon Stock, the then Prior General of the Carmelites.

When Jesus spoke, he used simple words and he also used images which were examples taken from daily life, in order to be easily understood by all. This is why they listened to him willingly and appreciated his message which directly touched their heart. And it was not that complicated language which was difficult to understand, as that used by the Doctors of the Law of that time, which was not easily understood, was very rigid and distanced people. And with this language Jesus made the mystery of the Kingdom of God understood; it was not complicated theology. And one example is that of today's Gospel passage: the parable of the sower (cf. Mt 13:1-23).

The sower is Jesus. With this image, we can see that he presents himself as one who does not impose himself, but rather offers himself. He does not attract us by conquering us, but by donating himself: he casts seeds. With