

St Joseph's and St Patrick's

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16th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME 19th July 2020

Celebration of Mass.

The obligation to attend Masses on Sundays and Holydays remains suspended by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales; it is unlikely to be restored until the pandemic has ended in this country and people are able to attend Mass freely once again without any restrictions.

Consequently, those who are able to attend Mass on a weekday should consider doing so, thus enabling the Masses which are celebrated at the weekend to have more room available for those who are only free to attend on a Saturday evening or on a Sunday.

As numbers to the weekend Masses will be limited because of social/physical distancing guidelines people will need to register their intent to attend one of these Masses by phoning the presbytery (01282 812204) during the following times:

Thursday	2.00 – 4.00 p.m.	
Friday	2.00 – 4.00 p.m.	6.00 – 7.00 p.m.

Such a willingness to be flexible would ease the pressure on numbers attending Sunday celebrations and allow a gradual return to attendance at Mass for more people.

Ensuring the safety of people attending Mass will require a team of stewards to guide people before, during and after Mass and a team of cleaners to clean the church after each service. If you are able to help with this, please contact Canon Firth at the presbytery.

At the public Masses, Holy Communion will be under one kind only, the Host will be placed in the hand, and the arm of the communicant must be at full stretch, there will be some form of distancing between Fr. and the communicant.

There will be NO Holy Water, hymn books, congregational singing, children's liturgy, Offertory procession or sign of peace.

Baskets for the Offertory Collection will be on the tables at the back of church.

Times of Masses:

Sunday 19 th	16 th Sunday	9.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	Margaret Tullet
		10.30 a.m.	Refugees
Monday 20 th	Weekday	10.00 a.m.	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 21 st	Weekday	7.30 p.m.	Zofia Urbanizk
Wednesday 22 nd	St Mary	10.00 a.m.	John, Emma & Eamon Kearley
	Magdalene		
Thursday 23 rd	St Bridget	10.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	SVP & Friends
	Of Sweden		
Friday 24 th	Weekday	10.00 a.m.	Michael McIlroy (LD)
Saturday 25 th	St James	<u>No Morning Mass – Church closed.</u>	
		5.30 p.m.	Jenny Nixon
Sunday 26 th	17 th Sunday	9.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	Francis Livesy
		10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

Please pray for **Marion Wilson** who has been taken ill recently and is now in hospital.

Mass Intentions received: Michael McIlroy (LDx2); Janet & Jenny Nixon; Zofia Urbanizk; Intentions of Marion Wilson.

Donations this week: From the baskets at the back of both churches : £1,482 - Many thanks.

Ordinations: Last Friday the Bishop ordained Henry Longbottom to the priesthood at the Cathedral. He is going to be assistant priest at the Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Moortown, Leeds.

Next Saturday (no morning Mass at St Joseph's), the Bishop will ordain Darren Jones to the priesthood at the Cathedral and he is going to be assistant at St Austin's, Wakefield. Both newly ordained priests became Catholics as adults.

Changes to our Deanery: Fr. Dennis Cassidy is leaving St. Joseph's, Keighley and Haworth, after 6-years, to go to Immaculate Heart, Leeds. Fr. Tony Rosso replaces him.

The SVP is here to help in whatever way it can. Its members are aware that as society starts to find ways to function many people will be affected in different ways. We are concerned when we hear about redundancies, and other ways people are losing their jobs. Such additional worries add to the already existing concerns the virus has brought. If anyone is aware of individuals or families who are struggling financially or in other ways and think we could be of help, please do contact a member of the SVP, or pass a message through Canon Firth, or ring Kath Altham 01282 813806. If you contact one of us to make a referral please ensure you have the permission of the individual or family concerned. Our funds are not limitless so should you wish to make a donation to the SVP, that too can be done by contacting a member of the SVP.

