

Gospel Reflection

Good Ground (by Malcolm Guite)

I love your simple story of the sower,
With all its close attention to the soil,
Its movement from the knowledge to the knower,
Its take on the tenacity of toil.

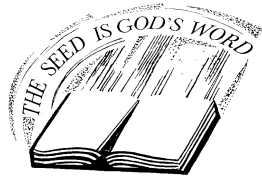
I feel the fall of seed a sower scatters,
So equally available to all,
Your story takes me straight to all that matters,
Yet understands the reasons why I fall.

Oh deepen me where I am thin and shallow,
Uproot in me the thistle and the thorn,
Keep far from me that swiftly snatching shadow,
That seizes on your seed to mock and scorn.

O break me open, Jesus, set me free,
Then find and keep your own good ground in me.

Poem taken from Parable and Paradox (Canterbury Press) and is printed with the poet's permission

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NEWSLETTER

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General Queries – ring the Parish Number and/or send an email to the Parish

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“United in conviction and united in love, with a common purpose and a common mind”
Philippians 2:2

12th JULY 2026 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 11th July	5:15pm	Mass – Parishioners
Sunday 12th July	10:00am	Mass – Gordon Noad
Monday 13th July		No Mass
Tuesday 14th July	10:00am	Mass – Private Intention
Wednesday 15th July	10:00am	Mass – Private Intention
Thursday 16th July	11:00am	Mass – Year 6 leaving Mass
Friday 17th July		No Mass
Saturday 18th July	5:15pm	Mass – Parishioners
Sunday 19th July	10:00am	Mass – Hall family

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon or see him at Mass at 10am on Sunday.

Following this there are Meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm that you will need to attend, where you will meet Mrs Gerri Doherty and Deacon Chris Wells.

If Fr Simon is unobtainable please leave a message and send an email to stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk

200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize
This week – Mrs Geraldine Doherty

**WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB
AND HELP THE PARISH?**

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

We Believe Festival

We are writing to make you aware of the We Believe Festival of Catholic Life which is happening at St Mary's College, Oscott, 24-27 July 2026. There is content for people of every age. Book a place here <https://www.webeliefestival.com/>.

Cake Sale

Maureen will be selling cakes again on Sunday 19 July after Mass – don't forget to bring in some money if you want to buy some cakes.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function, please contact Phil Martin on 07720 807162

Prayer for our Parish:

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish
and grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,
through Christ our Lord.

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St Joseph pray for us

Gospel Matthew 13 1 – 23

Jesus addressed his congregation, telling stories.



“What do you make of this? A farmer planted seed. As he scattered the seed, some of it fell on the road, and birds ate it. Some fell in the gravel; it sprouted quickly but didn't put down roots, so when the sun came up it withered just as quickly. Some fell in the weeds; as it came up, it was strangled by the weeds. Some fell on good earth, and produced a harvest beyond his wildest dreams.

“Are you listening to this? Really listening?” “Study this story of the farmer planting seed. When anyone hears news of the kingdom and doesn't take it in, it just remains on the surface, and so the Evil One comes along and plucks it right out of that person's heart. This is the seed the farmer scatters on the road.

“The seed cast in the gravel—this is the person who hears and instantly responds with enthusiasm. But there is no soil of character, and so when the emotions wear off and some difficulty arrives, there is nothing to show for it.

“The seed cast in the weeds is the person who hears the kingdom news. But weeds of worry and illusions about getting more and wanting everything under the sun strangle what was heard, and nothing comes of it.

“The seed cast on good earth is the person who hears and takes in the News, and then produces a harvest beyond his wildest dreams.”



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi