

**Readings at Mass**

**1st Reading**      **Is 55:10-11**

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**      **Ps64**

*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,**

**2nd Reading**      **ROM 8:18-23**

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!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**      **Mat 13:1-23**

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large 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.’



# ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH



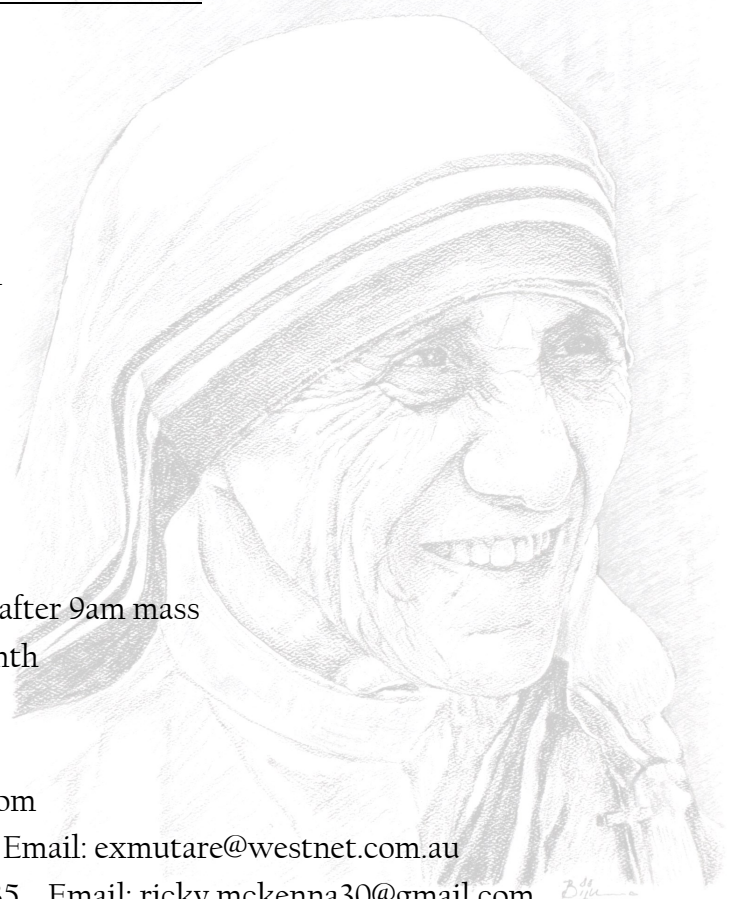
## 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A—16th JULY 2023

### OUR PARISH VISION:

*We are a Parish community embracing our Catholic faith and cherishing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Enriched by our diversity, we reach out to others and welcome all into our Parish. In the spirit of Mother Teresa and through our living and praying together, we want to grow strong in faith, hope and in our love for God and one another.*

### PARISH INFORMATION

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## Parish Calendar—Fifteenth week in Ordinary Time

### Sun, 16th July

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30am Mass

5pm Mass

### Tue, 18th July

9am Mass

### Wed, 19th July

9am Mass

### Thu, 20th July

9am Mass

### Fri, 21st July

9am Mass

### Sat, 22nd July

**St Mary Magdalene**

5:30pm Confessions

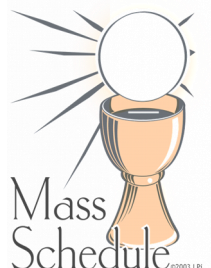
6pm Mass

### Sun, 23rd July

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30am Mass

5pm Mass



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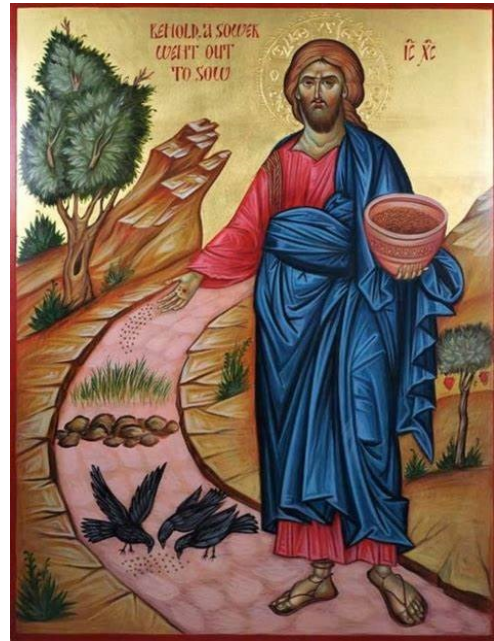
# Understanding the Word of God

## CULTIVATING RECEPTIVE HEARTS FOR GOD'S WORD

The gospel for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A speaks to the different ways people receive and respond to the message of God. It challenges us to reflect on our own openness and receptivity to His Word. Are we like the hardened path, where the Word cannot penetrate our hearts because of indifference or distractions? Are we like the rocky ground, where we may initially embrace the Word with enthusiasm but lack the perseverance to endure challenges and trials? Are we like the thorny soil, where worldly concerns and desires choke the Word and prevent it from bearing fruit? Or are we like the good soil, where the Word takes root, flourishes, and yields a bountiful harvest?

