



ONE MISSION, TWO CHURCHES

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - 12th July 2026



Isaiah 55:10-11, Psalm 64(65):10-14, Romans 8:18-23
GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:1-23

Meditation: What is the best and easiest way to help people understand God's kingdom? Like the rabbis of his time, Jesus very frequently used parables - short stories and images taken from everyday life - to convey hidden truths about the kingdom of God. Like a skillful artist, Jesus sketched memorable pictures with short and simple words. A good image can speak more loudly and clearly than many words. Jesus used the ordinary everyday illustrations of life and nature to point to another order of reality - hidden, yet visible to those who had "eyes to see" and "ears to hear". Jesus communicated with vivid illustrations which captured the imaginations of his audience more powerfully than any abstract presentation could. His parables are like buried treasure waiting to be discovered (Matthew 13:44). What can the parable about seeds and roots teach us about the kingdom of God? Any farmer will attest to the importance of good soil for supplying nutrients for growth. And how does a plant get the necessary food and water it needs except by its roots? The Scriptures frequently use the image of fruit-bearing plants or trees to convey the principle of spiritual life and death. Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit (Jeremiah 17:7-8; see also Psalm 1:3)



How do you listen to God's word? Jesus' parable of the sower is aimed at the hearers of his word. There are different ways of accepting God's word and they produce different kinds of fruit accordingly. There is the prejudiced hearer who has a shut mind. Such a person is unteachable and blind to what he or she doesn't want to hear. Then there is the shallow hearer. He or she fails to think things out or think them through; they lack depth. They may initially respond with an emotional reaction; but when it wears off their mind wanders to something else. Another type of hearer is the person who has many interests or cares, but who lacks the ability to hear or comprehend what is truly important. Such a person is too busy to pray or too preoccupied to study and meditate on God's word. Then there is the one whose mind is open. Such a person is at all times willing to listen and to learn. He or she is never too proud or too busy to learn. They listen in order to understand. God gives grace to those who hunger for his word that they may understand his will and have the strength to live according to it. Do you hunger for God's word?

The refusal to believe and understand: Jesus told his disciples that not everyone would understand his parables. Did Jesus mean to say that he was deliberately confusing or hiding the meaning of his stories from his listeners? Very likely not. Jesus was speaking from experience. He was aware that some who heard his parables refused to understand them. It was not that they could not intellectually understand them, but rather, their hearts were closed to what Jesus was saying. They had already made up their minds to not believe. God can only reveal the secrets of his kingdom - that which is hidden to the spiritually blind - to those who hunger for God and humbly submit to his truth. What can makes us ineffective or unresponsive to God's word? Preoccupation with other things can distract us from what is truly important and worthwhile. And letting our hearts and minds be consumed with material things can easily weigh us down and draw us away from the heavenly treasure that lasts for eternity. God's word can only take root in a receptive heart which is docile and ready to hear what God has to say.

How God's word takes root in us: The parables of Jesus will enlighten us if we approach them with an open mind and heart, ready to let them challenge us. If we approach them with the conviction that we already know the answer, then we, too, may look but not see, listen but not understand. God's word can only take root in a receptive heart that is ready to believe and willing to submit. Do you submit to God's word with trust and obedience? One lesson from this parable is clear: the harvest is sure to come. While some seed will fall by the wayside and some fall on shallow ground and never come to maturity, and some be choked to death by the thorns; nonetheless a harvest will come. The seed that falls on good soil, on the heart that is receptive, will reap abundant fruit. God is always ready to speak to each of us and to give us understanding of his word. Are you hungry for his word? And do you allow anything to keep you from submitting to God's word with joy and trusting obedience?

