

Your *Word*
is a lamp to
guide my feet
and a light for
my path.
Psalm 119:105



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15th SUNDAY OF YEAR A
15th-16th July 2017

ENTRANCE

ANTIPHON

As for me, in
justice I shall
behold your face;
I shall be filled
with the vision of
your glory. *Psalm*
16.15

1st Reading: **Isaiah 55.10-11**: Isaiah compares God's Word to the snow and the rain which water the earth and make it fruitful. So God's word bears fruit in those who receive it.

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

COMMUNION

ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds
a home, and the
swallow a nest for
her young: by
your altars, O
Lord of Hosts, my
King and my
God. Blessed are
they who dwell in
your house, for
ever **singing** your
praise.
Psalm 33.9

Response to the Psalm:
Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

2nd Reading: **Romans 8.18-23**:

Saint Paul compares the sufferings of the present with the glory which awaits us. We already possess the first-fruits of the Spirit which are a foretaste of the fulfilment to come.

Matthew 13.1-23: Jesus' parable of the sower describes how lavishly the seed of God's Word is spread among human-ty. It also describes how differently that Word is received depending on the onditions of where it was sown. God desires his Word to take root in all of us so that we might flourish and bear fruit in this



present life and receive a taste of the great harvest he has prepared.

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This weekend there will be a 2nd collection for the Apostleship of the Sea. (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. 95% of all goods in UK are now imported by sea. It is estimated that a total sea blockade of Britain would bring the UK to its knees in 2-3 weeks. This is because virtually everything, either in finished form or raw materials, comes here by sea. The reason for this is that shipping is cheap. So cheap that, rather than fillet its own fish, it is cheaper for Scotland to send its cod 10,000 miles over to China to be filleted and returned to Scotland. A sweater, for example, can now travel 3,000 miles for 1 and 1/2 pence. For more information, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

SPEAK, LORD YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING.
YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE

REBOOT LIVE! Organised by the Archdiocese of Glasgow, this event is presented by the acclaimed American Catholic author and speaker Chris Stefanick. In the beautiful surroundings of Bute Hall, University of Glasgow, Chris will present the beauty, power and truth of the Gospel in a refreshing and engaging way. Why not bring a friend or family member who has fallen away from the Faith? For more information see the poster in the porch or visit <http://www.rercglasgow.org/Tickets> (£10/£8 concession) available from the Archdiocesan RE Department on 0141 226 5898 or through Eventbrite at <http://www.rebootlivescotland.eventbrite.co.uk/>



We thank God for the Ordination to the Priesthood for our diocese of Bernard Mournian and John Paul McShane. May the Lord

pour out his grace and blessings upon them. We also pray for Bruce McPhail, Sean Wylie and Paul Denny who will be ordained for the diocese later this year. May this great blessing from God of five new priests fill our hearts with gratitude and confidence for the future. Fr McShane has been appointed to St Joseph's Blantyre and Fr Mournian to St Columbkille's Rutherglen.

The National Dance Company of Ireland present a production of *The Rhythm of the Dance* in Lanark Memorial Hall on Sunday 5th August. More details on the poster in the porch.

ACROSS TO LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE APRIL 2018

The pilgrimage will take place from 12th – 21st April 2018 and is for those needing special care. For more information, please contact Frankie McAllister on 01555 752084

Thank you for last week's collection which came to £630 in the plate and £580 in Standing Orders

June Lucky Numbers Draw:
1st No 65 £125 Ian Kelly; 2nd No 53 John Douglas £75; 3rd No 58 £50 Eddie Kelly.

Please remember in your prayers our sick and housebound: Helen Kelly, Chrissie Kelly, Mary Canning, Roisin Daly, James Sloan, Karen Forbes, Mary Kelly, Ann Martin, Walter Britton, Raymond Gallagher, Maureen Campbell, John Wilson, Patricia Clisby, Una Delaney, Isobel Gardner, Lynett Moses, Mary Whitcombe, John McKernan, George Wisdom, Joan McKay, Michael McKay, Anne Marie Reilly, Aaron Joseph Higgins, Karen Derbyshire, Betty Flynn, Daniel Ried, Alice Cassidy, Eddie Lebida and Patricia Mullen

May God grant eternal rest to those who have recently died including **Michael Conroy, Angela Bordon, Maurizio Puricelli and Phil Haverstock** and whose month's mind and anniversaries occur at this time: **Joe McAuley, Gerard McCall, Maria Palazzo, Peter Ewen, Daniel McElhinney and Jum Binnie**



HOLY MASS: Vigil of Sunday: Saturday, 6pm; Sunday: 10am. Monday-Friday: 10am.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30–5.55pm and on request.

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