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at a
glance



Today's Readings

Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

The rain makes the earth fruitful
All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God
A sower went out to sow.



**Fifteenth
Sunday,
Year A
15/16 July, 2017**

In a Nutshell
Perhaps during our life's journey the word of God has fallen in all the places mentioned in the parable of the sower.

By being attentive to Jesus in our daily lives, we will gradually find that his words will sink deep into our hearts.

We will then become people who have heard the word and allowed the seed to grow and yield fruit.

In Jesus' day, farmers in Palestine suspended a large bag of seed from their necks and, walking up and down the field, threw the seeds out with both hands as far as they could. Inevitably some seed fell on the edge of the path, some landed on rocks, others among thorns. But other seed landed in rich soil where it produced a great crop. It is one of the few parables that Jesus explains in detail. The seed is the word of God. Some of the scattered seed inevitably bears no fruit when people don't understand it, or if they get overwhelmed by trials or persecution, or with "the worries of the world" and the "lure of riches". But the great point of the parable is that the word of God produces a bumper crop, maybe thirty or sixty percent, some even on hundred per cent. It is powerful. Palestinian farmers though they had done well if their seeds yielded seven per cent. Ten per cent was a great harvest, thirty percent unheard of.



Where are we in all this? If we are tempted to think that we belong among the seed that fell on the edge of the path or on the rocks or among weeds, think again. Jesus did not relate this parable to discourage us, but rather the reverse, to emphasise that there is no limit to what God's grace can do in us, what God can make of us, and what goodness and fruit God can produce.

The fact is, that we all vary. Some do become wonderful saints; we ask them to pray for us and we can learn from them as role models. There are other people, maybe not saints, who we nonetheless admire for their goodness, love and kindness. But in all the struggles and temptations of our life Jesus tells us never to be discouraged. We may feel we are just hanging on to Jesus by our fingertips: in reality he is other one who is holding on to us, because he loves us. As the Lord declared to Isaiah, "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". Mary said the same: "Nothing is impossible to God."

The Living Word, 2017


Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon:	In my justice I shall see your face, O Lord; when your glory appears, my joy will be full.
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!

Readers		Ministers of the Eucharist	
Saturday Vigil July:	Janet Neenan (Coordinator) Janet Neenan, Sr Jan O’Neill	Saturday Vigil July:	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator) June Ferguson, Sr Gabriel
Sunday 7.00 am July:	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Carol Miller	Sunday 7.00 am July:	Gerry Walker & Charlie Robinson
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	Sunday 9.30 am	Paula Hudson (Coordinator)
Sunday 6.00 pm July:	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator) Maria Wilson, Denise Haylen	July:	Paula Hudson, Adele Cornale, Cheryl Graham, Erin Docherty.
Church Cleaners		Sunday 6.00 pm July:	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator) Paula O’Connor, Therese Compton, Denise Haylen
July 16th:	Jim & Rhonda Uglov	Gardeners	
July 23rd:	John & Margaret Betros	Susan & Kevin Bradley	
July 30th:	Sharon Critchley & Diane Karas		
August 6th:	Pilar & Esteban Ovelar		
Money Counters- Parish Office (more help required)		If rostered and unavailable PLEASE advise your coordinator	
July 16th: Group 2	July 23rd: Group 2		
July 30th: Group 4	August 6th: Group 1		

Offertory Gifts— Sat 15th July: 5.00 pm Vigil Mass. Dianne Shalhoub & Family	Offertory Gifts— Sun 9th July: 7.00 am Mass Maureen Fitzsimmons & Elaine Haigh
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Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Helen Backhouse, Pat Salmon, Ilona Walker, Fr Aub Collins msc.
Other Deceased:	Eamonn Fallon , John Vonwiller, Mary Findley (nee McCue) Roy and Ella McDonald, Muriel Knight, Mary Ridland, Negus & Ferguson Family, Fitzpatrick Family, Helen Reid, Kit & Bill Sanders, Bill Swanbury, Jack & Shirley Michael, John Dawson.
Anniversaries:	Theresia Wong, Tony Hanna, Michael Hanna, Harry Colthup, Jan Sissian, Mary Ellen & Edmund Lynch (Dawson Family).
Sick:	Fr John Shallvey msc , Fr Bob Irwin msc, Fr Paul Brennan msc, Jacinta Lee, Elizabeth Khoury, Eileen Richards, Fr John Rate msc, Fr Michael Fallon msc, Fr Frank Perry msc, Richard Healy, Justin Wood, Kay Wort, Mitchel Hudson, Sr Kath Conlan. Sandra Sadlier, Kath McDonald, Nola Ryan, Joe Sullivan (Sr), Renae Scarlet. Ellie Hutton, Greg Ashton & Aria Hutton, Michelle, Maddy & Jack O'Connor.