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Thursdays & Fridays

10am – 2pm

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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5pm (SL)

Sunday: 8:30am (SL)

10:30am (ST)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. 6:30pm (SL)

Wed. 9:15am (ST)

1st Wed. Mass of

Anointing @ 10am

Thurs. 9:15am (ST)

Fri. 9:15am (SL*)

6.30pm (ST)

Sat. 9.15am (SL*)

**Rosary after Mass*

RECONCILIATION

SL: Tues 5:30 - 6:10pm

Sat 9.45 - 10.15am

ST: Fri 5:30 - 6:10pm

**EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT &
EVENING PRAYER**

SL: Tues 5:30 - 6:30pm

ST: Fri 5:30 - 6:30pm

**HOSPITALITY AFTER MASS
AT ST. LUKE'S**

Second weekend of each
month - bring a plate to
share (optional)

YOUNG ADULT GROUP -

Sunday 26nd July @
6:30pm - CORDIS (see pg4)

LEGION OF MARY -

Friday 17th July @ 10.15am
at St Luke's Parish Hall
Kitchen. Enquiries to
Lucy 0419 591 423

Next Week's Daily Readings
13 July - 19 July Ordinary Time

MONDAY July 13 Is 1:10-17

Ps 49:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23

Mt 10:34 - 11:1

TUESDAY July 14 Is 7:1-9

Ps 47:2-8 Mt 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY July 15 Is 10:5-7,

13-16 Ps 93:5-10, 14-15

Mt 11:25-27

St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor

THURSDAY July 16 Is 26:7-9, 12,

16-19 Ps 101:13-21 Mt 11:28-30

FRIDAY July 17 Is 38:1-6, 21-22,

7-8 Is 38:10-12, 16 Mt 12:1-8

SATURDAY July 18 Micah 2:1-5

Ps 9B:1-4, 7-8, 14 Mt 12:14-21

SUNDAY July 19 Wis 12:13, 16-19

Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43

16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

THANK YOU - St Luke the Evangelist
Winter Appeal for
St Vincent de Paul Society

The Blackburn South Conference would like to thank the parishioners for their generous donation of a total of \$2897 and many non-perishable grocery items for the Winter Appeal. Three recent examples of assistance where your donations have been used illustrate how the conference has been able to do more in the community: firstly, we were able to pay for replacement prescription glasses for a young man with no work rights or Medicare; secondly, we were able to provide a bed, mattress and bedding for a young couple sleeping on a single mattress on the floor in a rooming house; and thirdly, we were able to provide a mother and two sons, victims of domestic violence, with supermarket vouchers and a very large hamper of non-perishable food items to tide them over the school holidays. Your support for our work in the community is very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Margaret Gearon, Conference President.

ROSTERS FOR CHURCH CLEANING & FLOWERS

Seeking new volunteers for our cleaning and flower rosters at St Luke's.

Please sign up on the clipboards in the church foyer.

Contact the parish office for more information.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 5pm SL

Sunday 8:30am SL

10:30am ST

11 and 12 JULY

Lucy Ferris

Greg McKeown

Trevis Yee

18 and 19 JULY

Marg Yore

Liliana Restrepo

Jane D'Souza

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 5pm SL

Sunday 8:30am SL

10:30am ST

Edna Lee

Beryl Chelliah

Eleanor Mendes

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Beryl Chelliah

Daphne Hickman

SLIDE OPERATORS

Saturday 5pm SL

Sunday 8:30am SL

10:30am ST

Choir

David Prabha

Lee Min Yee

Choir

Megan McLean

Manny Gonzalez

SL WELCOMERS 11 - 12 July

5pm Edna Lee

8.30am Marie Pekish

10.30am Volunteer

SL CHURCH CLEANING

18th July - Maree's team

Maree Moss, Allen Leung,

Serena Ng & Lynda Kilroe-Smith

SL CHURCH FLOWERS

11th July - Edna Lee

18th July - TBC

ST CHURCH FLOWERS

Parishioners

SL WELCOMERS 18 - 19 July

5:00pm Val Gardiner

8.30am Margaret Gearon

10.30am Volunteer

ST CHURCH CLEANING

17th July

Laura Cigana & Betty Digby

ST COUNTERS

This week Team 7:

