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The Gospel

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A).

The gospel is the familiar parable of the sower and the seed. The sower plants in various types of soil. The seeds falling on poor soil fail to mature. But those on good soil, yield a huge return. These readings show that God truly expects a great payoff from his investments in humanity and in the universe. Our part is to co-operate wholeheartedly with God, for we know that God's investment will not fail.

Reflect on the various ways you cooperate with God in enriching earthly life and in enriching people.

Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence

Copies of Pope Leo's recent encyclical on *Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence* are on sale in the Mass Office. Price €8.

Piece Taken from Books on Sale at the Back of the Church

The books are €2 each and the proceeds go to our current parish charity.

HOW CHRISTIANS UNKNOWINGLY SHIELD THEMSELVES FROM GRACE

We spend a lot of energy trying to control God in our prayers. Don't we?

"Oh, Lord do this please, please do that, heal this one this way, let this one live, let this one die in peace, let this one win, let this one lose."

In other words, we are trying to talk God into bending His will to ours, rather than the other way around.

We try to control Him.

When we don't get the answer that is obedient to our will, we think God didn't answer us.

Parish Monthly Charity

This is our first request to assist a charity in South America. We have been contacted by a Cork Sister of the Little Sisters of Assumption, who in her youth worked in South America and supported various charities there. The Rev. Sister, now in retirement, still has a desire to help these struggling charities and is reaching out for our support. To date, we have collected **€2,969**. This amount includes money from the sale of books and CDs at the back of the church. There are leaflets around the church giving some idea of the various charities being supported. Let's see what we can do to help!

Visitor to the Parish

**A visitor visited the parish last week.
Can you recognise him?**



Children's Room in Church.

We have installed a new television in Room 9, beside the sacristy, which enables parents with young children to view the Mass on weekends. If parents feel their children might be causing a disturbance in the church, we encourage them to make use of this facility.

Prayer Cards

An interesting selection of Prayer Cards have been donated to the parish. They contain a challenge to reflect on how we might identify with them as *my prayers*. Can I appreciate and feel that they might be speaking about where I am in my faith journey? None of us have a perfect prayer life, just as no one has the perfect relationship with God.

The only question, or challenge we face, is: *are we growing* in our faith and prayer life?

Feel free to take the cards and ponder them in your heart, not just in your head!!!

BE...

Someone light,
with a kind heart.

Be someone who
spreads good,
who brings calm
and presence.

Be simple,
gentle, human.

Be the good side
in someone's life.

You can make a difference.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy..... **Amen.**

THE 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.**

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. Through our Lord

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Isaiah 55: 10-11

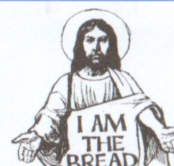
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our faith is nourished and grows through the experiences of our lives. It can also weaken and disappear. We need the support of our Church and fellow Christians to strengthen and direct our growth when we lose our way. 12th July 2026



to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do'.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 64: 10-14.

R. Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. (R)
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. (R)
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R)
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R)

SECOND READING Romans 8: 18-23

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

* Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside,

but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the

word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow for following two lines:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.

