

Day/Date	Time	Feast	Intention
Sat, 15 Jul	9.30am		Fr John's Intentions
	6.00pm	Vigil	Holy Souls
Sun, 16 Jul	9.30am*	15th Sunday of Ordinary	Maureen Gorman
	11.00am	Time	The Parishioners
Mon, 17 Jul	9.30am		The Milton Family
Tue, 18 Jul	9.30am		Peter McCusker
Wed, 19 Jul	9.30am*		Frances & Austin Keane
Thur, 20 Jul	9.30am		Fr Stephen Cross
Fri, 21 Jul	9.30am		The Eastlake Family
Sat, 22 Jul	9.30am		Fr John's Intentions
	6.00pm	Vigil	LMH
Sun, 23 Jul	9.30am*	16th Sunday of Ordinary	Aislin Roddy: Special Intention
	11.00am	Time	The Parishioners

\* Denotes Services at St Martin de Porres, Carleton

Confessions at St John's every Saturday 10.00-11.00am; 5.15-5.45pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: every Saturday 10.00-11.00am at St John's

#### Please Pray For

Megan (aged 10), Louis Crowson, Christopher Brown, Pauline Cafferty, John Ireland, Kate Lingard, Antonio Palmer, Laura Patey, Joanne Porter, Mary Robertson, John Vincent and all the sick.

#### Anniversaries About This Time

Bill McGarvie

# Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 16 July 2017

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year A



The Parable of the Sower  
Matthew 13: 1-23

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**A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors to our Mass today and throughout the week**

### **Fifteenth Sunday of the Year**

The parable of the sower is an important one to understand; but the problem with this or any other parable is familiarity. When we are familiar with something, we stop looking at it closely. The parable is all about the battle not just for our hearts, but for our minds, too. It speaks about the way we respond to God's Word (the seed). The soil in the parable can be interpreted as the soil of our mind and the importance for it to be a healthy environment in which the seed of God's word can flourish. If we don't carve out a time and place to read, study and contemplate Scripture, our minds cannot be renewed, refreshed and enlightened by it. However, we cannot understand God's Word without the help, action and movement of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit ignites our love for the Scriptures so that they come alive and we develop a thirst to read them and a hunger to hear and understand them.

### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For July**

*For those distant from the faith:* That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith may re-discover the closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel.

### **Meeting With Fr Peter Sharrock**

Fr Peter Sharrock – our new parish priest from September 2017 - would like to meet informally with any parishioners who may be able to come to a meeting to be held on Thursday, 27 July at 2.00pm in the Hall. All Parishioners welcome.

**This Week** we pray for people living in Orchard Ave, Palfrey Close, Park Rd, Parkstone Ave, Pasture Field & Pine Crescent.

**Christian Aid Week** The total amount raised was £560. Thank you to all who contributed.

**Sea Sunday** Last Sunday (9th July) was nominated as "Sea Sunday". There will be a collection at all Masses this weekend to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea.

### **Mass of Blessed Edward Bamber**

The annual Mass in honour of our local martyr – Blessed Edward Bamber – will take place on Tuesday, 18 July 2017 at St Winefride's House, Low Moor Rd, Bispham. Celebrated by Bishop Michael Campbell, OSA, together with local clergy. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

**SVP Society** If anyone requires regular transport to the 6.00pm Vigil Mass, please contact Neville Booth on Tel: 884325 and this can be arranged.

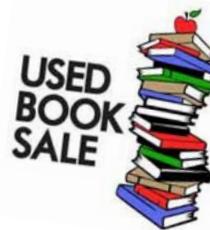
**Tea and Coffee** is served every Sunday after the 11.00am Mass at St John's and after the 9.30am Mass at St Martin's every second Sunday of the month.



**SVP Foodbank** Please continue to donate dried or tinned foods to the foodbank. They are much appreciated by those who struggle to cope with the necessities of life. Clothing and blankets can also be donated. Many thanks.

**Amazing Sunday Afternoon** Massive thanks to St John's PTA and the brilliant Blue Pig Orchestra for an amazing afternoon of music, food, love and laughter for the children, parents and parishioners of St John's last Sunday. The event was held in the magnificent setting of the field behind the Church Hall and the joy and happiness of all who attended was plain to see. Special thanks to Fr John-Paul and Jack Schofield who risked life and limb in putting up the bunting!

**Book Sale** Sunday, 16 July after the 11.00am Mass in the Hall. Come along and have a browse. You never know what you might find!



**If anyone has items** for the newsletter please contact Elaine Brownwood on 01253 886219 (evenings 6.00 - 9.00pm) or email them to elainebrownwood@hotmail.com by 9.00pm Wednesday evening. Thank you.

**St Vincent De Paul Society: Head of the SVP** Neville Booth has decided, reluctantly, to retire from the Presidency of the St Vincent de Paul Society in our parish. He has served 45 years with the SVP - thirty years in this parish! We are now seeking a replacement for Neville. There has been an SVP organisation in this parish since 1934 offering care, compassion, financial/physical assistance to those in need. It would be detrimental to the life and to the image of this parish if the SVP were to cease to function. We are asking urgently for a volunteer or volunteers to join the SVP to enable this wonderful organisation to maintain its practical caring presence in our parish. If you wish to help in any way please speak to Fr John Walsh 883100 or to Neville 884325.

### **Thank You Message from CAFOD**

Your support has made a life-saving difference to people in desperate need, by enabling CAFOD to:

- provide improved seeds that can produce more crops in harsher conditions, thus improving the chances of a good harvest.
- provide "cash for work" enabling people to earn money by working on
- community projects such as mending wells, maintaining rural roads, soil conservation.
- bring clean water and sanitation to many communities through the building of toilet blocks, water tanks and reservoirs.
- help prevent the spread of disease through simple hygiene measures
- provide 24,400 people with training in health education, which they can then share with their families and communities.

Thank You.

*Patrick Gardner*

*Community Participation Officer, CAFOD*