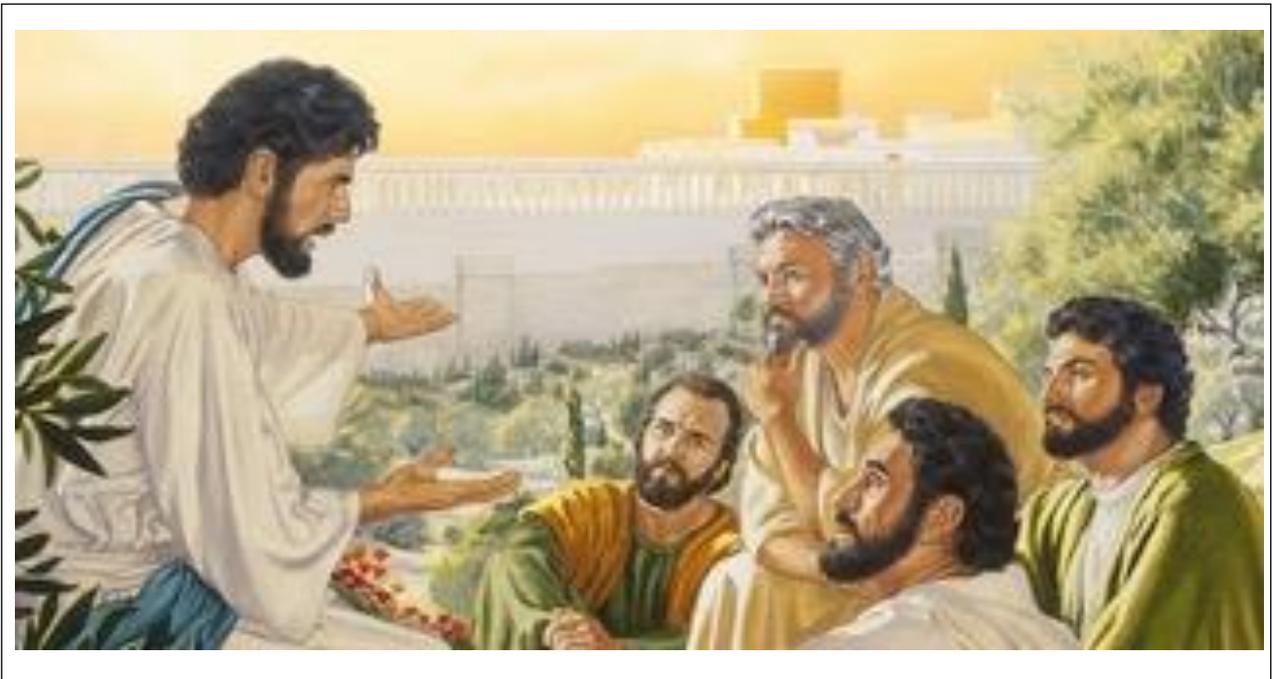


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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 July 2020

“Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message
of eternal life.”

1 Samuel 3, 9; John 6, 68

OPENING FOR SUNDAY MASSES

The first Sunday Masses will be: **Saturday 18th July at 5.30pm**

Sunday 19th July at 10am

- ❖ Due to social distancing, we can only fit 26 people in the church for Mass so for weekend Masses only people will need to book a seat using Eventbrite. The Saturday evening booking can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/our-lady-and-st-annes-rc-church-caversham-30676591436> Follow the same link to reach the Sunday morning booking.
- ❖ Bookings can be made from 9.30am on Monday mornings.
- ❖ If you are not sure about using Eventbrite, please ring the office number between 9 and 4 on Tues or Wed and your booking will be made with you.
- ❖ You need to get a ticket for each member of the family.
- ❖ There is no expectation that you should come to Sunday Mass so please do stay at home until you are comfortable to return to the church building

What to expect when you come to Mass:

- Entry to the church is through the double doors next to the Cenacle.
- Exit is through the doors opposite the main body of the church.
- Sanitise hands on the way in and out.
- adults and children in Y7 or above must wear masks.
- you must stay 2m apart, even when coming forward for communion
- stewards will guide you so please listen to them
- there is a one way system. You may need to walk the long way round to get to communion. Please don't slide along the pews to reach the central aisle.

There will be no:

singing, offertory procession, water in the stoups, physical sign of peace, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist.

At Sunday Mass Holy Communion will be distributed immediately after the end of Mass.

