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## FIFTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Week III of the Psalter (July the 16th - July the 23rd)

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Lea Small, Elizabeth Melling, Melanie Tiernan, Shirley Kirkham, Paddy Shillington, **Ann Selby**, Margaret & Robert Gwynne, Kevin Keeley, Mary & Roger Norburn, Peter Endean, Anthony McCarthy, Jim Ellison, Judith Brook, **Sally Shillington**, Catherine Keeley, Pam Stephens and **Fr Adrian Convery**. Also, for Mablethorpe, Joseph Wilson, James Byrnes, Laura Guest, Odessa Louise-Therese, John Thompson, Shaun Hewson, Bill Smith, Winnie Copp, Owen Jenkinson and Peter Kedian.

Those who have died: Please remember Father Kevin Gradwell (+), Sister Justine Mulch PBVM (+) and the Reverend Stephen Doona (+), who died recently. Also, Michael Leary (+) and Roger Dygas (+) of Louth, and Irene Bray (+), Joan Gowling (+) and Patrick Geoghegan (+) of Mablethorpe.

### NOTICES

- Are you a parent or carer of a school aged child, wishing to **know more about the Catholic faith?** Starting in the Academic Year 2023-2024, the Diocese offers *Belief in Brief*, a space for parents to meet online for an hour, twice every half-term to explore a different aspect of the Catholic faith. More information and book at [www.bookwen.com/nrcdes](http://www.bookwen.com/nrcdes).
- **Talking Philosophy & Theology: a Carmelite Perspective** Zoom meetings in July will be as below, with a break in August, and then starting again in September: Wednesday the 19th of July (Theology) at 20.00. Contact the presbytery for more information.
- **Join the diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage from home!** The Diocesan Communications Office will share updates from the pilgrimage which began this weekend, and live-stream some of the Masses and services. More info: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/lourdesfromhome](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/lourdesfromhome).
- **Annual visit of Our Lady of Penafrancia:** on Sunday the 23rd of July, at 14.00, we shall once more

honour Our Lady at Louth S. Mary with the Rosary and the novena. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served as on previous occasions. Contact Myra for more information.

- **Healing Service** led by Father Gladson Dabre OSA on Friday the 8th of September at Our Lady of Lincoln Church, Lincoln LN2 2HE, starting at 18.00 with Mass. Experience healing and restoration through the transforming touch of God's healing grace during an evening of prayer, uplifting preaching, adoration, reconciliation and healing prayer ministry by trained teams.
- **The Diocese is recruiting a PA for the Bishop**, to be based at Bishop's House, or the diocesan offices in Nottingham, supporting his work, receiving his guests and helping to keep the Bishop's office running efficiently and smoothly. More here: <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers/bishop-pa>.
- A few days ago, **the Bishop ordained Mr. Keith Hannah to the Order of deacons**, serving at East Leake. Please pray for him and his ministry.
- Please note that there is now **an hour of confessions** and simultaneous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays at Louth, after the 10.00 Mass.

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday the 16th</b> 09.30 at Louth 11.30 at Mablethorpe	<b>Sunday XV of Ordinary time</b>	For the People at Louth; for Mr. J. W. at Mablethorpe
<b>Monday the 17th</b>	Ferial	
<b>Tuesday the 18th</b> 10.00 at Mablethorpe	Ferial	For the intentions of M. N.
<b>Wednesday the 19th</b> 10.00 at Louth	Ferial	For the sick and the dying in both our parishes
<b>Thursday the 20th</b>	S. Apollinaris	
<b>Friday the 21st</b>	S. Lawrence of Brindisi	
<b>Saturday the 22nd</b> 10.00 at Louth	<b>S. Mary of Magdala</b>	For our medical professionals
<b>Sunday the 23rd</b> 09.30 at Louth 11.30 at Mablethorpe	<b>Sunday XVI of Ordinary time</b>	For the People of the parishes at both Louth and M'thorpe

