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**26<sup>th</sup> July 2020 Sunday 17A**

Friends

The Mass Leaflet, for following at home and as will be distributed in Church, is below (pages 2-5). This page and the Noticeboard (page 6) will not be available in Church.

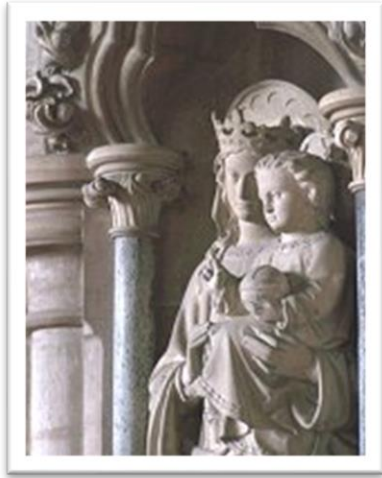
The Daily Bulletin will continue through this week but, from next Sunday, there will be a new weekly format, at least for the month of August. You will be invited to keep and maybe print off material which we have been repeating daily. It will also be easier for those of you who pass on this material to those who cannot access it electronically.

Prayers for you all.



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# East Hendred Catholic Parish



**Sunday 17 (A)**

**26<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**Antiphons,  
Prayers and  
Readings**

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## Reflection

**HAVE** you ever wondered why it is that the Gospel spreads like wildfire in various parts of the world but here, in the UK, and throughout Western Europe and in the States the Church has a bit of a struggle? The African Church, for instance, is huge, and even unpromising terrain like China sees significant growth. You would think that Europe, and America, where Christianity has been so strong would fare better. There are no easy answers and we can't underestimate the impact of two enormous European wars and the advance of a harsh secularism, with little regard for traditional Christian values. But other parts of the world have wars and nowhere is harsh secularism more in evidence than in China. This is the very same issue that St Matthew is wrestling with in chapter 13, the parables we have been hearing this last week or two. The Holy Land, where Jesus lived and worked, where the Christian Church began to take shape, following his death and resurrection, seemed a very obvious place for the Gospel to take root and grow. Instead, we read about the growth of the Church amongst the Gentiles, those who didn't even seem to be part of the original mission. Reflecting on this, the Evangelist tells us the parables of the Kingdom of Heaven. The Sower. The Wheat and Tares. The Mustard Seed. The Hidden Leaven. The Treasure hidden in the Field. The Dragnet. In each case the contrast is between what is very small and unpromising and what is harvested. A lot may be left aside and apparently wasted - seed on paths and amid briars, seafood that doesn't have fins and scales - but it's all part of the plan. Pope Benedict predicted that the Church would be smaller but that holiness would increase.

***Fr Andrew***

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## Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place, God unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

*Deus in loco sancto suo*

*Cf Ps 67:6-7,36*

## Collect

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## First Reading

*1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 (RSV)*

<sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I shall give you.' <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, 'O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to govern this your great people?' <sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> And God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.

**Psalm 119:** 57, 72, 76-77, 127-130 **R/** 97

**R/ O Lord, how I love your law.**

I have said, 'O LORD, my portion is to obey your words.'

The law from your mouth means more to me than large quantities of silver and gold. **R/**

Let your merciful love console me by your promise to your servant. Show me compassion, that I may live, for your law is my delight. **R/**

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold, why I rule my life by your precepts, and hate false ways. **R/**

Your decrees are wonderful indeed; therefore my soul obeys them. The unfolding of your word gives light, and understanding to the simple. **R/**

## **Second Reading**

*Romans 8:28-30(RSV)*

<sup>28</sup> We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth:  
For revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Gospel**

*Matthew 13:44-52 (RSV)*

Jesus said to the crowds: <sup>44</sup> 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup> 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net which was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup> when it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous, <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth. <sup>51</sup> 'Have you understood all this?' They said to him, 'Yes.' <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord.

## **Preface**

*De mysterio paschali et de populo Dei*

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For through his Paschal Mystery, he accomplished the marvellous deed, by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and death, summoning us to the glory of being now called a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for your own possession, to proclaim everywhere your mighty works, for you have called us out of darkness into your own wonderful light. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the

hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim: Holy, holy, holy &c.

### **Communion Antiphon**

*Benedic, anima mea*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits. *Ps 102:2*

### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

*St Alphonsus Liguori (18<sup>th</sup> cent.)*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

### **Prayer after Communion**

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

### **Salve Regina**

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy! Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

## **Scripture Reading (Week 17[II] of Ordinary Time)**

Monday	Jeremiah 13:1-11	Matthew 13:31-35
Tuesday	Jeremiah 14:17-22	Matthew 13:36-43
Wednesday	Jeremiah 15:10,16-21	Matthew 13:44-46
Thursday	Jeremiah 18: 1-6	Matthew 13:47-53
Friday	Jeremiah 26:1-9	Matthew 13:54-58
Saturday	Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24	Matthew 14:1-12

**SUNDAY 18 A Isaiah 55:1-3**

**Romans 8:35, 37-39**

**Matthew 14:13-21**

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We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect, and guidance.

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John Castle, Daniel Cuevas, Louise Woodhouse, Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Angus Clark, Karen Greig, Kitty Teasdale, Mary Mc Nichol, Andrew Gunn, Elizabeth Gunn, Des McNichol, Anne North

## THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Susan Little, Hilda Rita Hyde, George Basil Eyston, James Matthew Lineham, Edith Mary Fielding, Patrick Bell, Fr Anthony ffrench Mullen

## CHILDREN CELEBRATE

(**'Children's Liturgy' for the Holidays**)

NEW RESOURCE

[Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

A children's liturgy resource for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July. Download accompanying [illustration](#).

## HELPING THOSE IN NEED

[Jackymattam@btinternet.com](mailto:Jackymattam@btinternet.com) is looking for a double buggy for a needy family. Please contact her if you can help.

We have also been supporting the Ray Collins Trust which has done invaluable work locally, not least collecting prescriptions for those shielding.

## MEDAILLE TRUST

One of our charities is the Medaille Trust and the Parish Pastoral Council decided to give this Trust the same amount of money as a year ago, when it benefited from a generous second collection.

## THIS WEEK

Mass will be said, Monday to Friday, 9am on Facebook, East Hendred Catholic Parish, reachable through [www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk](http://www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk)

St Mary's will be open for private prayer on Thursday, 2pm-4pm

Masses next Sunday are at 11.15am and 6pm. Please e-mail or phone Fr Andrew: [aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or 01235 835038 to book a place.