After the dismissal, Father Patrick will have sanitised his hands, put on a mask and will stand on the step on front of the altar. He will have raised the ciborium, proclaimed *Body of Christ* to which all will simultaneously respond *Amen*. Communicants, following the guidance of the stewards, will come up the central aisle one by one, will guard a social distance of 2 metres, will stretch forward their hands into which the host will be placed, will lift their mask and receive, and then with dignity and composure follow the ONE-WAY indicators, make their way out of church. Please do not return to your seat. Thank You.

No booking required for daily Mass on Tuesday and Thursday.

PRIVATE PRAYER OPENING – NEW TIME

Our Lady & St. Anne Church will be open for personal/private prayer each Friday, from **18.00 to 19.00 hrs.**

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to Royal Berkshire Hospital all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to receive Communion or see a Priest.

The diocesan Privacy Policy is available at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy> or by request from the parish office.

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A – Matthew): Pope Francis suggested to the world's bishops that we focus this year on the Word of God. On the third Sunday of the Year we did reflect on the various ways in which God speaks to his people and we presented those from our congregation who proclaim the Good News for us at Sunday and weekday liturgy with a copy of the Gospel of Matthew. The sudden onset of the coronavirus and the closure of our churches for public worship on 20 March threw us off the scent a little. And yet many of you who have been keeping your faith alive on the home front have turned to your missals or the Bible for nourishment. It may well be that you have spent more time reading and reflecting on God's word than in more normal times, despite not coming to church every Sunday. Today's scripture readings invite us to engage again with the word of God and invites us not only to reflect on the various ways that we encounter it but also challenges us to respond to it. At Mass the word is proclaimed, it is read by a member of our congregation in such a way that all of us hear it. When read clearly and distinctly, we often find it easier to understand. We are aware that the same text, the same story or teaching, the same words are being read to everyone in the church. And yet most of us feel the word is being addressed to us personally, to us as individuals who matter to God. Many of us too get the feeling that today the word is deliberately designed to speak to me with the particular worries I have, with the dreams that keep me hopeful, with the unique experience I have. Today's OT reading suggests to us that God's word is never dispensed without in some way returning to him, he speaks and gets a response, however indirect or however far into the future. The parable of the sower, one of Jesus' best-known, is more direct but it focuses on our response to God's word. God speaks to the whole Church – the same readings are read at all Masses across the world on this 15th Sunday of the Year – he speaks to this particular parish family, and lastly he speaks to me! The message of the parable is fairly obvious (even if it is one of few Jesus took the trouble to explain to his disciples) and the question it poses to me is: is the ground of my soul/heart/mind fertile ground for the word, and what do I do once I have heard and understood it?

First Reading (OT): Isaiah 55, 10 – 11: What is emphasised here in this reading is that the word of God has a power and dynamism such as to produce fruit.

Second Reading (NT): Romans 8, 18 – 23: Much discussion in the media is focused on the profile of the new world, the new way of doing things, the new priorities which will emerge from the coronavirus crisis. People say history will be divided between BC (Before Corona) and AC (After C). Paul here describes the dynamic underlying the coming to being of a new dispensation. The Spirit is the power which drives it.

Gospel: Matthew 13, 1 – 23: We are used to being bombarded by media, by gigantic billboards, by tweets that have a million followers. God does not blitz us with his word: it is a tiny seed, it comes to us almost invisibly, yet it can produce great fruit.

[Sunday readings](#)

Masses and Intentions

Week Fifteen of the Year

Fr Patrick will celebrate most of these Masses on his own but the Tuesday and Thursday Masses will be open for up to 26 people to attend.

Saturday 11 th July	10.00	Zygmunt Powiecki
<i>St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe</i> (Exposition)		
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year A
Sunday 12 th July	10.00	James O'Rourke
Monday 13 th July	09.15	Mary Van Den Berghe Intentions
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
Tuesday 14 th July	<u>09.15</u>	Father Giles Goward, Silver Jubilee
<i>St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest</i>	[church open for public Mass]	of Ordination
Wednesday 15 th July	09.15	Richard O'Brien RIP
<i>St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor</i>		
Thursday 16 th July	<u>08.00</u>	Catherine Francis RIP
<i>Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	[church open for public Mass]	
Friday 17 th July	12.30	Mgr. Louis McRea RIP [JF]
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	18.00-19.00	[Open for private prayer]
Saturday 18 th July	10.00	Fr. John Ellis RIP [JF]
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	(Exposition)	
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year A
Sunday 12 th July	10.00	James O'Rourke