Kelvin Chen & Anico Yee

Next week Team 2:

Kelvin Chen & Patrick Rajaratnam

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

All who are sick, especially Fr Noel Bianco, Seng Chan, Fran Davidson, Filomena Italiano, Lesley Cormick, Derek Koh, Shirley Prabha, Helen MacKay, Kevin Ryan, Suzy Bookluck, Emilio Moreno Garcia, Agatha Wink, Chris Leach, Dora Leung, Hazel Greal, Josephine Alexander, Kit Bing Fan, Kathryn Holmes, Stewart Davis, Mark, Margaret Hayes, Charmaine Bancroft, Marilene Japour, Paciencia Cabral and all those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend.

All who have died, especially Fr Tadeusz Ziolkowski who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time including Peter Hasan, Anna Nakon, Rosalind Rodrigues, Frank Bito, Patricia Kidd, Mary Dunn, Reg Arelette, Peter Kelly, Paula Aquilina, Michael McGrath, Muriel Kelly, Etelka Bocsak, Alvaro Marques, Alan Chionh and Leonor Donato Baylon. May they rest in peace.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY:

For respect for human life. Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

SEA SUNDAY – 12 JULY 2026 – STELLA MARIS – APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA:

Today is the Global Day of Prayer for seafarers. Seafarers crew the ships which deliver 90% of goods to Australia. Without them, there is no global economy. They are away from home for months, and suffer loneliness, isolation and danger.



Currently ships are being attacked in the Strait of Hormuz.

Pray for them and for the Chaplains & volunteers at Stella Maris who care for all seafarers regardless of colour or creed. "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me". (Matthew: 25:35) For more information, go to: www.stellamaris.org.au

NEW BLUE CHAIRS FOR ST TIMOTHY'S CHURCH: We have ordered 40 new blue chairs for St Timothy's church as some of the existing pink chairs and benches are very well worn and need to be replaced. This will cost \$4,774.

If you would like to make a donation to the parish to assist with this cost, please contact Sonya in the parish office or donate via the Tap 'n Go portal in the church foyer. A total of \$1,750 has already been donated by parishioners. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed.

PARISH & SCHOOL FETE: St Luke's Fete, in partnership with St Timothy's, will be held on **Sunday October 18th**. The next fete committee meeting is on Thurs. 16th July at 7pm in St Luke's parish hall kitchen. We are looking for donations of prizes or other items for our Silent Auction and potential online raffle. We are also looking for stall coordinators for our Pre-loved Books, Silent Auction, Beer Garden/Wine & Cheese & BBQ stalls. Contact Sonya in the parish office or email stlukesfete@gmail.com. **More volunteers are very welcome to join us, as many hands make light work!**

ALPHA THANK YOU: Thanks to all those who helped to make our second Alpha program such a success. We really appreciate your efforts.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC: [Countless stories of God's people](#)

MAJELLAN MEDIA: [Praying for Mariners](#)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

The First collection is for the priest and retired priests.

The Second collection is for parish expenses.

Please note that collection totals will no longer be published each week in the newsletter. Presbytery and Church donations will be reported on a monthly basis at all weekend Masses. To donate regularly via envelope, credit card or bank account, please contact the parish office.

Parish Groups & Contacts

Volunteers and Rosters:

Kelvin & Susan Chen (ST),

Margaret Gearon (SL)

Baptism Preparation: *Fr Alex*

Parish Collection Preparers

ST: Barry Silvester &

Michael Kawalewski

Parish Safeguarding Committee

Fr Alex, Sonya O'Farrell,

Darren McLean & Janette Clark

Parish History

SL: Margaret Gearon

Parish Accountant

Bernard Negline

SL & ST: Hall Hire

Sonya O'Farrell @ 9877 2292

Church Sacristan

ST: Roster of Parishioners

SL: Greg Grant

Church Cleaning & Flowers

SL: Megan McLean

ST: Susan Chen

Church Linen: *SL: Beryl Chelliah*

Parish Garden Maintenance

ST: Des Connors

SL: Darren McLean

Parish Choirs

ST: Miguel Ilagan

SL: Fr Alex

Bible Timeline: *Chris Lim*

ALPHA: *Lynda Kilroe-Smith*

Young Adult Ministry:

