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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we focus on God's constant activity in the world, as through us he sows the seed of his truth in other people's lives.

First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11 When God sends his word into the world, he does so with a purpose that is always achieved.

Second Reading Romans 8:18-23 The whole world is waiting to enjoy the perfect renewal that Jesus Christ came to bring.

Gospel Matthew 13:1-23 One of Jesus' best-known parables gives us a task to share in and a promise of his blessing as we do so.

Sat 11th 5pm	Public Mass	People of the Parish
Sun. 12th 10am	Public Mass	Max Backhouse
Mon. 13th 9:30am		Lytham Crematorium Service for Joyce Brown
12noon	Mass	Julia Rice
Tues. 14th 12 noon	Public Mass	Theresa Carroll
Wed. 15th 9am	Mass	Donor's Intentions
Thurs. 16th 12 noon	Public Mass	Rita and Donald McNamee
Fri. 17th 11am	No Mass Today	Carleton Crematorium Service for Terence Green

Sat 18th 5pm	Public Mass	Karen Gregory
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Sun. 19th 10am	Public Mass	Winifred Littler

Last Weeks's Attendance: 140

We ask your prayers for all those who have died recently especially Joyce Arthur and Terence Green **and all those whose anniversary of death occur about this time especially** Derek Baxter, Leonard Potts, Debbie Hencher, Anne Pigott Stephenson, Patricia Dickinson, Sandra Irene Jasper, John James, Florence Smith, Jan Kassa, Margaret Marsh and Ellen Hilton **and for those in need of our prayers:** those in hospital, the hospice, our priests at St. Winefride's, and Michael Barnes, Meg Brett, Joseph Curran, Maria Curran, George Desborough, Tricia and Les Gibbie, Roland Hamer, Ken Hargreaves, Paul Huson, John Lofthouse, Ethel Marshall, Gloria Morris, James Neary, Brian Payne, , Sheila Stewart, Yvonne Talbot, Bob Taylor, and Alex Walker.

Mass Intentions can still be left at the presbytery and these intentions can continue to be said. Everyone is dispensed from the Obligation of Sunday and Holyday mass for the time being. Please consider praying the mass at home with me at these times.

Food Sunday will continue, and likely to be more necessary than ever. Food can be brought to the Church Porch (which will be checked regularly) or the presbytery at any time, but particularly on the first Sundays of the Month.

Hospital On-Call Chaplains: Although hospital visiting is now severely restricted we are still operating a 24/7 on-call R.C. Chaplain's rota in Victoria Hospital. The active priests (including myself, on Saturday Nights through Sunday Morning) are on the rota. If you need a priest in an emergency please ring the ward and ask them to call the on-call duty R.C. chaplain.

Weekly Offerings. Given the financial ramifications of these times the diocese is asking our parishioners to consider and arrange keeping-up their weekly offertory donation, either by setting up a standing-order, or by putting your weekly donation into a marked envelope and posting it through the presbytery letter box or by bringing the total amount to church after the situation is resolved. You could also alternatively send us what you would normally put in the collection via bank transfer. Email us to take up this option.

Newsletters will continue to be printed every week, and emailed to everyone on the list, and copies left in the Church porch. Please take copies of the newsletter or print them out to give to people you know without email, as well as other prayer sheets and cards etc. that I will leave at the back of Church and send by email. The Church Porch will generally be open from 10am to 4pm. Please take and deliver newsletters to those you know with no email. Please observe social distancing, and only have one person in the porch at each time.

200 Club Draws are still taking place. Winners in May were Barbara Brown, Brian Hargan and Mike Flint. In June they were Veronica Payne, Bowling Club and Karen Bradley. Many thanks to Pam.

Book Exchange available in the Church Porch. Please help your self.

Baptisms have been suspended except in cases of emergency. **Funerals** will still take place, but with fewer people and only at the Crematorium or graveside.

Sick Visits. It will not be possible for me to visit the sick except in cases of grave emergency, when the Anointing will be given using a cotton bud. Please take care of your vulnerable neighbours, and if I can assist, let me know.

Let us serve and support one another in any way possible, especially the vulnerable and those in need.

And I and Tobias, The Presbytery Cat, are here, on the phone, the email, and at the presbytery to do anything for you I possibly can.

This Weekend We will be Celebrating Mass Saturday 5pm Sunday 10am Tuesday & Thursday 12noon

There can be no more than fifty bubbles in Church. Please consider coming during the week if you are able rather than the weekend.

Please note the times of Mass, which allow for cleaning, and please follow all instructions for social distancing. Only sit in marked benches.

Tuesday Noon Mass is specially designated for our more vulnerable and elderly.

More information will be given throughout this week and before each service.

Please bear with us as this is new situation for us all. Please note that everyone is still dispensed from Sunday Obligation.

Let the doors be opened!

This Saturday I will still film this Sunday's Mass which will be available via a link on YouTube. After it has been uploaded, I will let you know the link via email, and hopefully together we can all pray the mass. The video will be up for a week, to be replaced by next Sunday's Mass.

Any contributions of food would be most welcome at this time, and they can be left in the porch, which is checked regularly, or brought to the presbytery at any time. Many thanks for your help and support at this time.

