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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A, 16 JULY 2023

MASS SCHEDULES

Monday - Thursday

No public Mass

Friday – Saturday

9am (Adoration)

9.30am

Sunday

6pm (Saturday Vigil)

10.30am (English)

12noon (Polish)

Confessions

Saturday

10.00am (After Mass)

or call to make an appointment.

Jesus once again begins to preach, and as for the Sermon on the Mount he sits down, the customary position. The detail is included that the crowd is so great that he had to get into a boat and preach from there, an unusual thing to do. There are two audiences here: the people in general, and the disciples. Both groups hear the story of the sower. We are so used to hearing it that we may switch off, but suppose we were hearing it for the first time, what would we make of it? It would not be obvious that it is about the kingdom of God and that the seed is the Word. And Jesus seems to acknowledge that some of his audience will fail to understand him. The passage from Isaiah which Jesus quotes applies to us as well: we may grow coarse and close our eyes, for fear we should understand. 2R from Romans continues its sublime backdrop to the rest of the Liturgy of the Word in these weeks. It should be savoured. Note the words that it is not the fault of creation that it was unable to attain its purpose but was made so by God - a clue to the paradox in the Gospel expressed above. *Liturgy Planner*

For Today Mass

Responsorial psalm

Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop

Gospel acclamation

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; whoever finds this seed will remain for ever.

Panie, „Dlaczego mówisz do nich w przypowieściach?” – pytają uczniowie. Także i my czasami pytamy, dlaczego Bóg mówiąc do nas używa obrazów? Przecież jesteśmy inteligentni i zrozumiemy to, co do nas mówi... Niestety przytoczone słowa Izajasza „Słyszycie moje słowa, lecz nie chcecie ich rozumieć; widzicie moje czyny, lecz nie chcecie ich pojmować” (Iz 6,9) trafnie oddają stan naszej natury. Bóg jak siewca rozsiewa swoje słowa, ale nasza gleba duchowa wielokrotnie jest jak ubita droga, skalisty grunt czy rola pokryta cierniami. Niestety, wydaje się nam, że rozumiemy słowo Boże, bo przecież tyle razy je słyszeliśmy, ale w rzeczywistości pozwalamy, żeby Zły przyszedł i porwał to, co Bóg w nas zasiał. Czytanie Biblii wymaga naszej uważności, otwartości i ciągłej czujności. Obyśmy zatem byli jak urodzajny grunt „nawodniony” słowem Bożym i przynosili plon stokrotny, sześćdziesięciokrotny lub trzydziestokrotny! *Mateusz.pl*

**SAINTS DAYS
and SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES THIS
WEEK**

Monday 17th July
15th Week of the Year

Tuesday 18th July
15th Week of the Year

Wednesday 19th July
15th Week of the Year

Thursday 20th July
15th Week of the Year

Friday 21st July
15th Week of the Year

Saturday 22nd July
St Mary Magdalene

PRAYERS

Please pray for the
repose of the soul of
those whose
anniversaries occur
about this time

**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls,
O Lord. May they
rest in peace. Amen.**

**THANK YOU ALL
WHO HELPED WITH
PARISH FEAST
CELBRATION**

**PIERWSZA KOMUNIA
2025**

ZAPISY DO
PIERWSZEJ KOMUNI
NA ROK 2025 NA
PARAFIALNEJ
STRONIE NA
FACEBOOKU

**FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION 2025**

REGISTRATION FORM
ON PARISH
FACEBOOK PAGE

ST CHRISTOPHER

25 July is a Saint
Christopher memorial -
the **patron saint of
travellers**, including
motorists, who sometimes
hang a small image of him
in their vehicle for luck.
According to legend, he
was crossing a river when
a child asked to be carried
across. Next Sunday we
will pray for all drivers of all
kinds of vehicles.

WYD LISBON 2023

Fr Piotr will lead
Diocesan group of 68
young people for World
Youth Day in Portugal
from 25 July to 7 August
2023.

During Fr Piotr absence
there will be only Sunday
Mass at 12.00 celebrated
by Fr Emmet O'Dowd.
Other Masses are
cancelled.

**WORLD DAY FOR
GRANDPARENTS AND
THE ELDERLY**

Pope Francis has decided
to institute a Church-wide
celebration of a World Day
for Grandparents and the
Elderly. Starting this year,
it will be held on the fourth
Sunday of July, close to
the liturgical memorial of
Saints Joachim and Anne,
the grandparents of Jesus.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday's Collection
9 July 2023
Cash - £202.00
Gift Aid - £50.00
Stella Maris - £55.00

Thank you for your donations

JUNE 2023 FINANCES

Income: £2754.70
Expenses: £1684.36
Balance: £1070.34

Bank account: £4960.30

**TEA AND COFFE
AFTER MASS**