

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time Year C**

**First Reading** Dt 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.*

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

*The Word of the Lord*

**R. Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37. R. see v.33*

**(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

1. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me.

2. As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

4. For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there.

**(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

**Second Reading** Col 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*All things were created through him and for him.*

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –

all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

*The Word of the Lord*

**R. Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*See Jn 6:63, 68*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

**Gospel** Lk 10:25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Who is my neighbour?*

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied.

Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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**REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate

**The Neighbourliness of Global Citizens**

The lawyer asked a self-serving question: 'Who is my neighbour?' He could then set the limits, the boundaries of those close enough to merit his concern. Jesus replies with a story to show that the better question is: 'To whom should I be neighbourly?'

The answer is: To any person who is wounded in any way – physically, psychologically, socially, economically. And we have to do so overcoming the labelling, even bigotry, which can conveniently put a person outside the range of our concern. When we act like the Samaritan, we deserve the title 'Catholic' which means universal.

Pope Francis says that Christ is constantly inviting us, as he invited Thomas, to touch His wounds which are to be found in the wounded of our own time.

We could pause for a moment to thank God that we live in an age of technology which can enable us to be truly Catholic global citizens practising Mercy Without Borders. 'Do this and you will live.'

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**SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

**Monday 11th: St Benedict**  
**Wednesday 13th: St Henry**  
**Thursday 14th: St Camillus de Lellis**  
**Friday 15th: St Bonaventure**  
**Sturday 16th: Our Lady of Mr Carmel**

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**For the celebration of the Word and the Eucharist**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Choir Practice Monday @ 1pm**

**Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays after Mass, and 1st Saturday of the month @ 9.30am**

**Wrap With Love Tuesday 12th July, @ 10am Meeting Room**

**PPC Meeting Thursday 14th @ 5pm Meeting Room**

**Craft Group - 10am Thursdays**

**"Enjoy the Good News" Wednesday after 9 am Mass**

**Adoration Tuesday @ 4.30pm**

**COFFEE CLUB Thursdays after Mass Venue: Corrigans Cove All Welcome COFFEE N CHAT**

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR C**

**PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK 11th July - Sunday 17th July**

**Tuesday:** Adoration 4.30pm Mass 5.30pm  
**Wednesday:** Mass 9.00am  
**Thursday:** Mass 9.00am  
**Friday:** Mass 9.00am  
**Saturday:** Reconciliation 9.30am  
 Vigil Mass 5.00pm  
**Sunday:** Mass 9.00am

Should a funeral mass arise, it will take the place of the weekday mass

Dear Parishioners,

A very big thank you to you all for your generosity, prayers and support for me over the years of my formation for priesthood, as a seminarian, deacon and now a priest in your parish. It has been an incredible privilege for me to journey with you over the years.

I am looking forward to spending the rest of this year with you. Know of my continued prayers and friendship as we journey on together in our Christian discipleship.

Fr Eden



**Pope Francis  
Monthly Prayer  
Intentions  
JULY**

**Elderly**

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

Happy holidays to all our children and teachers. We hope you have a good rest and return refreshed for another term of learning.

**PRIEST VISITATION**

If you would like me to come and visit you, please notify the office during working hours and leave your name and phone number. I will be happy to drop by and say hello.

**SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION**

**The date has changed and will now be celebrated on Thursday 14th July @7pm.**

**Please note this date change and put it in your timetable for this week and come and celebrate this sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness.**

**menALIVE WEEKEND FOR MEN**

What are you doing on the 13th/14th August? Men could benefit from a weekend for their faith. Featuring talks, personal testimonies, discussion and space to reflect. Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, 25,000 Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at over 450 events across Australia. A menALIVE weekend is being organised for Batemans Bay and Moruya, conducted by experienced leaders from menALIVE. If you have any enquiries, please phone Tim Cahill on 0428 288 927 or contact Bernie Basevi, Joe O'Sullivan or Roslyne in the Parish Office on 4472 4153

**LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY**



**To Whom Can I Be Neighbour?**

The Gospel this weekend is the familiar Parable of the Good Samaritan. We are asked by some Scripture scholars to reframe the question of 'Who is my neighbour?' to 'To Whom Can I be Neighbour?' This is a very timely reframing in midst of Australia and the world at this time.

