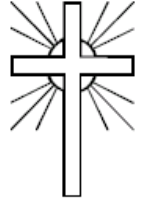
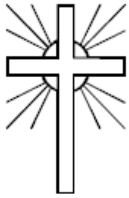


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# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF 2023 – 16<sup>th</sup> JULY ALSO DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR SEAFARERS

### **Today, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July, we celebrate Sea Sunday, a day of special prayer for seafarers**

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health.

Sea Sunday is today, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need.

There is a second collection today, or you can donate at: [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.

This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

**Our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** began this weekend, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

The Diocesan Communications Office will be sharing updates from the pilgrimage, as well as live-streaming a selection of services so that those who cannot join in person can engage virtually. To catch up with the pilgrimage, go to: <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/lourdesfromhome>

### **The WHY? Course Sessions: The third session, WHY the Church? Is today, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July.**

The sessions, held in St Mary's Hall, are open to everyone, 5.30 – 7.00pm, including a light meal. You will find something of interest here!  
Do come along and bring a friend.

### **GLOSSOP ROSARY:**

We will be continuing our Rosary devotion on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July with the Mysteries of Light.

**Cycle of Prayer for Ordinary Time:** We pray for these Intentions: A deeper understanding of Christians and Jews; Those who suffer Persecution, Oppressions, and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life, Seafarers.

### **Thoughts on today's Gospel Reading Mt 13:1-23**

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward, of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables, seeming to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. Those willing to engage in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit. To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples.

The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

Prayer also shows a willingness to listen; it is the suitable time for meeting with God. Today, the Sunday of the 'sower', let us try to open our hearts to understand Jesus using the words of St. John Chrysostom, that we too may become docile and willing listeners of the saving Word: *"Grant, Lord, that I may listen attentively and remember constantly your teaching, that I may put it into practice forcefully and courageously, despising riches and avoiding the worries of a worldly life... Grant me your strength and that I may meditate on your words putting down deep roots and purifying me of all worldly perils."*

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**The Week Ahead** (ASC = All Saints Church, SMH = St Mary's Hall, SMC = St Mary's Church, SMS = St Mary's School)

**Parish Mass Book: This weekend's readings: p.102, Gloria p.9, Creed p.11**

<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b> 6.00pm,	St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor <b>ASC Vigil Mass</b> (The People of the Parishes) <b>Second Collection for Stella Maris, the Church's official maritime welfare agency</b>
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b> 9.15am, 11.15am,  <b>3.30 – 5.00pm,</b> <b>5.30 – 7.00pm,</b>	<b>Fifteenth Sunday of the Year – Day of Special Prayer for Seafarers, Sea Sunday</b> <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (Margaret Burke – 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Blessing (CW)) <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (The Holy Souls) <b>Second Collection for Stella Maris, the Church's official maritime welfare agency</b> <b>ASC Preparing for a Baptism – Part two of the Baptism Course for Parents</b> <b>SMH The WHY? Course – Part 3 – WHY the Church?</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am,	Feria <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Catherine Broadbent – Birthday Blessing (C&VJ))
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9.30am,</b>	Feria <b>SMS Leavers' Mass</b> – Parishioners welcome (The Welfare of Angela Buckley (C&VJ))
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am,	Feria <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (The Welfare of David Want (C&JB))
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am,	St Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (Patrick Shanahan RIP (GS)) <i>Please pray for today's meeting of the High Peak Health and Wellbeing Partnership, and for this evening's meeting of the Joint Parishes' Maintenance Committee</i>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b> 10.00am, 7.00pm,	St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (Fr Jonathan Moore – Birthday Blessing (CH)) SMH Prayer Group
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 10.00 – 10.30am, 6.00pm,	St Mary Magdalene, Feast <b>ASC Confessions</b> <b>ASC Vigil Mass</b> (Family, friends and benefactors (M&A))
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 9.15am, 11.15am, <b>3.00pm,</b>	<b>Sixteenth Sunday of the Year – World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly</b> <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (Margaret Burke – 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Blessing (P&MM)) <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (The People of the Parishes) <b>SMC Baptism of Olivia Walthall</b>

Please join your fellow parishioners in praying our parish prayer daily – *“Heavenly Father, bless and prosper our efforts to renew the life of our parishes. Help me to discover the part you want me to play and give me the courage to trust in the power of the Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.”*

**Joint Summer Garden Party:** Despite the damp weather, the Summer Garden Party (held in All Saints church as well as in the grounds) was well attended and enjoyed by many. A total of over £700 was raised for our parishes' funds. Thanks to all who helped and especially to those who came to support!  
**Dates for your diary:** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at SMC, and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at ASC, Heritage Open Day talks, further details to follow.  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September, Joint Coffee Morning at Bradbury House, 10am-12noon.  
**Volunteer Request from the Events group:** Each Monday a community group uses St Mary's Church to socialise from 12 to 1.30pm. We need someone to open the church about once a month, welcome the group and close the church afterwards. Please speak to Jenny if you can help.  
**St Mary's Welcomers Team:** Please consider if you could offer to be part of the Welcomers Team at St Mary's 9.15am Mass on Sundays. This is an important role, greeting people as they come into church. Please speak to Jenny if this is something you would like to be involved with.  
**Please remember in your prayers this week:** Don and Roseline McLeish who are unwell.  
Philomena Brennan who asks for prayers for healing and relief from a long standing problem.