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## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year A – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**Places of Worship across the Diocese are gradually being opened for private prayer and for public worship, as long as they are 'Covid-secure', with social distancing rules, risk assessments, use of sanitisers, one way systems etc. in place. This will naturally take some time to implement and so it will be a phased process.**

**We remember those who have asked for our prayers in July:** Bernard Cass

**And we pray for** Fr Michael Hickey who died during recently. May he rest in peace. Fr Michael's funeral will be on Wednesday 15 July at St Cuthbert's.

**Anniversaries:** Constance Hutchinson, Rene Heard, Violet Bennie, Gerard Telford, Christine Bradley, Edward Stempczyk, Patricia Donaldson, John Patterson.

**Fr Martin** will be saying Mass, on his own, during this time. If parishioners would like a Mass intention to be celebrated then please let the parish office know in the usual way.

**Carmen Crespo** would like to thank all parishioners for their friendship and care over the years. She returns to live in Spain during this week. We wish her well.

**We are invited to Pray the Rosary** at home each Friday at 9.00am, knowing that there are other parishioners praying the rosary at the same time.

**Mary's Meals** have released a number of videos about their work. Why not take a look at: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/lovereacheseverywhere>

**Prayer for the End of the Virus:**

*Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your children.*

*We come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world.*

*Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world.*

*Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families.*

*We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found.*

*We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. Amen.*

**Opening of Churches for Private Prayer:**

More churches across the Diocese are opening for individual prayer and some for Mass. Phase 3 of the openings is currently under way. Which is good news as St Mary's is part of phase 4. *We wait our turn patiently for the diocesan Health and Safety Officer to contact us and to begin the risk assessments.* Full details of all the churches which have re-opened are available on the Diocesan website.

**A Handbook for the Re-opening of Churches** is available for viewing on the Diocesan Website. It indicates the complex measures needed to be implemented for the safe re-opening of our churches.

**Volunteers will be Needed** to prepare our Churches for re-opening. A minimum of two Stewards will be required to be present each time a church opens. For information on clinically vulnerable groups, please read page three of our handbook which includes links to HM Government Guidance. If you would like to assist with this then please contact Fr Martin. (*It would be useful to look at the Handbook for the re-opening of Churches*).

**Job Vacancy: Department for Education, Administrator (maternity cover):** For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

**Parish Finances:** What should we do with the weekly envelopes? It is probably best to keep these envelopes until the churches re-open. If you prefer, you can always make a donation via the internet or set up a standing order with the parish, to the following HSBC account:

Name: DHN Tynemouth Our Lady & St Oswin  
Account Number: 12011336  
Sort code: 40-34-18

**An On-line Scripture Resource** for all the family is available at: [www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org)

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 55:10-11*

*God cares for the earth by sending rain to make it fruitful. He cares for us by sending us his word.*

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.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 64*

*Response:* **Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.**

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| 1. You care for the earth, give it water,<br>you fill it with riches.<br>Your river in heaven brims over<br>to provide its grain. | 2. And thus you provide for the earth;<br>you drench its furrows,<br>you level it, soften it with showers<br>you bless its growth.                 |
| 3. You crown the year with your goodness.<br>Abundance flows in your steps,<br>in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.        | 4. The hills are girded with joy,<br>the meadows covered with flocks,<br>the valleys are decked with wheat.<br>They shout for joy, yes, they sing. |

**Second Reading**

*Romans 8:18-23*

*The glory which awaits us in the next life far outweighs anything we could suffer in this life.*

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.

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 13:1-9*

*Jesus compares the word of God to a seed falling into the ground.*

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!'

**Question of the week**

**How do you provide "good soil" for the faith of others to grow?**