# SUNDAY XV OF ORDINARY TIME

Discipleship is growing more fertile for the sowing | Discipleship is productive and becomes missionary

## Freed by the Church

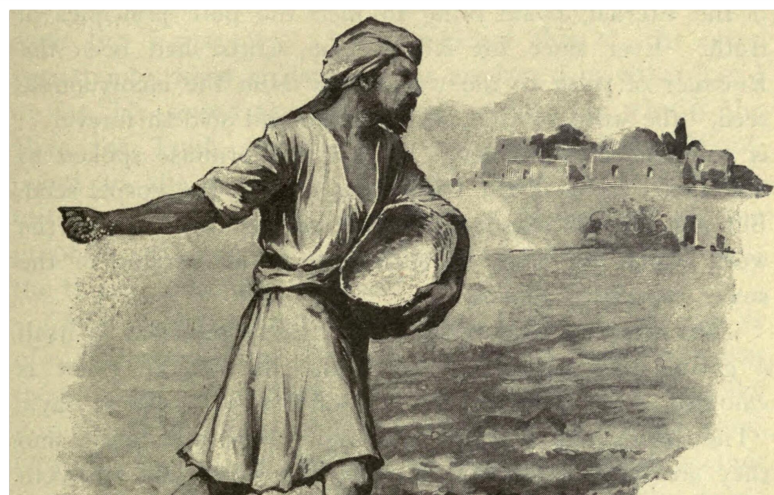
"If creation is full of expectancy, that is because it is waiting for the sons of God to be made known. Created nature has been condemned to frustration; not for some deliberate fault of its own, but for the sake of him who so condemned it, with a hope to look forward to; namely, that nature in its turn will be set free from the tyranny of corruption, to share in the glorious freedom of God's sons." - Romans 8: 19-21

## Freed by the Gospel

"By no human law can the personal dignity and liberty of man be so aptly safeguarded as by the Gospel of Christ which has been entrusted to the Church. For this Gospel announces and proclaims the freedom of the sons of God, and repudiates all the bondage which ultimately results from sin." - *Gaudium et spes*, 41, of the Second Vatican Council

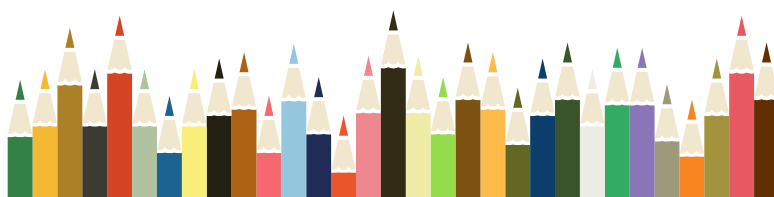
## Charity and peace

"These are 'the peacemakers,' these are thoroughly of one mind, and fully harmonious, and are to be called sons 'of God and joint-heirs with Christ...' - the Holy Father S. Leo the Great, on the blessedness of peace-making



## Sowing seeds

Our rather long Gospel reading this weekend doesn't require much of a homily, because most of the reading is Christ's own explanation of the parable. The various types of soil refer to our own hearts, which are characterised variously in their receptivity to the Gospel of Christ, which is the seed sown first by Him, and then by His Apostles, bishops, priests and other preachers and teachers. The Gospel usually does take root (as per the first reading), but to what extent depends on many elements, and we do know of many people, even our own friends or of our family, who have fallen away from the Church. We are all given an evangelical role, of sowing seed again where we see fit, in all prudence and charity. Our own Christian lives are a matter of constant conversion, after which we must draw others also to repentance and conversion. The second reading speaks of creation having fallen into a 'slavery to decadence,' and too many people are still enslaved to the ways of this passing world. They don't usually know how to escape, even if they wished to. So, we must help.



'Go the Mass is ended, children of the Lord, take His Word to others, as you've heard it spoken to you...'