

Sunday 16 July 2017

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This week's Services and Mass Intentions

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

10.15 am Mass Lola Currie

Monday:

No Service

Tuesday:

10.00 am Mass

Wednesday:

10.00 am Mass Special Intention (B.C.)

Thursday:

10.00 am Mass

Friday:

10.00 am Mass

Saturday: St Mary Magdalene

10.00 am Mass

Sunday: Sixteenth of the Year

10.15 am Mass

The Church is open for prayer every day from 9.00 am until after Mass.

Every Wednesday there is tea and coffee after Mass in the Parish Room.

Please note that there will be no Exposition after Mass on Saturday.

Blood Transfusion Mobile Unit will visit Rannoch Community Centre on Thursday 27th July, 2.00pm-4.00pm & 5.30pm-7.30pm.

Knitting for the Neonates! We are once again looking for parish knitters to make little hats for the premature babies at the Sick Kids Hospital. A variety of sizes from 24cm to 38cm head circumference, the smaller ones need straps to tie under chin. *They should be small enough to fit a large orange.* Please give them to Giovanna or leave them in the parish room in box provided, thank you.

Financial Matters:

Last Sunday's Collection: £576.90

Contributions by Standing Order: £234.69

Church Cleaning: Team 3

Tea Team for Next Sunday: 4

Parish Contacts:

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Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

(Year A/Weekdays 1)

Sunday Liturgy: Order of Mass: 479

Hymns:

See Hymn Boards for numbers

Summary of Readings:

Isaiah 55:10-11: The prophet offers a message of consolation to those who despair in exile. God's promise of deliverance will surely happen, for his word accomplishes what it says.

Romans 8:18-23: Paul tells the Christian community in Rome that the whole of creation is groaning to leave behind its own slavery. So too those who enjoy the first-fruits of the Spirit wait to be set free.

Matthew 13:1-23: Jesus teaches the parable of the sower to the crowds that come to listen to his word. He then discloses its meaning to his chosen followers.

Today's Liturgy: Can you picture it? I love the image of Jesus sitting in a boat, addressing the crowds on the beach. He certainly knew how to hold their attention. And he knew they would understand him more clearly if he used the language of stories. Those listening would have been familiar with the cycle of planting seeds and waiting for them to produce a crop. One of the purposes of parables is to challenge the hearers to reflect and respond with faith. So this parable of the sower requires Jesus' audience to decide what kind of soil they are. There is a message of judgment for those who are hardened like the rocky soil, and a message of hope for those who are receptive like the rich soil.

The figure of the sower is important too. The sower does not confine the seeds to soil that is fertile and ready for growth. Rather, the seeds are scattered everywhere – on the path, patches of rock, and among thorns. Jesus does not discriminate. His love is given out for all. He knows that some of it may be rejected, or accepted only on a superficial level, but he offers it anyway. That offer of love is never withdrawn. It might take a while to bear fruit, but it is always there.

'Always there are doors that are not closed. Look for the doors that are at least a little bit open, enter and talk about common things and go on. Step by step.' Pope Francis
(Reflection by Triona Doherty)

Gift Aid: At the end of June the church received £6906.78 from HMRC (tax man), thank you to those who use Gift Aid."

A warm welcome to Mass this morning.
Tea and coffee in the Hall after Mass.