Baptisms at St Brigid's

We congratulate the following children received into our Parish Community this Sunday after 9.30 Family Mass.

*Mia Rafferty Mc Sharry, daughter of Eugene & Tracy
Harrison Howell son of Neil & Tammy
Jonathan Stewart son of James & Eva*

Baptismal candles are available for purchase from the Parish Office, samples of the candles are on display in the Piety Stall.

St Brigid's Parish Information	
Mass Times	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm
Morning Tea	Every Sunday after the 9.30 am Mass (more volunteers needed)
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9.30 am (no Mass on Wednesday, unless special feast)
Reconciliation	20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
Sacrament of Anointing	During 9.30 Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month.
Baptisms	By appointment on the first and third Sundays of the month
Marriages	By appointment arranged at least six months in advance
Parish Office	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am to 3 pm (9315 7562)

At St Brigid's

Thank you to Kate and Itziar who led a wonderful children's liturgy last Sunday, they are seeking volunteers to join them in leading the children in our Parish.

Our next **PPC meeting** will be held this Monday 17th July at 7.30pm at the Parish Office.

The Planned Giving tax deductible receipts are available in the foyer for your collection, many thanks.

St Brigid's School resumes this week. I trust you have all had a well deserved break. I look forward to seeing your children back in the classrooms during Term 3.

Fr Bob is continuing his recovery at the Monastery, and he would like to thank you for your prayers and best wishes.

Sacrament of Confirmation - We have 50 children for Confirmation and enrolments have now closed.

The Parent information session for Confirmation is being held 7pm Tuesday 25th July in the Church.

The Commitment Mass for Confirmation is 5pm Vigil Mass Saturday 29th July.

Fr Phil

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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SUNDAY 23 JULY

Next Sunday the Archdiocese of Sydney will celebrate Marriage and Family Sunday, when we remember, honour and pray for all marriages and families. This year we reflect on the importance of knowing ourselves through contemplating Christ. A brochure on this theme, **Know Yourself: How to Prepare for & Live Marriage Well**, has been prepared for this occasion. Please take a copy home to read and to pass on to others.

ARTES CHRISTI: UPCOMING PRODUCTION OF CAMELOT AT THE SEYMOUR CENTRE

Artes Christi is delighted to present one of the world's most loved musicals starring acclaimed film, TV & stage actor Donald Macdonald as Merlyn.

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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL. This 3-Day festival will be held in Sydney 7-9 December 2017. The event will attract 15,000 young people and is for young people, aged (from year 9) 15 - 30 years. It's a Catholic Festival a bit like World Youth Day! We look forward to the whole Parish Community being involved. For more information, see our website www.acyf.org.au

The Festival is looking to engage a range of people to help support the Festival, giving young people the opportunity to encounter Jesus in a new way. Volunteers are the lifeblood of any successful event. Around 600 volunteers will be needed for this Festival, providing leadership to the young people at the festival through service and hospitality.



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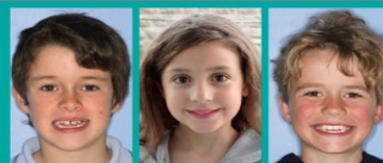


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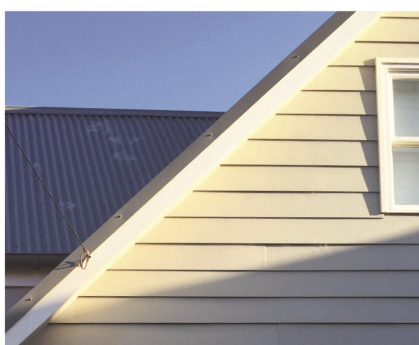
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