

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

11th / 12th July 2026



Isaiah 55:10-11

The prophet Isaiah speaks of nature in order to illustrate God's Word. We receive the rain and snow to help us make the soil fertile and land productive. The parallel is drawn to God's Word which goes out into the world, in order to reflect God's Will in the world.

Romans 8:18-23

In this passage we read about Paul's concern for the sufferings of the people of God. In this world there is pain and sorrow, but all of this does not have the final word. Paul tells us of a new creation that will be birthed. The sufferings of the present time will be transformed into a brand new creation, and we will all share in this as children of God.

Matthew 13:1-23

We can view this parable from the view of failure or from the view of success. We may see ourselves as only interested in winning at all costs and ignoring failures, but this would be ignoring reality. All of us fail at times, even with our very best efforts. God is not interested in whether we win or fail. He is interested in our attempts to do our very best, and whether we win or lose, God will do the rest.

Next Week:
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Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Universal Prayers

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1. For those who need to understand that God is love. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. For those who have difficulty in accepting Christ's words. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. For those who cannot accept losing. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. For those whose hearts are hardened by life. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. For those who are indifferent to suffering. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. For those who have closed their ears and eyes to the Words of God. Let us pray to the Lord.

Weekday Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday	Mass	8:00am
Wednesday	Mass	8:00am
Thursday	Mass	8:00am
Friday	Mass	8:00am

Confessions

Tuesday 14th July, 6:00pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday 11 th	Kleironne Genzelle
Sunday 12 th	Maureen Hogarth
	Nancy Karas
Tuesday 14 th	Special Intention
Wednesday 15 th	Richard Newman
Thursday 16 th	Peter Cornwall
Friday 17 th	Special Intention

Diary Dates

Choir Practice	Tuesday 14 th July	7:00pm	STA Church
Woman's Faith Circle	Wednesday 15 th July	9:30am	Parish Hall
MMP Cenacle (Rosary & Reading)	Thursday 16 th July	5:00pm	Chapel
CWL Meeting	Monday 20 th July	10:30am	Parish Hall
Scripture Study	Tuesday 21 st July	6:00pm	Parish Hall
Solemn Vespers & Benedictions	Sunday 26 th July	4:00pm	STA Church
Crafternoon	Friday 31 st July	4:00pm	Parish Hall
Men's Group	Wednesday 12 th August	7:00pm	Parish Hall

Parish Spiritual Formation Reflection

All Welcome to our next Parish Spiritual Formation Reflection ~ Courage in Everyday Life To be held at The Hermitage, Mittagong on the 25 July from 2pm-4pm. Please RSVP at the Parish Office by phone or email. A donation of \$5.00 would be most appreciated to cover costs. Full details are on the Flyer in the foyer.

Extraordinary Ministers/ Readers

Preparations have begun to renew the roster which runs out in October. Present members of the roster are asked to consider any changes (e.g. different Mass time, retiring from roster), and to contact the parish office to communicate the change. Also, this is an opportunity for new ministers to join the roster. So, if you would like to become a reader or an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, please contact the parish office. Both ministries could be boosted in numbers.

23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.



Office Hours

A reminder that the office is closed on Mondays and Fridays. Emails and phone call may not be answered until Tuesday, unless the issue is urgent.

The Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi

Pope Leo XIV proclaimed 2026 as a Jubilee Year to mark the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi and reminds us in the following words that St Francis' message of peace is needed now more than ever. "In this age, marked by so many seemingly interminable wars, by internal and social divisions that create mistrust and fear, St Francis continues to speak...Not because he offers technical solutions, but because his life points to the authentic source of peace." The Pope encourages the faithful to imitate St Francis and his profound love for Christ through a renewed commitment to living out the Gospel with a specific emphasis placed on the saint's humility, simplicity and charity.

Ageing with Confidence

What's age got to do with it?

Join CatholicCare for a free community event with Dr Emily Steel (Australian Human Rights Commission) exploring ageism, dignity and practical ways to age well at home and in community.

For older people, families and carers.

Campbelltown: Friday 22 July | 9am–1pm at Campbelltown Catholic Club, 20/22 Camden Road, Campbelltown NSW 2560

Free event – [registration essential](#)

What's on around the Diocese?

Check out upcoming Diocesan events and courses - too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop dow.sh/stayingconnected about what's happening around our Diocese!

Grandparents Association – Save the Date

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday, 26th July, 9:30am Mass.

Pope Leo says .. "The celebration of this day is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God. May this day be an inspiration for everyone, especially the young, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, and elderly even those who have no one to visit them". More information soon

VOCARIS – Testimony Night:

Young adults (18+) are invited to a profound evening of faith featuring the testimonies of a deacon (soon to be ordained priest), a religious sister and a married couple, each sharing the joy of discovering God's unique call in their lives. Join us on Saturday, 15 August, from 6:00pm–9:30pm at the Wilton Community Centre (25 minutes from Macarthur and Wollongong).

Go to dow.sh/Vocaristestimony or use the QR code for more information or to register.