Special Prayers

Lillian Price – Jennie Hendley – Jim Kelly – Marie & Bob Fletcher – Mary Posiko – Margaret DeVito – Phyllis Kirrage – Val Kaynell – Mark Hoare – Dale McLaughlin – Marie Keating – Max Hudson – Peter Catley – Stan Nelson – Paul Wood – Tony Atherton - Jennifer Purcell – Pat Maloney – Clifford Ball - Mandy McLaughlan.

Please pray for these and for the comfort of anyone suffering in any way. Please also remember the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Sermon

“Let them both grow till the harvest”

1. A couple of years after I became a parish priest in Huddersfield some parents telephoned me to ask if they might have their latest child baptised. I knew them from visiting their home. This family came to Mass every Christmas day and Easter Sunday, they already had four other children, none of whom were at our Catholic schools or attended our parish classes for children outside the Catholic education system. What should I do? Say no? Tell them to start practising their promises and tell them to wait? Say yes but oblige them to attend a baptismal preparation course? It is a very hard question, but I think it is connected to the parable in today's gospel.
2. Around the same time a new family moved into the parish and I invited myself to bless their house when I met the wife after Mass. They were friendly young people but when I had blessed all the rooms, the husband remarked “I got put off your faith when one of your ‘flock’ criticised me for the way I drive the car.”

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Many if not most people seem to see us church going people as a 'holy club'. We can be presented as a gathering of people who think themselves as 'good', 'upright' or 'nice'. When we appear as just as irritable, insensitive, lazy or back biting as many other 'outsiders' we are condemned as hypocrites.

But Catholics do not claim to be nice, better, or more loving people than others. We simply claim to be the Church which Jesus Christ founded on the faith of the Apostles and they were far from perfect. We do claim to produce an enormous crop of both sinners and saints. The worst and the best often tend to be Catholics in our world.

3. From reading scripture commentaries on the subject of today's gospel, the parable of the tares or darnel sown in the wheat. I understand that darnel and wheat look remarkably similar until they both ripen. When they are ripe, they become very different.

The World and the Church are just the same. They are 'stacked out' with the good, the bad and the indifferent. Deep within each one of us there is a struggle between all these forces. How ready most of us make and pass swift judgements upon other people. Sometimes we hear or even say such phrases as 'they need to be weeded out'. Removed from our Church our school, our society. Yes, perhaps there are rare occasions when this may well be the case. But many of us are all too quick to jump to this conclusion by making rash judgments.

4. In the case of baptism, I never say 'no', but I do try and point out the importance of the solemn promises and indeed with the promises made with the other sacraments. We are not trying to be a 'holy club'; we are meant to be a Church for all. The word 'Catholic' means universal, nonexclusive – for the good, the bad and the ones in the middle. We can and sometimes can be awkward or even difficult in our relationships with others. The people who say we are hypocrites seem to think we are claiming to be saints, but we are only claiming to be weak, frail sinners, after all that is how we begin every celebration of the Mass. We are big enough to take all or at least we should try and leave most of the judgements to our loving creator!

Canon Kevin Firth

Airedale Hospital Chaplain: If you require Fr Michael McLaughlin please
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Sunday Message

THE WORD

Year A • Psalter Week 4

IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS

(MATTHEW 13:24-43)



Their future doesn't look very promising. After all, Jesus and his followers are just a small group of people in a little corner of Palestine, with few friends among the religious leaders or those in authority, and with a message that doesn't seem to be reaching very far.

Jesus wants his disciples to imagine what the kingdom of God will look like. He uses images, little stories or parables, to paint a picture of the kingdom of God and its future growth.

He talks about the mustard seed. His listeners know that the mustard seed is tiny, yet Jesus tells them that from the smallest of seeds comes a tree large enough for birds to build their nests in it. The kingdom of God is like that mustard seed, he says.

A second image hammers home his point. The kingdom of God is like the yeast a woman mixes in with flour. A small amount of yeast has a huge effect – it has the power to produce bread for a lot of people. The kingdom of God is like yeast, Jesus tells them.