Sarah Santilli & Jersy Soesanto

RCIA: *David West*

St Vincent de Paul Conference

For Assistance: 1800 305 330

(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

ST: John McCoy

SL: Margaret Gearon &

Steve Kilroe-Smith

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

Response to the Psalm: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Eucharistic Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

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, for ever singing your praise.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY/FAMILY MASS

ST TIMOTHY'S: Sunday 26th July @10.30am Mass


ST LUKE'S: Next Family Mass will be on August 8th and on the second Saturday of each month.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2026

First Eucharist - August 1st @ 5pm

Baptism - August 15th @ 5pm, St Luke's

Parents of children who do not attend Catholic schools are asked to contact the parish office at least 6 weeks prior to enrol in preparation sessions for any of the above sacraments.



FATHERHOOD
WITH
FR TONY SCHICK

Fr Tony will share a talk about *Fatherhood* – what it means to be a father in faith today.

28 JULY

ST LUKE'S
BLACKBURN SOUTH

MASS
6:30 PM

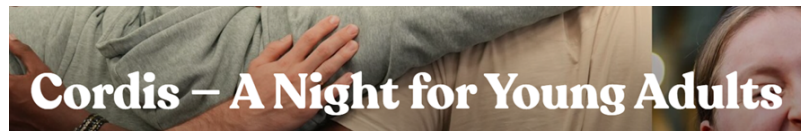
DINNER
7:00 PM

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July 26, 2026

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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



Rest, receive and discover anew the heart of the Gospel.

We all want to know that we belong, to be known, loved, and part of something bigger than ourselves. Join young adults from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne for an evening of good food, meaningful conversation with a guest speaker, prayer and community. At Cordis find new friends, explore your faith and encounter God in a new and real way. Whether you are involved as a youth leader, someone looking to grow in your faith or simply searching for a place to belong, you are very welcome here. Come as you are. Open to young adults 18 years and over.

Date & Time; Sunday, July 26, 2026, 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Location: St Christopher's Parish, Syndal

Guest Speaker: Justine Hughes "Loved First: Rediscovering the Heart of the Gospel".

For more information

<https://youth.melbournecatholic.org/events/cordis-july-2026>

For registration

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1604311>

For **car pooling from St Luke** (by 24 July), please contact blackburnsouth@cam.org.au.

ST LUKE'S FETE in partnership with ST TIMOTHY'S - 18th October '26

We have started to promote the fete on our social media. Please like and share our posts to encourage everyone to attend the fete and support our generous sponsors.

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukesfete2026/>

<https://www.instagram.com/stlukesfete/>

Are you interested in doing more to help others?

Your local St Vincent de Paul Society Conferences of Forest Hill and Blackburn South invite you to think about joining them to live your faith by helping to care for the needy in this area. Induction and training will be available to all new volunteers. Please consider taking up this very rewarding work.



Want to know more? – 'Come & See'

If you are interesting in finding out a little about the work of the St Vincent de Paul Group in this area, please come along to a 'Come & See' Session on Tuesday 21st July at 7pm in the Foyer of St Timothy's Church, Forest Hill. For further information please contact Susan Dornom on 0413 979 049.

