

Daily Bread

Feria of 14th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, 6th July

Hosea 2: 16-23;
Matthew 9: 18-26

Tuesday, 7th July

Hosea 8: 4-7; 11-13;
Matthew 9: 32-38

Wednesday, 8th July

Hosea 10: 1-3, 7-8, 12;
Matthew 10: 1-7

Thursday, 9th July

Hosea 11: 1-9;
Matthew 10: 7-15

Friday, 10th July

Hosea 14: 1-9;
Matthew 10: 16-23

Saturday, 11th July

Isaiah 6: 1-8;
Matthew 10: 24-33

Sunday, 12th July

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Isiah 55: 10-13;
Psalm 65: 9-13;
Romans 8: 1-11;
Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23
Eucharist (St Serf's Church), 9am
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10.30am.



Announcements

Next Sunday, 12 July: There will be a 1970 Eucharist at St Serf's Church at 9am and a 1982 Eucharist at St Serf's Church at 10.30am (no service at St John's). All are welcome.

Morning Prayer will be livestreamed at 9am on Facebook on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Days off: Revd Tess takes **Thursday** and **Friday** as days off.

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(Incorporating St John's,
Baillieston; St Kentigern's,
Dennistoun and St Serf's,
Shettleston)

6th Sunday after Pentecost

5th July 2026

Welcome to our church for this Sunday's service; do stay for tea or coffee afterwards, we look forward to meeting you. If the morning service is the celebration of the Eucharist, all are welcome to make their communion here. Or if you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward to the rail with arms by your sides.

Collect

O Lord, let the world be ordered in peace, according to your will that your people may be free to worship you with joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.



Lectionary

Zechariah 9: 9-12

A reading from the book of the prophet Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm 145: 8-15

R I will exalt you, O God my king.

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.

R

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

R

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; he lifts up those who are bowed down.

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Romans 7: 15-25a

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Matthew 11: 16-19 + 25-30

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

At that time Jesus said, 'To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Post Communion

O God, may we who have shared in holy things never fail to serve you in your world, and so come to the fullness of joy, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

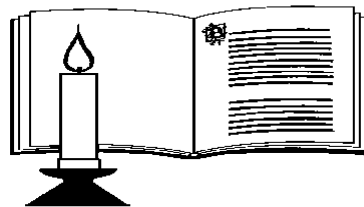
Intercessions

Please pray for healing and comfort for:

Dorothea, Elizabeth, Valerie, Arthur, Kathryn, George, Ina, Liz, Phil, Harry John, Danut, Mihaela, Janet, John, Christine, Jeremy, Annie, Deirdre, Sheila, Margaret, Ronnie, Donna, Janet, Nicholas and Evelyn.

Faithful departed anniversaries:

Peter Fairweather, Sarah Lawie, James Johnston and Molly Leebody.



Reflection

Only as we turn to God and are open to his liberating power can we find true freedom. Constraints that come from outside may be overcome, but the inner conflicts can be resolved only by grace.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest'.

A vision of humanity over the centuries rises in the imagination. Wanderers in the wilderness carrying all their possessions with them, slaves working to build the monuments of kings, women with their children fleeing from danger, labourers in the fields, the daily trek to fetch water. God sees them with the eyes of his compassion and brings them at last to the peace of his heavenly Kingdom. Human eyes are often indifferent but sometimes compassion is aroused by his Spirit and we try to relieve the burdens of others. Then there is another vision: the rich, the successful, the powerful in the ranks of this world. They have their burdens of stress and anxiety, the fragility of status, the inward emptiness of solitude. The invisible burdens lie heavy on the shoulders of all who pass through this human journey. Whether known and repented, unrealised or arrogantly ignored, the burden of sin lies heaviest of all. The love of Christ takes the load, soothes the aching shoulders and brings blessed rest to give strength for the next stage of the journey.

(Taken from 'Following the Gospel Through the Year' by Raymond Chapman.)