

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity 28th September 2025

Collect Prayer

God, who in generous mercy
sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church
in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith
and active in service;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading

(Amos 6.1a, 4-7)

A reading from the Prophecy of Amos.
Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Psalms (Psalm 113)

Response: My soul give praise to the Lord.



It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
Who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is God who gives bread to the hungry,
The Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who give sight to the blind,
Who raises up those who are bowed down,
The Lord, who loves the just,
The Lord, who protects the stranger. **R**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
But thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R**

Second Reading

(1 Timothy 6.6-19)

A reading from Paul's First Letter to Timothy.
Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined
with contentment; for we brought nothing into the
world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if
we have food and clothing, we will be content with
these. But those who want to be rich fall into
temptation and are trapped by many senseless and
harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and
destruction. For the love of money is a root of all
kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some
have wandered away from the faith and pierced
themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue
righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance,
gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take
hold of the eternal life, to which you were called
and for which you made the good confession in the
presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God,
who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who
in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the
good confession, I charge you to keep the
commandment without spot or blame until the
manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will
bring about at the right time--he who is the blessed
and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of
lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells
in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever
seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal
dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich,
command them not to be haughty, or to set their
hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on
God who richly provides us with everything for our
enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good
works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up
for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for
the future, so that they may take hold of the life
that really is life.

Gospel Reading

(Luke 16:19-31)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. Jesus said "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church,
with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you
our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help
from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things
profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For your prayers

In our Prayers:

Tommy Lacken, Martin Fletcher, Terry Folan, Sheila Hoppenbrouwers, Eamon Irvine, Fr Michael Shier, Carol Martin, Philomena Sorrenti, Maggie Stevenson, Hope Oram, Sherry Lacken, Doug

Williams, Neville Thomas, Lynn Williamson, Juan Carlos Mandich, Nancy Mandich, Eliane Ferreira Batista, Joanne Dack, Jaqueline Ives, Joan Rivellini, Tommy Naylor, Shirley, Stephen Winfield, Paul Johnson

Among the departed:

Ellen Palmer

Anniversaries of Death:

Henry Bawtree, Robert Putman, Robert William Nicolls, Margaret Epps, Nelly Ives Ada Ellen Seager (Ben) John Porterhouse, Muriel Kempson Frederick Joseph Hyams

In our parish:

We pray for The Bower and Old Street Station

In the wider world:

We pray for the Middle East and a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Gaza and between Israel and Iran. We pray for all those suffering in those conflicts.

Notices

This week in church...

Wednesday Open Church: 10am-1pm

11-12am Study Group

12.30pm Mass

Table Top Sale Saturday 4th October 12pm

with Tombola and refreshments

Table top sales for minimum £10 per table donation.

To book a table contact Fr David on 07790 341794

Come and help us raise funds

for the Heating Project.

Next Sunday Harvest Thanksgiving

Family Mass @ 10.30am

A celebration of Creation, and all God's gifts to us.

Co-led by our younger members. Harvest Offerings

in kind to the Dunloe Centre at St Saviour's Priory.

The cash collection will be donated to Oxfam and St Mungo's.

Pet Blessing Service Wednesday,

8th October @ 5pm

A service to celebrate the animals who we love and who love us, and to give thanks to God for the wonder of the created world and everything in it.

All pets welcome as long as they bring a well behaved human!