The seed fell on good ground

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

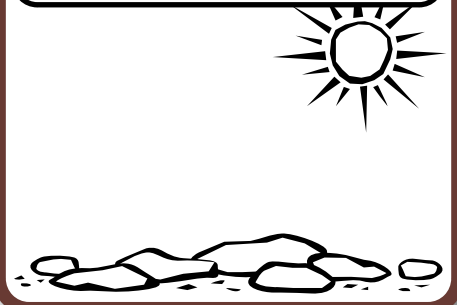
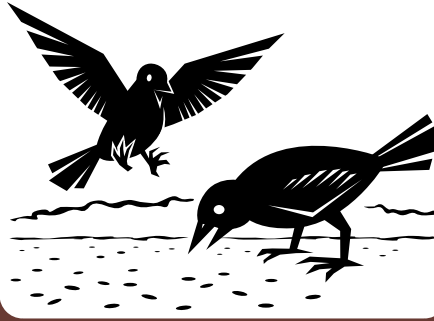


Help Jesus tell the story of the farmer sowing the seed. Add words and pictures to the story.

A farmer scattered _____ in a field.

Some seed fell on the road and was...

Some seed fell on rocky ground where the soil was not deep; the plants that grew withered in the _____.



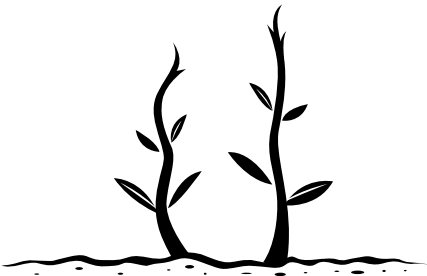
Draw the farmer sowing seed.

Write down what happened to the seed.

Draw what happened to the seed which fell on rocky ground.

Some seed fell among thorns, which choked the plants that grew.

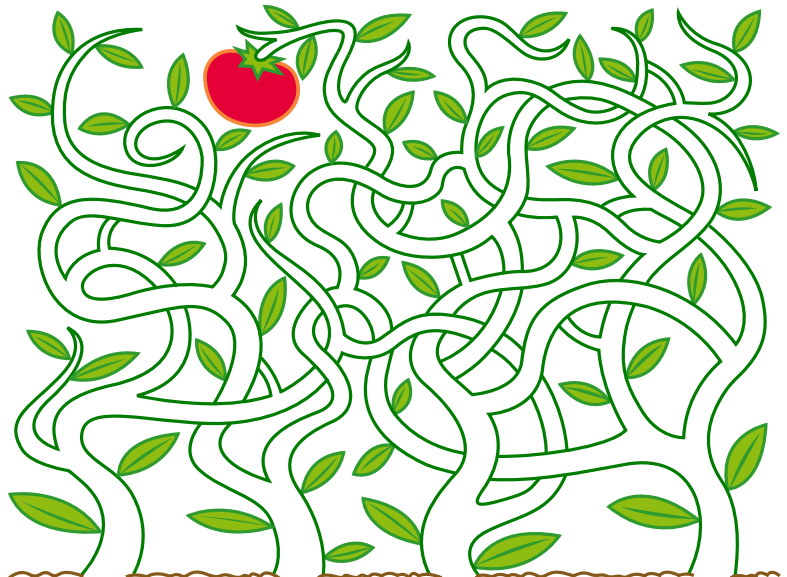
But some seed fell on good ground and...



Draw thorns choking the plants.

Write down what happened to the seed that fell on good ground and draw a picture of it.

The Word of God is like seed that needs good soil. How can we be like good soil for this seed?



Which of these four plants is the one bearing fruit?

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 12 JULY 2026



COLLECT

O God, who show the light of your truth
to those who go astray,
so that they may return to the right path,
give all who for the faith they profess
are accounted Christians
the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ
and to strive after all that does it honour.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

READINGS AND REFLECTIONS

Around a table with food and drink, we tell stories. In the quiet moments before bed, we tell stories. Gathering around a campfire, we tell stories. Human beings have told stories since the dawn of time. They are a way of connecting with others and sharing experiences. With a story, we take others on a journey and give them a different perspective. A story is an offering to the listener, allowing a variety of interpretations. Stories are open. Jesus often taught using stories, parables.

A reading from the book of Isaiah

55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

First Reading

What a sentence! It sums up the entire cycle of nature, repeated year after year. Rain waters the earth and makes it fruitful; the earth produces a crop for harvesting and seed for next year's cycle.

