

St John's Church, Waterford
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12th 2020



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
In my justice I shall see your face, O Lord; when your glory appears my joy will be full.
Penitential Act

Brethren (brothers and sisters),
Let us acknowledge our sins,
And so prepare ourselves to celebrate the
sacred mysteries. (brief pause) –

I confess to almighty God....

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest.....
...in the glory of God the Father. Amen

FIRST READING. (55:10-11)

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 for me empty, without carrying out my
will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ ***Some seed fell into rich soil and
produced its crop.***

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

2. And thus you provide for the earth, you
drench its furrows, you level it, soften it
with showers, you bless its growth. R/
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps, in the
pastures of the wilderness it flows. R/
4. 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 (8:18/23)

***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 un-
revealed, 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!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you
have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

***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! ***The Gospel of the Lord.***

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
***(At the words that follow, up to and
including And became man, all bow)***
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of
the Virgin Mary, And became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and
was buried, and rose again on the third
day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, accept the gifts of your Church.
May this Eucharist help us grow in
holiness and faith.

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow
even finds a home, the swallow finds a
nest wherein to place her young, near
to your altars, Lord of hosts, my King,
my God! How happy they who dwell in
your house! For ever they are praising
you.

*or Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my
blood will live in me and I in him, says
the Lord.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, by our sharing in the mystery of
this Eucharist, let your saving love
grow within us.

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:



Is 55:10-11
Ps 64:10-14,R/Lk 8:8
Rm 8:18-23
Mt 13:1-23

Notice Board



COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS IN ST. JOHN'S

1. Please do not congregate in the yard before or after Mass or service.
2. There will be no basket collection during Mass. Please leave your donation in the box near the door.
3. Please sanitise your hands before entering the church.
4. Only every second row of seats to be occupied.
5. Only two people to occupy a row.
6. People from same household may all occupy one row.
7. Please maintain 2metres distancing at all times but especially when receiving Holy Communion.
8. Please follow the stewards.
9. Some sections of seating may be closed off. Please do not occupy seats in these areas.
10. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days, still applies.
11. If you have any symptoms of cold and flu or if you feel unwell in any way, please do not attend Mass.

Just a thought...



Thought – Just for Today A Kind Word

An act of kindness, a word of encouragement, a sign of assurance, a gesture of confidence, or even a loving smile by us may cause the difference between hope and despair, joy and sadness, to many a person in trouble.

Please take this Newsletter home.

Gardening the Soul

Nature teaches us that nothing lasts forever and nothing ever continues as it began. This gives us the courage to seek solutions to our difficulties, the courage to get through any hard time, because we know that no matter how hard it may seem at any given moment, it will go away *Sr. Stan Kennedy*.



Questions People Ask

Q. In the Gospels we have heard Jesus say 'Shoulder my yoke'. What does this mean?

A. A yoke was a piece of wood laid across the shoulders of animals to harness them together and hitch them to a plough or cart. In the Bible it was a symbol of oppression and slavery; or it referred to any painful burden such as suffering. Jesus, coming from a carpentry background knew about fitting a yoke to the contours of particular animals to make it less burdensome. As carpenter-turned-saviour, he promised that our burdens would be lighter if we would imitate his gentleness and humility of heart.



It's good to laugh-*In the Best Industry*

Joe was sitting at the bar, sunk in misery. The bartender said "You look awful, pal. What's your problem?"

Joe stared into his drink and said, "I'm tired of being a social outcast. I'm with the circus you see and clean up the animal cages. Well it's not the most wonderful smell in the world and because of it, people avoid me. It's not fair!"

"I see what you mean," the bartender sniffed. "But I've got an idea. There are openings down at the factory. They are regular hours and it probably pays better than the circus. Why don't you apply?"

"What!" asked Joe, a bit offended. "And leave sow business?"



Thought for the week...

Honours – It is better to deserve honours and not have them than to have them and not deserve them

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MISSION STATEMENT

With Christ's teaching as our example and guided by the Holy Spirit, our aim is to represent an open and friendly parish providing a service to the community of St. John's and reaching out to everyone in developing the parish as a community of faith.



Our Parish...

St. John's Parish - is part of the St. Lawrence Pastoral Area - together with The Sacred Heart Church, Killea, The Cathedral and Ss Joseph and Benildus.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.15p.m.

Sunday 9.00a.m. & 12 noon

Sunday 10.00a.m. (Polish)

WEEKDAY MASSES: 10.00a.m.

No Mass on Saturday mornings.

The 10.00a.m. mass each Friday is offered for the Holy Souls.

HOLIDAY MASSES:

Vigil Mass at 6.15p.m. – evening before 10.00a.m. Mass only on the day.

Confessions: - every Saturday evening from 5.45, before the Vigil Mass.

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

Mon to Friday 9.30am – 4.30pm

Saturday 10.00am – 7.30pm

Sunday 8.30am – 1.30pm



Your Prayers

You are asked to remember in your prayers, those members of our Christian Community of St. John's who are ill at home or in hospital at this time.

In Loving Memory...



To you O Lord we commend the souls of our brothers and sisters whose anniversaries or month's mind occur at this time.

Remember in Your Prayers those who died recently – John Barron late of Lady Lane, Waterford and formerly of Newcastle.

Elizabeth Power nee Kennedy Late of The Willows, Keane's Road, formerly of Johnstown

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-

6.15 Vigil – Saturday 11th July

Johnny Fox

12 Noon – Sunday 12th July

Paul Egan & sons Paul and David and daughter-in-law Martina

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

