



## The Catholic Parish of St. Patrick's

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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### Reflection for 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Today's Gospel picks up the theme of the acceptance of the reality and message of the Kingdom of Heaven. It tries to answer some important questions: why do so many people fail to listen to and comprehend the word of God? Why does Jesus seem to not be successful in conveying to the people the notion of the Kingdom of Heaven? Why does the word of God not produce abundant fruit more readily? We are made aware of the immense power of God's word through Isaiah in our First Reading. It notes that just as the rain renews and refreshes nature, so too the word of God has its place within the story of humankind. We learn that the word of God is as creative and productive as the rain – that it has the power to affirm, to give life and to generate salvation. God however wishes to respect our human freedom. Our human assent to God's word is part of the process of unleashing its potential creativity and power. Without our contribution, there would be no fruitfulness. The Gospel asks us to consider some of the conditions in which we receive God's word. The seed, which is the word of God, falls on four types of soils:

**Firstly**, it can fall on the side of the road where it is eaten by the birds. This describes a situation where one hears but fails to understand the word; **Second** condition is that of the seed falling on rocky soil – a condition where there is no depth of commitment to the word and so its impact withers; **Third** condition – that of the seed falling among thorns – describes a situation where other concerns and situations can distract us from allowing the word to affect our lives; **Finally**, we have the condition where the seed falls on rich soil – a condition where the presence of God's word is understood and where it bears significant fruit. The parable's scenario expresses how the word of God is received: from no fruition to partial acceptance through to full bearing of fruit. The Gospel Parables always invite the listener to place themselves within their context and scenario of the story being told. As we meditate on the significance of today's parable we are challenged to realise that we are not the sower but the various different soils within the story. We are asked to see if we are in a position where we can listen to, receive and comprehend the word of God. We can only do this if we 'unclutter' our lives from all that can distract us and prevent us from listening and responding to God's word. In other words, to live as the 'little ones' (tax collectors & sinners) and not like the 'learned and clever' (the Scribes & Pharisees). May the Lord free us from all that impedes the creative power of his word in our lives and our world.

Please note **Live Stream Sunday Mass** by the Archbishop is at **9am** and there is a Mass from Falkirk at **10am**.

### In your prayers

Please continue to remember all our sick & housebound, not forgetting carers and family members who look after them.

### Saints of the Week

Mon	St. Maria Goretti
Thu	Our Lady of Aberdeen
Sat	Our Lady & St. Benedict

### Welcome Back!

It is great to see people coming out on a daily basis for the time of prayer in our re-opened chapel. One of the very noticeable observations is the silence during the first 40 minutes. It is wonderful to see yourselves, so faithful in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament, praying not only for your needs, but those of others. Well done and keep it up. It would be wonderful to see even more people come out, especially parents; grandparents and our young people, even for just 10/15 minutes. Have a think about it. Please continue to visit (colour coded daily tickets are available from the front door of the chapel house). Just a reminder when entering the chapel – please do so via the large car park door and exit, if able, via chapel house side. Always remember to bring your mask and wear at all times, sanitise your hands at the various points on arrival and follow directions from Welcomers / Pass keepers. Daily Prayer every day 10 to 11am except Wednesday 7 to 8pm. Confessions will be available on Sunday and Saturday 10 to 11am and Wednesday 7 to 8pm in the sacristy. Further updates please visit our website or Facebook page.

### A BIG thank you

To all those who, on a daily basis, are pass keeping & wiping down pews/doors/switches /handrails. You make it possible for us to have the chapel open.

### As we prepare for Holy Mass restarting

We are looking for more people to assist with the welcoming/pass keeping and wiping down of pews at the end of Mass. We especially need more volunteers for the weekend Masses. If you can be of any help, please contact the parish house.

### May the angels lead them into Paradise

Please remember in your prayers **Patrick Campbell & Pat Cox** who both died this week. We also remember their families at this very sad and difficult time.

### A word of thanks

To the all volunteers who during the 'lockdown' have continued to look after the grounds, minibus & our three painters maintain the property. Greatly appreciated.

### Contacting Jamie Hepburn MSP

Last Sunday we made available details about contacting our MSP to encourage him to ask the government to reconsider and bring forward public Mass. If you have not managed to do this, please try to do it ASAP.

### Mary's Meals

A new film featuring Gerard Butler is released this week. Love Reaches Everywhere takes you on a heart-warming journey to Liberia and Haiti with our founder Magnus. You will have the opportunity to witness the life-changing work that is only possible because of your generosity.

### Parish Finances and Coronavirus

Thank you to all those who have very generously given to the parish over the last few months in a time of difficulty for everyone. Please, if you are adversely financially affected at this time, do not feel obliged to give to the parish. Many people are financially suffering at this time and many will be losing their jobs or at least being furloughed. However, if you are able and do wish to give, there are various ways of doing so. By standing Order, offertory box in the chapel, putting your envelope through the door. Can I also thank the many parishioners who have switched to standing order, this is very greatly appreciated. If you prefer, please see link below which will now allow you to make your offertory donation online. Simply click to open the link, which will take you to the donation page for St Patrick's RC Church. Either enter or click on the amount you wish to donate, add your personal details then select the 'Complete my donation' button at the bottom of the page. Can you also please make sure you click gift aid where appropriate, as this provides additional funds for the parish? This site is completely secure, easy to use and fully compliant with data protection regulations (GDPR).  
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