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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A,

12th July 2026

Entrance Procession

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

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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.'

The word of the Lord.

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.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

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

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 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.

The word of the Lord.

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!

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

A sower went out to sow.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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 forever singing your praise.

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Parish Office Hours:
Tues -Thurs: 9.30am-2.30pm
Fri: 9.30am-12.00pm

Parish Masses & Services:

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 8am & 10.00am

Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday: 9.00am
Wednesday: 7.30am
Thursday: 9.00am
Friday: 9.00am
Saturday: 7.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday (during Holy Hour) 5.15pm - 5.45pm.
Saturday 5.00 - 5.45pm

Holy Hour and Exposition: Thursdays, 5.00pm - 6.00pm. Begins with Vespers (evening prayer of the Church) and finishes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Infant Baptism:

Baptisms held every third Sunday of the month at 11.30am. Please book with the Parish Secretary.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Please give at least 6 months' notice.
Please book with the Parish Secretary

Sacramental Programs Information and Enrolment:

For information on our sacramental programs for children - Reconciliation, Holy Communion & Confirmation. Please email stbernadettedvsp@hotmail.com

Parish Prayer Groups:

Rosary:

1st & 3rd Mon of the Month: 7.55am
Tues, Thurs & Fri: 8.25am
Wed & Sat: After 7.30am Mass
Sun: After 10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Fridays 9.45am

Parish Notice Board

- ❖ **Sacrament of Confirmation:** Arrangements are currently being made with the Diocese of Parramatta regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation. Once these arrangements have been finalised, information regarding the enrolment process will be made available to those whose children will be eligible to receive the Sacrament.
- ❖ **Formed Subscription:** Parishioners please be advised the Parish subscription to Formed will end on the 8th August 2026.
- ❖ **The Statue of Our Lady:** Friendly reminder, The Legion of Mary are offering parishioners the opportunity to host the statue of Our Lady in their homes for 1 week to honour her with prayers and devotions with family. Please Contact: Dot Gill (0416 116 373) or Daphne LaPorte (0403 195 405). to book a week anytime throughout the year (for an anniversary, birthday or for some special occasion).
- ❖ **Church Cleaning Volunteers Required** for only 1 hour every 5 weeks. Please write your details on the clipboard located in the Front Foyer.
- ❖ **Vigil Mass Choir:** Singers are needed for the Saturday Vigil Mass Choir. Parishioners are warmly invited to join one of our adult choirs, which regularly sings at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday vigil mass. The choir sings on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month and choir rehearsals are usually held in the 30 minutes prior to mass. No experience or knowledge of music is necessary, just an ability to sing in tune and the desire to praise God through music and singing. Attributed to St. Augustine is the beautiful sentiment that " a prayer sung is a prayer said twice." Due to changed circumstances, we are also looking for someone to take on the role of Choir Leader and organiser for this existing choir. To be a part of this choir, either as a singer or Choir Leader or for any further information, please speak with Fr. Andrew.
- ❖ **Gardens:** We are in need of volunteers to help maintain our lovely gardens around the Church. It is a wonderful way to express your love for God and to care for His Church. Please call or email the Parish office: 98714414 or stbernadette@aussiebb.com.au
- ❖ **Altar Servers' Roster:** In order to prepare the altar servers' roster for the remainder of the year, please complete the altar service preferences form which is available in the sacristy. This lists the Mass times and provides choices for serving weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Your help in completing this form and returning it by the end of the month will help to arrange the roster to December. Thank you to those young men who dedicate themselves to serving at the altar of Our Lord at the holy sacrifice of the Mass. Your commitment to the Lord in your service to the Church and to the parish is a testament to your faith. May God bless you for your commitment and reward you for your work for His holy name.

