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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR C



The good Samaritan.

THE PARISH

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Sat. Jul. 12 Mass of Ord. Sun.15, K'ton. 6.00

Spl. Collect for 'Stella Maris'

Sun. 13 Ord. Sunday 15

Mass- Weobley.10.30Z

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Mon 14 Mass.Weob.10.00 - *feria*

Tue 15 Mass, Weob, 10.00 – *St. Bonaventure.*

Wed. 16 Mass, K'ton 10.30 –*O.Lady Mt. Carmel.*

Thur 17 NO Mass.

Fri 18 Mass 4.00- *feria*

Sat. 19 Mass of Ord.Sun.16, 6.00pm. Kington

Sun. 20 16th.Sun.of the Year.

Mass, Weobley 10.30.

URGENT PRAYERS.

For the footballing brothers, Jiotto. R.I.P. and for their grieving families and fans.

For the victims and families of those killed in the Indian air disaster.

For permanent peace between India and Pakistan.

For an end to war between Iran and Israel.

For the immediate release of remaining Israeli hostages. That the political leaders of Israel and members of Hamas will begin to obey God's fifth commandment: "Thou shalt not kill". For the survival of Gaza and the native Palestinians and that these peoples may have food, freedom and the right to decide their own future,

That our young people will be drawn away from the cult of knife-crime.

For Prince William and Princess Kate in their initiatives for the homeless and the deprived of our country.

PARISH INTENTIONS

For those in our parish or known to us who are sick or in need of special prayers: John & Vicky Tanner, Graham Vaughan, Melita Denaro, Vivian Brooke, Sheila Mundy, Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Roger Nichols, Bill Davies, Kath Morgan, Ann Clarke, Julia Evans. John Cochrane.

For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead: Justin Neill, Brian Holley, Klaus Hirsch.

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ron O'Neill (S.2007), John Joseph Doyle (M.'52), Leslie Burns (T.2000), Trudi Klein (W.2013), Francesca Maria Gore (F.'61), Dorothy Green (F.'62), Barbara Richardson (Sa.'64).

For King Charles III and Queen Camilla. May they always set the highest standards of leadership for our country. We also pray for our government, especially our Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer and his cabinet. May they govern with integrity following the religious beliefs and social needs of our country. And we pray for the leaders of all the other countries of the world, esp.President Zelenski of Ukraine and conversion of the Russian leaders.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE. Our Bishops have asked us to offer special prayers and personal engagement with the current bills before parliament.

1. Against our ever-relaxing abortion laws.

2. for the defeat of the proposed Assisted Suicide bill.

(Local M.P.s: Ellie Chowns voted in favour of the Bill Jessie Norman against. **Please work on Ellie Chowns** but better not to identify as a Catholic.

SERMONETTE – THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR C

FIRST READING from the Book of Deuteronomy (Ch.33, vv.10-14)

Deuteronomy was the last of the five books of the Law of Moses, written up c.700 b.C. under the authority to the good king, Josiah. This passage refers to the central importance of the Law for knowing the mind of God. Though seven centuries before Jesus, it leads easily towards the kernel of His teaching based upon the morality of the heart over the letter. This is amply demonstrated by today's gospel of the Good Samaritan. The Deuteronomy text is a key to our understanding of what was later called "conscience": thinking with the mind of God. This the key to the books of Wisdom and it occurs in Paul to the Romans (2, 14+15): "pagans who never heard of the Law but are led by reason to do what the Law commands, may not actually obey the Law but can be said to 'be' the Law ...engraved on their hearts. They can call as a witness... their own conscience." And in 1 John's first letter, he writes: "My children, our love is not to be ... mere talk but something real and active. Only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and able to quieten our conscience in His presence. ... If we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence". (1 Jn. 3,18-21)

SECOND READING from Paul's letter to the Colossians (Ch. 1. vv.15-20)

In this magnificent passage, Paul sums up his total belief in the divinity of Jesus Christ. He is "the image of the invisible God". God, of His nature is invisible, has shown Himself to us totally in the person of Jesus Christ. This is impossible but for God's will, and this was in the mind of God from the moment of His creation, that He should be visible in His created things. All things were created by Him: there were no demi-gods or creative spirits as other religions taught. At the very heart of His creation was the Church (*ekklesia* or assembly of men and women belonging to Christ through Baptism). Nor do we need to look any further for God than Jesus Christ for Christ has come to reconcile us all, whether on earth or in heaven, and this reconciliation was done by Christ's blood, God's blood.

THE HOLY GOSPEL from the gospel of Luke, (Ch.10, vv. 25-37)

If you asked almost any man or woman in the street to name a parable of Jesus, they would almost certainly come up with "The Good Samaritan". Today's reading begins with a sycophantic lawyer trying to justify himself before Jesus about the greatest commandment of the Law. (J.D. Vance tried it more recently on Pope Leo XIV to justify Republican immigration policy.) Jesus parries the self-justifying lawyer by telling one of the greatest stories the world has ever heard. The story begins with a violent crime but does not devolve into a police drama or a 'who-did-it'. These things happen. What doesn't normally happen is that ordained ministers divert from their holy duties or outcast foreigners assume the care of the wounded victim and even pay for their care. We often talk about charity and assume what "they should do". But when the charity comes from an "alien", we may start asking the right questions.

STOP PRESS: Coming up.

15 MINUTE DAILY PRAYER HAS NOW STARTED. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US IN PERSON OR ON 'ZOOM'. Many of you now have ipads. These afford us a great new opportunity in a rural parish to carry out the wishes of The Acts of the Apostles (aVatican II, that the faithful should join together for daily prayer of the Church. For those wishing to join, please download a programme called 'UNIVERSALIS'. There you will find the complete prayer of every day and the Mass texts for that day. Check the Newsletter for days, times and changes. NEW ZOOM ID: 356 505 3411. Passcode: x55Ftu

GATES: UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE DECIDED TO CLOSE THE CAR-PARK GATES AT NIGHT, ESPECIALLY ON WEEKENDS. THIS IS BECAUSE CERTAIN PERSONS OF A PERAMBULANT DISPOSITION ARE TAKING IT UPON THEMSELVES TO CAMP DOWN ON APPARENTLY VACANT PROPERTIES. SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE: I HOPE IT WON'T LAST LONG. Fr. Simon

NEXT "HORIZONS OF HOPE". – THIS COMING SATURDAY.

'FROM FRANCIS TO LEO – What happened at the Conclave?

With Christopher Lamb, CNN Vatican correspondent, in conversation with Austen Ivereigh. Saturday July 19th. !0.00 – 12.30, at Belmont Abbey. DON'T MISS!!!

BEATING THE BOUNDS OF OUR PARISH – How big is it?

For those who wish, I will lead a motorised trip (fun-run) around the entire perimeter of our parish. You will probably be surprised! We will need my (parish) car and 2/3/4 others with 4 seats each, depending on how many sign up. We will stop at various points of interest (views, churches, etc.). The journey will be about 60 miles. Sunday afternoons would seem to be best. **Please sign the list in the church for your preferred Sunday or Sundays.**