This reflection on the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A invites us to consider the condition of our hearts and the disposition with which we approach God's Word. It challenges us to cultivate a spirit of openness, attentiveness, and receptivity to His teachings. We are called to remove the hardness of

our hearts, deepen our roots in faith, and detach ourselves from the distractions and entanglements of the world. By doing so, we create fertile ground for God's Word to take root, grow, and bear fruit in our lives.



## Feast of the Week—Saint Mary Magdalene—15/7/2023

**Saint Mary Magdalene** was a woman who, according to the four canonical gospels, traveled with Jesus as one of his followers and was a witness to his crucifixion and resurrection. She is mentioned by name twelve times in the canonical gospels, more than most of the apostles and more than any other woman in the gospels, other than Jesus's family. Mary's epithet Magdalene may be a toponymic surname, meaning that she came from the town of Magdala, a fishing town on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee in Roman Judea.

**Mary Magdalene** has been a victim of mistaken identity for almost 20 centuries. Yet she would no doubt insist that it makes no difference. We are all sinners in need of the saving power of God, whether our sins have been lurid or not. More importantly, we are all “unofficial” witnesses of the Resurrection.



## Rosters—Weekend - 22nd & 23rd July 2023

<p><b>READERS</b></p> <p><b>Sat 6pm:</b> Sid James &amp; Fran Rapson</p> <p><b>Sun 9:30am</b> Susan Da Silva &amp; Amanda Wells</p> <p><b>Sun 5pm:</b> Judy Hook</p> <p><b>ACOLYTES:</b></p> <p><b>Sat 6pm:</b> Fabian Henry</p> <p><b>Sun 9 30am:</b> Ricky McKenna</p> <p><b>Sun 5pm:</b> Paul Dwyer</p>	<p><b>JNR SERVERS</b></p> <p><b>Sat 6pm:</b> Layla Thomas, Joel Dueman &amp; Jason Olinda</p> <p><b>Sun 9:30am</b> Alex Hales, and Louise &amp; Emily Murphy</p> <p><b>Sun 5pm:</b> Carlos Autagavaia, Daniel Albert &amp; Abigail Dwyer</p> <p><b>COUNTERS:</b> Helen Tippett &amp; James Wynne</p>
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<p><b>COLLECTIONS</b> 8th * 9th JULY 2023</p> <p><b>1st COLLECTION:</b> \$ 653.40</p> <p><b>2nd COLLECTION:</b> \$ 1,562.85</p>	<p>If you would like to continue with your weekly donation, you can set your account for weekly direct deposits:</p> <p><b>Baldivis Parish</b></p> <p><b>BSB 086 006 Account : 181363512</b></p>
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# Parish News



## YOUTH MASS AT SAINT TERESA, BALDIVIS

### SUNDAY EVENING MASS AT 5.00PM

We will be having a Youth Mass **every 3rd Sunday of the month** at the 5.00pm Mass. We encourage young people to contribute by offering to do the **PowerPoint**, the **Reading of the Word**, and also to **Join the Choir**. It can be a lot of fun, and it is a wonderful way to join in prayer.

## **POWER POINT TRAINING**

**29th \* 30th JULY (after Mass)**

Members from the Music Team will be providing Power Point Training after **all** the Masses on the weekend of 29th & 30th July.

**Anyone** who would like to help with **PowerPoint** at the Masses is welcome to attend. The training is easy and takes less than 15 minutes.

## LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary Seniors meet on **Monday evenings at 7.00pm** in the Legion of Mary room adjacent to the Altar  
**ALL ARE WELCOME.**



For any enquiries please contact:  
**Kevin Autagavaia on 0416 417 487**

## COUNSELLING SERVICES

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish is offering Counselling Services to our parishioners, their families, and friends.

For further details, please contact Dr Simon Karginoff preferably via a text message on 0481 533 689 or by email: [doctork@westnet.com.au](mailto:doctork@westnet.com.au)

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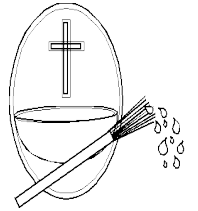
## **Mass Offering**

If you would like to have a Mass offered for your special intention. Please take a **Mass Offering Envelope** from the table in the Narthex, write your intention, give a donation and hand it to Father with the indication of when you would like the Mass to be offered.

Sometimes the greatest gift we can give is Prayer.

## HOUSE BLESSING

Christ wants to come and transform your house and home. If you want to have **your** house blessed please contact **Father Alexis after Mass**, or call Parish House on (08) 9523 6097 to arrange a suitable time.



## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Come and join us and pray with Our Blessed Mother for her Beloved Sons, the priests.

On each 1st Friday of the month following 9.00am Mass

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