

"Every day, as long as this 'today' lasts,
keep encouraging one another" (Heb 3:13))

July 10th 2022

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings & Prayers p. 108**

1st Deuteronomy 30:10 - 14

God's laws and commandments are to be observed. Knowledge of them is not beyond our reach.

2nd Colossians

Paul presents a hymn in praise of Christ Jesus.

St. Luke 10:25 - 37

The true neighbour is the one who acts with kindness.

"The Samaritan then lifted him on to his mount, carried him to an inn and looked after him."



Parables are never what they seem. They have a clever way of enticing us to figure out what is really going on beneath the surface. One of the real questions in this parable is: Who offers correct worship to God? Jesus spoke about a God who was not concerned with the constraints of the Temple, but who was on the streets. Look at what the Samaritan did for the man on the road: he bound his wounds, he poured oil on them, he took him to an inn. These are all action words. The emphasis in this parable is on action and compassion. The Samaritan is considered to be an outcast, yet Jesus makes him the hero of this story, no doubt causing outrage to those who were listening to Him. The priest and Levite were most likely carrying oil and wine on their person; in the case of the priest, these items were needed for making sacrifices in the Temple. Coincidentally these items were also a vital part of a first century first aid kit, needed for cleaning the wounds of the injured man.

The lawyer is concerned with the limits to 'love of neighbour.' But there are no limits, no boundaries, no outsiders in God's Kingdom. Holiness is not separation from the marginalised, but proximity to them.

"Since once again Lord, I have neither bread, nor wine, nor altar, I will raise myself beyond these symbols, up to the pure majesty of the real itself; I will make the whole Earth my altar and on it will offer you all the labours and sufferings of the world." (Teilhard de Chardin) Triona Doherty

**Today's Psalm
Psalm 68**

Seek the Lord, you who are poor and your hearts will revive. The lamentation psalms have been the source of confidence to troubled souls down the ages. The ability to pray out of darkness is sheer faith. Brian Keenan wrote of the support which the psalms gave him during his captivity in Beirut. In his dark dungeon Keenan developed a fascination with the blind harpist, Turlogh O'Carolan. In his novel called 'Turlogh', he portrays the tortured soul of the musician finding affinity with the psalmist's pleas for redemption and liberation from suffering.

The mugged traveller in Jesus' parable thrown into the ditch might well have prayed:
As for me in my poverty and pain,
let your help,
O God, lift me up.

Priest and Levite passed him by, but help came from an unexpected source, a detested Samaritan. The Lord hears the cry of the poor and his answer may come in a way not expected. As the proverb says, God's help is closer than the door.

I will praise God's name with a song,
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.
Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap.

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Mass Intentions for w/c Sunday, July 10 2022

Sun: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30.am: Jack Gerrard

10.30.am: Fr. Chris Crowley

Mon: St Benedict, Abbot

9.30.am: John Bracken;

Tues: Requiem

120.00: Rosemary Russell

Weds.: Weekday

9.30.am: Thanksgiving (P)

Thurs: Weekday

9.30..am: Agnes & Stan Skyner

Fri: St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor

7.00.pm: Private Intention

Sun: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30.am: Ray Miller

10.30.am: Rosemary Russell

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On Admittance to Hospital or Nursing Home
Staff need to be made aware by you: that you, or the member of your family, or the person you accompany, are Catholic, and require the services of the Catholic Chaplaincy.

Cemetery

All visitors are asked to help keep the Cemetery tidy and to use the appropriate waste bins.

Mass Intentions received upto 10/7/2022

Rosemary Russell Id; John Bracken;

Ray Miller 17/07; Thanksgiving;

Deceasd Booth & Bolton Families

We pray for the Sick, especially the sick of the parish including Ryan Troop;

Catherine Thompson, Maureen Beardsworth, and Desmond Gorman, John Bracken.

Refreshments will be served after 10.30. Mass today in the Parish Hall and all are welcome.

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, has launched a campaign called Fix the Food System. 800 million people go hungry each day in our world, but there is no shortage of food. We need 3.7 billion tonnes of food to feed everyone, and we produce 4 billion tonnes! The problem is, the global food system doesn't work for everyone. The profits of some large corporations are often prioritised over the needs of small farmers around the world and this often means that those farmers live in poverty themselves.

As Pope Francis said on World Food Day in 2021; "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet". So, do please take a leaflet at the end of mass today to find out more. Attached to the leaflet is a more detailed explanation of the contents and together these will help you to understand more about the problems of the global food system, some solutions, and a simple action you can take with CAFOD to help. i.e. to sign an action card (petition). Thank you.

In order to make school uniform more affordable, many schools nationally are requesting that families who have decent school uniform donate it for next year's parents. Find out if your school has a 'nearly new school uniform shop'. Donate generic items of uniform, eg black shoes and grey trousers and skirts to your local charity shop.

"If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends.

You talk to your enemies."

(Moshe Dayan Israeli general & politician (1915 - 1981)