In the face of yet more natural disasters and resurgence of Covid, a weary community is digging deep to respond to the Gospel - to not be the person who 'passes by the person in need'. Perhaps it is instructive to draw on some insights about Charity and Justice.

Ron Rolheiser OMI reminds us that 'Charity is giving away some of your time, energy, resources, and person to help to others in need. And that's an admirable virtue, the sign of a good heart. Justice, on the other hand, is less about directly giving something away than it is about looking to change the conditions and systems that put others in need. One-to-one charity, as the parable of the Good Samaritan makes clear, is what's demanded of us, both as humans and as Christians.

Rolheiser goes on to challenge 'The lesson is that being good-hearted alone is not enough. It's a start, a good one, but more is asked of us. I suspect most of us already know this, but perhaps we're less conscious of something less obvious, namely, that our very generosity itself might be contributing to a blindness that lets us support the exact political, economic, and cultural systems which are to blame those we're attending to in our charity. ([www.ronrolheiser.com](http://www.ronrolheiser.com))

This is particularly challenging for us during NAIDOC Week (Theme: Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!) when the limitations of structures are very apparent both within society and our Church. This week is the **Final Session of the Plenary Council of the Australian Catholic Church** gathering in Sydney and the passing in the first day, of the following motions is cause for hope:

Under the *Reconciliation: Healing Wounds, Receiving Gifts* theme, the members voted to pass a motion that would, among other things, **commit the Church to say sorry to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for the part played by the Church in the harm they have suffered, as well as endorsing the Uluru Statement from the Heart.**

The second theme considered was *Choosing Repentance - Seeking Healing*. The members voted for the **Plenary Council to say sorry to abuse victims and survivors, their families and communities and recommit the Church to respond with justice and compassion to those who have suffered from the trauma of abuse.** In a further motion members voted to **request the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Catholic Religious Australia, and the Association of Ministerial PJP's, with assistance from appropriate experts, to study, acknowledge and address systemic factors which have facilitated abuse within the Church.** ([www.plenarycouncil.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.org.au))

There is much that continues for all of us to **do** and to **be** in response to the final verses of the Gospel to 'go and do the same yourself' (Luke 10:37) in responding to the question:

*To Whom Can I Be Neighbour?*

**PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:

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**9/10 JULY**

**Church Cleaning**

Favetta/O'Neill/Nugent (11-15)

**5.00PM MASS**

Welcomer: C. Brownlie  
Commentator S Ebejer  
Reader J Mackay  
Eucharistic Minister K Lovering  
Computer Screen K Conway

**9.00 AM MASS:**

Welcomer C Connell  
Commentator A JACKSON  
Reader: N Beaty.  
Eucharistic Ministers A Scicluna C Schor  
Computer Screen T Jackson

**MORNING**

**TEA:**  
M & S Beashel

**16/17 JULY**

**Church Cleaning**

D & L May (18-22)

**5.00PM MASS**

Welcomer: K Conway  
Commentator M Weatherall  
Reader J Quigley  
Eucharistic Minister C Brownlie  
Computer Screen J O'Sullivan

**9.00 AM MASS:**

Welcomer Volunteer  
Commentator B Basevi  
Reader: L Page.  
Eucharistic Ministers A Skinner L Stevens  
Computer Screen T Priest

**MORNING**

**TEA:**  
A Brown & helper

**RCIA**

We will be offering the RCIA program in August for anyone who would like to learn about our Catholic faith, who are not already baptised, or have been baptised in another Christian faith.

Should you know anyone who may be interested, we will have a brochure ready in the next couple of weeks. It will give a starting date and a place to register their interest.



**Remembering the Sick:**

Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Mara Pranjic, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS YOU for your generous donation of \$ 1,648-00 to our Winter Appeal. We continue to collect blankets/ doonas & adult/children's beanies, socks, gloves and scarfs **BUT PLEASE NO FOOD.** Donations can be left in containers in church foyer.

**Death Anniversaries:** are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** Anna Backo, Lois White, Vincent Corbin, Pero Simic, Michael McNamara, Steven Smith, Anton Miloloza, Petronila Aballe, Rosemary Cahill

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