Jesus's message is clear: the kingdom of God may have small, unimpressive beginnings, but like the mustard seed and the yeast, it will grow into something big and wonderful, and have an effect out of proportion to its humble birth. ■

SAY

"Lord, help me to hasten the flowering of God's kingdom of justice, peace and love by being a seed, a leaven, in the life of my church and my community. Amen."

DO

Many feel excluded from or hurt by the Church. How can you be a grain of yeast in their lives that comforts, heals and builds up? The little things we do can make an enormous difference for God.

PRAY

Pray for yourself and for people everywhere that they will nurture the good that is in themselves and in others.

REFLECT

These are challenging times for the Church in Europe and in the West. Secularism is on the rise, fallout from the abuse scandals continues, many have given up the practice of the faith, while others who remain feel angry, confused and demoralised.

It can seem like the mustard seed is desiccating; that the yeast has lost its power. It can seem that the promise Jesus made to his disciples is turning to ashes, and that, far from expanding, the kingdom of God is contracting and even dying.

That is why it's important to hold fast to the promise Jesus made to his disciples and to us. Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God will flourish because it is God's will that it will flourish. And we are called to trust Jesus. We trust him by putting our faith in small things and in God's grace.

Lots of things are happening that are helping the kingdom to grow. Pope Francis talks of a Church that is on the streets, open, compassionate, inclusive. He is showing the way. Many Catholics are looking seriously at what it means to be the Church. They are realising that it isn't made up just of clergy and religious but of all the baptised. They are thinking about what needs to be changed in the Church and how they can be a seed or a leaven bringing new life to their parish. Just as the kingdom of God grew out of small things, they know that the little things we do can grow into something wonderful.

Think about those who have been a seed, a leaven in your life, those family members or others who shaped and inspired you in the faith. How can you be a seed, a leaven, in the lives of others? ■

LEARN

Even though there is a lot of evil in the world, God will have the last word.

Every good deed builds up the kingdom of God.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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.

COLLECT

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your
commands.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Wisdom 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

There is no god, other than you, who cares
for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you
never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient
to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign
power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who
know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild
in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is
there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to
your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his
fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 85

Response:

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)

2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous
deeds,
you who alone are God. (R.)

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. (R.)

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For
when we cannot choose words in order to pray
properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea
in a way that could never be put into words, and
God who knows everything in our hearts knows
perfectly well what he means, and that the
pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are
according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds
for us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-43

(For Shorter Form Mt 13:24-30, read between
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A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

> Jesus put a parable before the crowds, "The
kingdom of heaven may be compared to a
man who sowed good seed in his field. While
everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed
darnel all among the wheat, and made off.
When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the
darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants
went to him and said, 'Sir, was it not good seed
that you sowed in your field? If so, where does
the darnel come from?' 'Some enemy has done
this,' he answered. And the servants said, 'Do
you want us to go and weed it out?' But he said,
'No, because when you weed out the darnel you
might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both
grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall
say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie
it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat
into my barn.' "<

He put another parable before them, "The
kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which
a man took and sowed in his field. It is the
smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown
it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree
so that the birds of the air come and shelter in
its branches."

He told them another parable, "The kingdom
of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and
mixed in with three measures of flour till it was
leavened all through."

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in
parables; indeed, he would never speak to
them except in parables. This was to fulfil the
prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the
foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house;
and his disciples came to him and said, "Explain
the parable about the darnel in the field to us."
He said in reply, "The sower of the good seed
is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the
good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the
darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy
who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the
end of the world; the reapers are the angels.
Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and
burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time.
The Son of Man will send his angels and they
will gather out of his kingdom all things that

provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw
them into the blazing furnace, where there will
be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the
virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of
their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!"

> The Gospel of the Lord.<

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;

through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under

Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice
brought to completion varied offerings of the
law,
accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your
faithful servants
and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of
Abel,
so that what each has offered to the honour
of your majesty
may benefit the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we
pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with
heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.