

Fifteenth SUNDAY of OT
Exploring our Faith with Children
Celebrating our July Saints

Jesus told the crowds this parable:

One day a farmer went out to sow some seeds in his field. As he scattered the seeds, some fell on the stony path at the edge of the field, where flocks of hungry birds flew down and gobbled them up.

Some seeds fell on rocky ground, where although they sprouted, the soil was too shallow for their roots and the baking hot sun shrivelled them up.

Other seeds fell where weeds were growing, and the weeds choked them until they died.

Some of the seeds landed on the farmers richest soil and grew into strong, healthy plants.

Jesus explained the meaning of this story to the people:

The seeds are the things which I teach you, the good news about God. Some people hear God's word, but they do not understand; this is the seed which falls on the stony path.

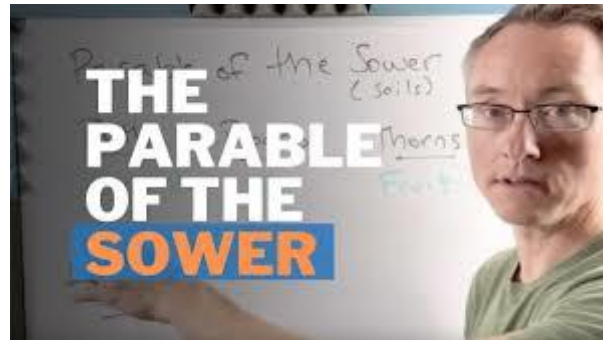
Some people welcome my words and try hard to follow my ways at first, but then they give up. They are like the seeds which fall on rocky ground; they sprout but then shrivel and die.

Some people hear my message, but their hearts are filled with other thoughts; the message becomes choked like the seeds choked with weeds, and they cannot produce fruit.

The seed that falls on rich soil is like those who hear my message and understand it; they grow strong, and the harvest is great.



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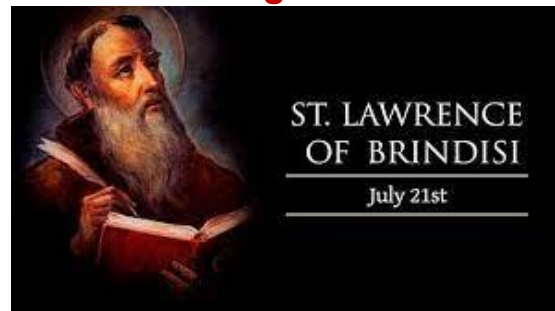
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Slow cooker chicken risotto

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 25g butter
- 1 brown onion, finely diced
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 1/2 cups arborio rice
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 2 chicken breasts, diced
- 3 cups Chicken Style Liquid Stock
- 2 sprigs rosemary
- 1/2 cup parmesan, grated



Method

- In a large frypan, heat oil and butter. Add onion and garlic and cook for 3 minutes until translucent. Add rice and stir to combine. Pour in wine and allow it to bubble up and reduce. Decant contents of frypan into slow cooker. Top with chicken.
- Pour chicken stock into frypan and bring to the boil. Pour over ingredients in slow cooker. Season well with salt and pepper. Pop in the rosemary. Cover with lid and cook on low for 1-2 hours until liquid has been absorbed and rice is tender. Stir through parmesan and serve.

Sticky date pudding

Ingredients

60g butter, softened
3/4 cup caster sugar
2 eggs
1 1/4 cups dates chopped
1 cup boiling water
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
1 1/2 cups self-raising flour
1/8 tsp vanilla essence

SAUCE

1/4 cup golden syrup
125g Butter
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup thick cream

Method

- Mix the dates and bicarbonate soda in a bowl. Pour over the boiling water and leave to stand for 30 minutes.
- Cream the butter and the sugar.
- Add the eggs one at a time and beat well.
- Fold in sifted flour and stir in date mixture and vanilla.
- Pour into a greased, rectangular, ovenproof dish.
- Cook for 30-40 minutes at 170C or until firm when touched in the centre.

Sauce:

Melt the butter, sugar and golden syrup. Stir until dissolved. Remove from the heat and stir in the cream. Cut the pudding into squares and serve with the sauce, cream and/or ice cream.



The Parable of the Sower

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a

Based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NIV)



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PLANTS	SCORCH	FARMER	THORNS	CROP
WITHER	BIRDS	ROOT	CHOKE	SOIL
FELL	PARABLE	SCATTER	SEED	GREW
ROCKY	SHALLOW	GOOD	SOW	PATH

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Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- ___ 1. A person who owns or takes care of a farm
A. baker B. farmer C. butcher D. teacher
- ___ 2. To put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow
A. rocky B. farmer C. path D. sow
- ___ 3. A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow
A. thorn B. seed C. soil D. root
- ___ 4. A way made by or for people walking on the ground
A. path B. sow C. rocky D. soil
- ___ 5. Covered with stones
A. seed B. rocky C. path D. thorns
- ___ 6. Small, sharp, pointed growths on the stem of a plant
A. soil B. shallow C. thorns D. sow
- ___ 7. Not deep
A. rocky B. shallow C. sow D. soil
- ___ 8. The part of a plant which grows down into the earth
A. thorn B. rocky C. root D. leaf
- ___ 9. The upper layer of earth that may be dug or plowed and in which plants grow
A. rocky B. soil C. farmer D. path
- ___ 10. Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers
A. crop B. shallow C. sow D. soil

