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Year A

Psalter Week 3

Matthew 13 - The Sermon of Parables

In the Gospel of St. Matthew there are several long discourses given by Jesus; invaluable moments where we are able to sit at the feet of the Master and listen to Him. One of these long discourses is the great ‘Sermon on the Mount’, which, over the centuries has proven to be a rich well of inspiration and grace for countless people. Today, we turn to another of these long discourses given by Jesus, what the CTS Bible calls ‘The Sermon of Parables’. Throughout this section of Matthew (Chapter 13), Jesus will offer us several parables to illustrate for us, privileged listeners, what the Kingdom of heaven is all about. We hear the first of these parables - that of the sower - in today’s Gospel.

One commentator, reflecting upon this weekend’s Gospel reading, notes how Jesus had to stop during the parable in order to explain its meaning to His disciples, as its meaning is not self evident. The commentator draws our attention to something significant. As hearers of the Good News, we have to engage in some kind of degree to comprehend the depths of Jesus’ message to us. The commentator reflects that: *“those willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit”*.

One of the fruits of the *Year of the Word* has been a rediscovery of the ancient practice of *Lectio Divina* as part of our spiritual life. I know that for the small group who meet together via Zoom, this sacred time has been a time of great grace. It enables us to be confronted and challenged with the Gospel so as to ‘engage with it’, as the commentator notes. This is what it means to have the seed of faith planted in rich soil; and it will bear fruit in our life.



e-Newsletter Signup

You can signup to receive the Cathedral’s *e-Newsletter*. Either scan the QR code adjacent, or visit the Cathedral website for the link.

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

The Masses and other liturgies are now broadcast through the Cathedral website. The Cathedral Camera can be viewed via the website's main page.

Zoom Login Details - Meeting ID: 868 571 1627 Password: cathedral

Sunday	11:00am	Sung Mass: the Cathedral Community
<i>Fifteenth</i>	12:00pm	<i>Zoom Coffee Break (login details above)</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	4:30pm	Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction
Monday	09:30am	Mass: Colin Thomas, <i>RIP</i>
	5:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday	09:30am	Mass: Kazimiera & Tadeusz Sokulsk, <i>RIP</i>
<i>St. Camillus</i>	11:00am	Open for Private Prayer <i>until 3:00pm</i>
<i>of Lellis</i>	12:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:30pm</i>
	5:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	11:00am	Open for Private Prayer <i>until 3:00pm</i>
Thursday	11:00am	Open for Private Prayer <i>until 3:00pm</i>
<i>Our Lady of</i>	12:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:30pm</i>
<i>Mount</i>	12:45pm	<i>Lectio Divina</i> via Zoom (<i>login details above</i>)
<i>Carmel</i>	5:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	6:00pm	Sung Mass: Members of the Carmelite Third Order Prayer Group
Friday	09:30am	Mass: Intention of the Donor
	5:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday	09:30am	Mass: Intention of the Donor
	11:00am	Open for Private Prayer <i>until 3:00pm</i>
	11:00am	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:00pm</i>
	5:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday	11:00am	Sung Mass: the Cathedral Community
<i>Sixteenth</i>	12:00pm	<i>Zoom Coffee Break (login details above)</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	1:00pm	Open for Private Prayer <i>until 3:00pm</i>
	4:30pm	Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

Sacrament of Reconciliation - The Sacrament of Reconciliation is now available to be celebrated beginning Tuesday. All confessions will take place in the **baptistry** at the back of the Cathedral. Times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesdays & Thursdays 12:00pm - 12:30pm
 Saturdays 11:00am - 12:00pm

INFORMATION

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Most Rev. George
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July ~ Month Dedicated to the Precious Blood of Christ

July is traditionally dedicated to the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a recognition of Jesus' sacrifice and how he spilled his blood for the salvation of humanity. Devotion to the Precious Blood is one of the most ancient of pious Church practices.

I have included the *Litany of the Precious Blood* on the Cathedral website, which is encouraged to be prayed throughout the month of July. The page also contains a video presentation of the Litany, recorded for EWTN.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

If you require the assistance of the Cathedral's SVP group, please contact Kevin directly on this designated phone number - **07933 720 845**.

Reopening Our Cathedral

It has been very moving to see the Cathedral open for private prayer, and to be able to welcome back parishioners and visitors who have come to spend time with the Lord. I have enjoyed catching up with you, and hearing of your experiences of the lockdown. Since Archbishop George re-opened the Cathedral the last week, around eighty visitors have come through the doors.

Last Friday it was announced by the First Minister that:

"From Monday, 13th July 2020, places of worship will be able to open subject to the following guidance about coronavirus-safe ways to operate... Faith leaders can gradually begin to resume services when they are ready to do so safely".

This is such good news!

There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes to make it possible for the celebration of Masses to resume in the Cathedral. Most notably, the Risk Assessment will be updated this week to allow for services to be celebrated in the Cathedral again in a safe manner. On Monday, Archbishop George will

issue guidelines to priests on the opening of our churches for worship. These will follow the guidelines issued by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Particularly, the guidelines note:

- only those necessary should be in the sacristy before Mass
- no congregational singing in the Liturgy
- a physical barrier to be placed between the priest and the recipient of Holy Communion
- short homily, and no Prayer of the Faithful
- no offertory procession
- no sign of peace

I will make these guidelines available on the 'Reopening Our Cathedral' page of the Cathedral website.

Once the doors reopen for the celebration of Mass we, as a Catholic community, will have to accept that things will be different for a time. Things will not be the same as before the lockdown began. In the statement written by the English Archbishops a few weeks ago, we read:

“With the easing of restrictions on worship with congregations, we tread carefully along the path that lies ahead. Our lives have been changed by the experience of the pandemic and it is clear that we cannot simply return to how things were before lockdown”

The Cathedral will maintain the same framework as now: restricted numbers of people allowed in the Cathedral at

one time (34 individual places here at the Cathedral); maintaining the two-metre social distancing rules; the one-way system; stewards to continue to assist.

Extra provision for Sunday Masses will be made available at the Cathedral, and details on how Mass attendance will be made possible on restricted numbers will be made available in due course.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

One of the greatest challenges of the lockdown period has been living our Faith without the Sacraments. While the live-streaming of Masses and other devotional activities have enabled moments of grace for us and for our families, the Sacraments of Healing is something different, something particularly intimate with the Lord. With the news of the First Minister to begin services when it is safe to do so, I am very keen to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation available as soon as possible and as safe as possible. There will be no Confessions heard in the confessional for the time being.

Confessions will be available from this week, as per the schedule inside the newsletter. All confessions will take place in **the baptistry** at the back of the Cathedral. To minimise the touching of surfaces, I would be grateful if you could **stand** for the confession. There will be a chair available for those who cannot stand. This will need to be cleaned after being used by the penitent. Thank you for your cooperation during this time.