

**Notices for week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Jim McMullan RIP Mary
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Matthew Barton RIP Ann B
	6.00pm	No Mass
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Joan O'Connor RIP P
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Greta Forde RIP Mary P
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Joe Downes Int
School	9.45am	No Mass
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Eradication of Corona Virus Mary
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Winhall Family
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	No Mass
	6.00pm	Pat Nugent RIP K & T Murphy
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Deirdre Shields RIP Ann B
	6.00pm	No Mass

**CHURCH WEBCAM:** <https://www.mcmedia.tv> (mass can be viewed from St Edward's Church on this website, mass will go ahead at the above times without congregation)

**Church website** <https://stedward.org.uk/> the website has been updated and weekly bulletins will now be found here.

**Gift Aid - during the lockdown**, if anyone would like to change their donations to a bank standing order, please let Brendan Campbell know and he'll send the details that you will need. You can email him at [bren.campbell@hotmail.com](mailto:bren.campbell@hotmail.com) or call on 07887 915373.

**Pope's Mission Statement for July:** Let us choose the way of Jesus. It is a way that demands effort, but the way that brings peace.

**Legion of Mary – Statue Visitation** To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Legion of Mary in 2021, we are inviting 100 parishioners to accept the statue of Our Lady into their homes. The idea is to promote prayer and in particular the Holy Rosary in the homes of our parish. If you would like to be involved, please sign your name and phone number on the Legion of Mary noticeboard in the porch or give your name to Rita Ocho (07980 107834).

**FAMILY OFFERINGS** - Thank you for your presence among us, for your prayers, and for your generous monetary offerings that we know are sometimes given in great sacrifice. We promise to be good stewards with the contributions you entrust in our care last week *Offertory*

*2<sup>nd</sup> collection. Many thanks*

**SICK:** Fr Denis, Fr Eugene, Rose Hyland, Peter Pamba, Caroline Holland, Marie Flynn, Felix McCann, John Masterson, Ollie Hemming, James Neild, Megan Foley, Peter Power, Keith Dunsby, Rita (Dunsby) Miles, Eileen Murray, Vickie Keating, Roger Hooke and all the sick and housebound of the Parish.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Rev Gordon Hunter, Rev John Molyneux, Rev Plunket Shannon, Rev Edmund Whelan, Rev Brian Halton, Rev Geoffrey Walmsley, Rev Arthur Warburton, Rev Philip Cleary, Rev Liam Peter O'Connor. Also Sr Breda O'Sullivan, Mary Hickey, Liam Pepper, Bridie Heavey, John Hayes, Matthew Barton, Tom Brennan, Ron Halligan, Teresa McPake and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All Praise & all Thanksgiving, Be Every Moment Thine (to be said 3 times)**

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Have mercy on us (say 3 times)**

**WALK WITH ME – A DIOCESAN PRAYER:** Lord God, our light and our salvation, we praise you for your gifts of life and faith. We thank you for the desire that you have planted in our hearts, our yearning to see your face. Help us to meet you in prayer, to walk in your ways, and to speak to others of our joy and consolation in your presence. Give us faithfulness in this present life so that we may come to know and praise your beauty with all our brothers and sisters in the life to come. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

**PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT:** O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore you, enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me – tell me what I should do. I promise to submit myself to all that you permit to happen to me – let me only know your holy will. Amen.

**ANIMA CHRISTI:** Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me; passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus hear me. Within thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from thee. From the malignant enemy defend me. In the hour of my death, call me and bid me to come to thee, that with thy saints, I may praise thee for ever and ever. Amen

**DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** Lord Jesus, send labourers into your harvest. Inspire in the hearts of your people, vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Bless our families with a spirit of generosity. May those whom you call to the priesthood and religious life have the courage to give themselves to your Church as co-operators in your work.

St John Vianney – *Pray for Us.*

**PRAYER TO SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN** Almighty and eternal God, we offer heartfelt thanks and praise for the life and witness of Saint John Henry Newman. In him You have given us an inspiring example of a priest and teacher heroically devoted to the pursuit of holiness and the salvation of souls. Through his intercession and his teaching we ask You to pour out Your blessings on all Your children who seek Your truth, so that all may come to know and love You in the one fold of the Redeemer, 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

**ADOREMUS – PRAYER FOR CORPUS CHRISTI** O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL** St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**THE ANGELUS**

**V.** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary;

**R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit, Hail Mary....**

**V.** Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

**R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary....**

**V.** And the Word was made Flesh;

**R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary....**

**V.** Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God

**R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your son, was made known by the message of an Angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

May the divine assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **R. Amen.**

**“Heaven doesn't value what you have but what you give.” Pope Francis**

**Official Family Prayer for World Meeting of Families**

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, One family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need.

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray:

*[We pause and remember family members and others by name]*

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mary, mother and guide, *pray for us.*

Saint Joseph, father and protector, *pray for us.*

Saints Joachim and Anne, *pray for us.*

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, *pray for us.*

**Talk to Jesus, let Jesus talk to you, then talk to family & friends**

**THE DEEP END**

Today's Gospel is in three parts: the parable Jesus taught, an explanation on how to listen, and an explanation of the parable Jesus taught. The parable itself is well known and concerns seeds, where they land, and what happens to them. We might take note of the seeds as representing God's Word and the effect it has, or does not have, on us. What makes the difference in the parable is the type of soil the seed lands on and how suitable it is for growth to take place. Let us consider our own hearts as the soil: how open are we to receiving seeds that may be planted there? What condition is our 'soil' in?

Any decent gardener will know that good soil is key in order to cultivate anything. Soil needs to be weathered, broken down; it can be too acidic, or it can be too alkaline. Good soil needs organic matter such as compost or manure. It needs lots of air and water; it needs to be tended and prepared.

We too are weathered down by various forces in our lives, and at times have manure thrown at us. This can either close us down and harden our hearts, or it can open us up help us to grow, ready to receive the seeds that are scattered. Like the soil, we must take care of our bodies, hearts, and minds, adopt a holistic approach to our well-being.

The lesson on 'hearing' in the Gospel today is also important. How do we listen? Do we listen or read God's word while being distracted by many things, or are we fully attentive, even for a few minutes each day? How do we listen to one another? Fully attentive or with one eye on our phone? There is a great richness in the text today, spend time with it. Perhaps think about how you might prepare better the soil for planting.

'The soil is the great connector of lives, the source and destination of all. It is the healer and restorer and resurrector, by which disease passes into health, age into youth, death into life. Without proper care for it we can have no community, because without proper care for it we can have no life.' (Wendell Berry)

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