And all this is taken as a metaphor for God's creative word. We listen and take it to heart and we flourish and live. In the lyrics of *Come to the Water*, Frank Anderson sets this text with a refrain that ends: *Come, listen, live*.

The reader will need to master this single-sentence reading in order to communicate its message. Mark the places where you will pause and take the proclamation slowly.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 64:10-14

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat,
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 64/64 presents a beautiful picture of nature blessed with abundance, land well-watered and fruitful. It is indeed a cause for gladness and a reason to praise God the Creator.

It clearly picks up the imagery from the first reading from Isaiah. It also prepares people to hear the gospel parable of the sower. In fact, the response is taken, not from the psalm itself, but is based on the gospel (Mt 13:9).

The cantor/reader should enjoy the poetic imagery. Care must be taken with the three-line verse.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act

Second Reading

The world is charged with the grandeur of God. It will flame out, like shining from shook foil; It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil Crushed.
...

*There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
... Because the Holy Ghost over the bent World
broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.*
(Gerard Manley Hopkins)

Today's wonderful passage from Paul inserts human beings into the whole of creation, not yet

of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

[Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one

perfect, but already containing the glory of God's kingdom. Paul imagines the entire creation groaning in one great act of giving birth! This magnificent image expresses the state of the world and the hope we have of coming to fullness through the Holy Spirit.

'Sons' should be read as 'children' or 'sons and daughters'.

Gospel

This long excerpt falls into three parts:

1. The parable of the sower
2. A discussion of the purpose of parables
3. An interpretation of the parable.

The shorter version of the reading is restricted to the parable itself.

1. The sower scatters the seed and it falls in four different places. Some is eaten by birds; some withers; some is choked by weeds. But some produces a rich harvest. This is a parable of the kingdom of God. Its first meaning seems to be that, despite significant setbacks, God's kingdom will flourish in the end. In the midst of difficulties, the parable gives hope and encouragement that God's power will prevail.

2. Why does Jesus talk to the people in parables? At first glance, Jesus' answer seems very mean: that people will look without seeing and listen without hearing. But then he says to the disciples: Your eyes are happy because they see, so are your ears because they hear.

In his teaching, Jesus is revealing the *mysteries of the kingdom of heaven*. Not everyone can approach so great a mystery. As Isaiah points out, some have shut their eyes. But the advantage of a story is that it is open-ended; it evokes rather than explains. Ultimately, the story reaches everyone, and they can take it at their own level. Upon reflection, they may be drawn more deeply into the reality being revealed and come to conversion of heart.

3. The third section offers one 'interpretation' of the parable – it really turns the parable into an allegory, where each element is given a meaning. It is later than the original parable. Yet it presents a very challenging message about how we hear and receive the word of God.

While we all hope to provide rich soil for the seed of the word to flourish, we can also readily identify with those who receive the word superficially, those who start enthusiastically but

who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.' [Short Form: omit text in brackets.]

fall away easily, and those who are distracted by worldly concerns.

In this section, 'man' should be read as 'person', but the masculine pronouns are probably unavoidable. The NRSV is inclusive.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Solemn Blessing (Ordinary Time VI)

May God bless you with every heavenly blessing,
make you always holy and pure in his sight,
pour out in abundance upon you the riches of his glory,
and teach you with the words of truth;
may he instruct you in the Gospel of salvation,
and ever endow you with fraternal charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son,+ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

(Adapted from the Solemn Blessing for Ordinary Time VI, Roman Missal p. 717)



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| 27 Aug 26 | Luke 1-3, The Early Life of Jesus |
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| 24 Sep 26 | Luke 7-9, The Mission and Miracles of Jesus |
| 08 Oct 26 | Luke 10-12, Sharing in Jesus' Mission |
| 22 Oct 26 | Luke 13-17, Following Jesus |
| 05 Nov 26 | Luke 18-21, The Triumphal Entry and the End times |
| 19 Nov 26 | Luke 22-24, The Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus |



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