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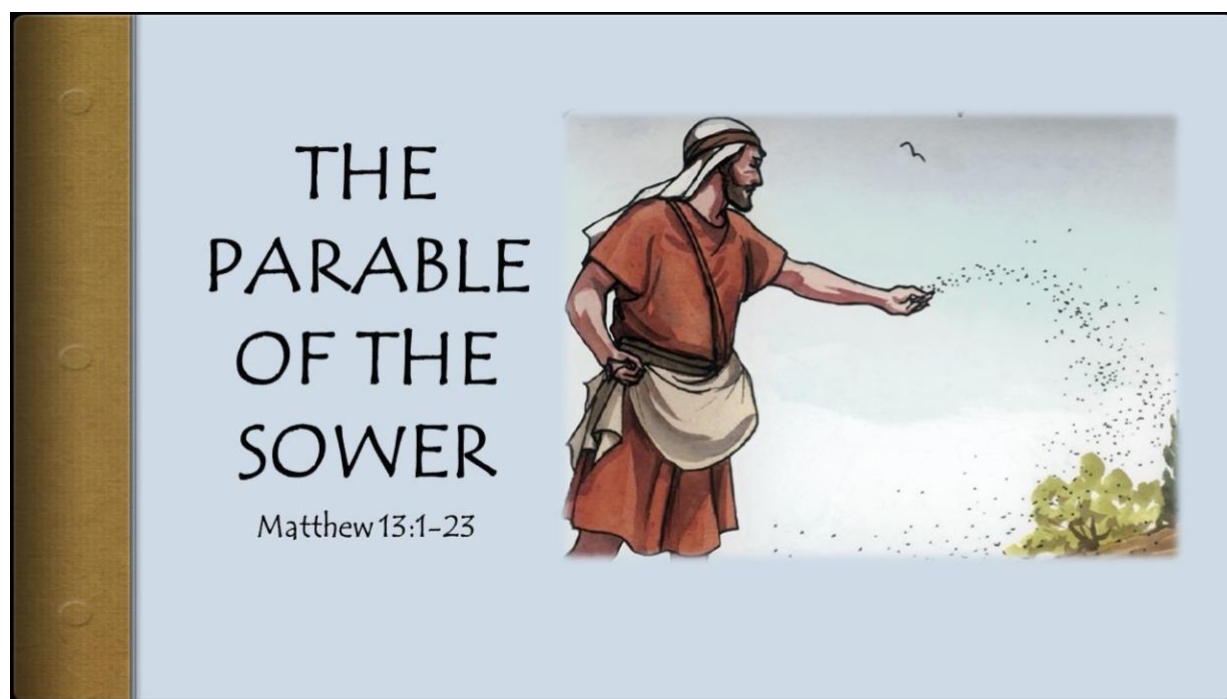


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Please cover your shoulders in the Church.
This is the House of God and deserves your respect.
Bare shoulders with just straps are not acceptable.
Modesty is a virtue. Being scantily clad is not.
Hot weather is no excuse.





Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23
A sower went out to sow.

Let us pray for all our sick relatives, friends and parishioners, especially:
Pina, Emilia and all of our sick parishioners and loved ones.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:

Carmelo Mifsud; Charlie Saliba; Rita Saliba; Annie Moses; Joseph Moses; Teresa; Gaetano Abbate; Dr. Acop; Carlos Villones; Peter Susanto; Peggy Cheung; Janette Wong; Salime Abraham; Sami Abraham; Caroline; Tansa Chehade; Joan Keillor; Betty Ann Lord; George; Sonia Allan; Colin Dawes; Teena McQueen; Vicente Pelias; the Souls in Purgatory; ***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***

***Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in the battle; be our protection against the malice
and snares of the Devil.
May God restrain him, we humbly pray,
and You, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the divine power
cast into Hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who roam
through the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.***

***Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: have mercy on us.
(3 times)***

Immaculate Heart of Mary: pray for us

Saints of the Week:

**12th July – Saints John Jones & John Wall OFM,
Priests & Martyrs**

13th July - St Henry

14th July – St Camillus de Lellis

14th July – St Francis Solano OFM, Priest

15th July - St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor

16th July - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Roster for Ministries 18-19th July 2026

	Sat Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am
Readers:	G McAdam	S Carter	D Giribaldi
Acolytes:	B Hanson	G Redolfi	R Cabela
Altar Servers:	S Chahal J Chahal I Baron J Elias R Atie	B Nakhoul F Fox R Mandla R Harb	M D'Mello A D'Mello O Cicala J P Cabela R Cabela
Flower Donor:	Mr Stephen Rossi		
Floral Arrangers:	Rita, Stevia		
Counters:	G1: Sun 19/07/2026 S Chehade, P Azar, S Azar		
Altar Society:	G4: Thurs 16/07/26 @ 9.30am V Standfort, C Y Cheung, Violet		
Cleaners:	G3: Sat 18/07/26 @ 8am S Laoulach, C Harb, C Koong, A Bunadi, C Loulach, J Alam		



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