

**Parish Finance** Thank you to all who have continued to pay by standing order at this time. Thank you also to those who have sent donations in lieu of their normal offertory. If you would like to take out a standing order relevant Parish office

**Mass Obligation** Even though Sunday and Weekday Masses are now resuming, the difficulties of the present time remain. The bishops therefore tell us that the obligation is Sunday Mass remains suspended. We can still pray together and look after one another. We can take care of those around us who might be in need. We can build up a sense of community in the area in which we live and maybe we relearn the simple things of faith whilst we hunger for the Bread of Life in the Eucharist.

**Parish Office** The Parish Offices will remain close; BUT any queries can be made by email, which will continue to be answered. There will be someone to answer the phone in person on a Friday morning only in St Peter's. Our contact details are below.

*If you require a priest in an emergency, please phone St Peter's Church on 01285 652087*

**CYMFed.** Are offering a series of online talks for the youth of our parishes. The first talk is on Wednesday 15th July. Further information and links to each live-stream can be found on the CYMFed website, <https://cymfed.org.uk/journeying-together/>. The stream can be accessed directly from <https://www.youtube.com/c/cymfed>. There is also a poster on the notice board.

**Requirements for Opening** WE WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO OPEN THE CHURCHES, IF WE HAVE AT LEAST TWO STEWARDS FOR EACH MASS. WE ALL NEED TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF OUR CHURCH; THEREFORE, IDEALLY, WE WOULD LIKE DIFFERENT VOLUNTEERS FOR EACH OCCASION, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL ALSO REQUIRE CLEANERS AFTER EACH MASS. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP. IDEALLY YOU WILL NEED TO ARRIVE HALF AN HOUR BEFORE MASS. THANK YOU.

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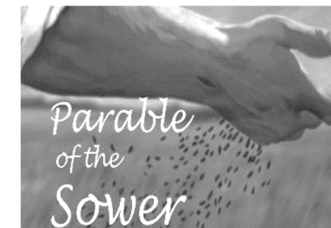
### SUNDAY XV 'through the Year' (YEAR A)

#### WORSHIP FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 11th Jul 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's (Ruby Shakespeare RIP)  
Sun 12th Jul 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (Beryl Harding RIP)  
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populo)

#### Weekdays

Mon 13th Jul. Feria of Week XV/St Henry  
NO PUBLIC MASS  
Tues 14th Jul. Feria /St Camillus of Lellis  
Mass 9.30am in St Peter's (Walter Warriner RIP)  
Traditional Latin Mass 6.00pm in St Peter's  
Wed. 15th Jul. St Bonaventure  
Mass 10.00am in St Michael's  
Thurs. 16th Jul. Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Mass 9.30am in St Peter's  
Fri. 17th Jul. Feria  
Mass 9.30am in St Peter's  
Traditional Latin Mass Noon in St Peter's  
Sat. 18th Jul Our Lady on Saturday  
Mass 10.00am in St Michael's



#### CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT PRESENT

#### NEXT XVI SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Year A

Sat 18th Jul. 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's  
Sun 19th Jul. 9.00am Mass in St Michael's  
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populo)

*WE WELCOME EVERYONE WHO IS RETURNING AFTER THE PUBLIC HEALTH CLOSURE OR VISITING OUR PARISH FOR THE FIRST TIME, ASKING FOR GOD'S SPECIAL BLESSINGS. WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY WORSHIP WITH US*

**Due to advice from the Diocese the following has been put in place: -**

- There will be a basket at the back of the church to put your offering on leaving
- the church
- Hymn books, Mass cards etc. are not being used at present and everything you need is on this sheet. Please take your newsletter home with you.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING**

## MASS TEXTS

### Entrance Antiphon

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

### Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (*And, striking their breast, they say*) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### 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

Isaiah 55:10-11

### Responsorial Psalm

Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

### Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

### Gospel Acclamation

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

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Matthew 13:1-23

### Apostles Creed

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

### Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.

### Act of Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things, and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to you, now and forever. Amen.

## THE PARABLE



## OF THE SOWER



OR THE PARABLE OF THE FOUR TYPES OF SOIL

**Father Philip writes** I remember doing a bible study once in a group, that was facilitated by an elderly monk. As you may know, Benedictine monks and nuns do a form of daily praying of the Bible called Lectio Divina. Many clergy and lay people do this as well. The monk had already gone over the scholarly background to the passage we were looking at. It was this Sunday's gospel, the Parable of the Sower. It is one of the most famous of all Jesus' stories. We went round the circle, saying what we thought the parable meant to us and for us. Some said they were stony ground (I didn't like to agree that they were hard hearted)! Others said they were overcome by the cares of this world (a feeling we all know sometimes). No one said they were the rich crop.

We hung upon what the old monk would say. He paused and shut his eyes for a moment and then he looked at us and said, "I am the entire field!" We were taken aback. Stunned, we said nothing. After a moment, the old monk asked us to think about what he had said. Parts of our lives are very Christian and the Faith flourishes, the crop bearing a hundredfold. Some parts of our lives are choked by the worries of this world, overcome by weeds. Parts of our lives have yet to be converted to the Faith, despite hearing the Gospel message, like the path where birds ate the seed. Some parts of our lives are stony ground, where the Faith takes only shallow root and withers when the sun of difficulty shines down. More watering and manuring is needed to make this soil fruitful.

### Please remember in your prayers:

- The Pope, Bishops and clergy: that they may reap a rich harvest of love and truth.
- Those who work on the land, that they may help the earth to produce a rich harvest so that no one goes hungry.
- Our parish community, that we may keep sowing seeds of prayer in our lives.
- The parishes of Keynsham and Whitchurch that they may grow in mission, communion and prayer
- Those who live with pain and suffering, that they may find strength, comfort and peace.
- Those who have died, that they may be received into the place of eternal happiness, where pain and suffering are no more.

