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SEA SUNDAY



“Love your neighbour as yourself”

Almighty God, you give the holy law to your people so that it will always be near us and our children. Through our Lord Jesus who has fulfilled the law in every way, grant that we may love you with heart, soul, strength, and mind, and our neighbour as ourselves. Amen.

THIS WEEK

Sat 12 th	10.30am	For the wellbeing of our School	BVM
	6.00pm	Frank Thompson	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 13 th	9.30am	For the Parish	
	11.00am	Baptism: Penelope Mia Pennington	
Mon 14 th	No Mass today		Feria
Tue 15 th	10.00am	End of year School Mass – For the staff and pupils	St Bonaventure (memorial)
Wed 16 th	9.30am	Clive Barron	Feria
Thu 17 th	9.30am	David Jamieson	Feria
Fri 18 th	9.30am	Holy Souls	Feria
Sat 19 th	10.30am	Wilfrid Nicholson	BVM
	6.00pm	The Proctor and Pearson families	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 20 th	9.30am	For the Parish	
	11.00am	Baptism: Elious Peter Bausor	

First Saturday of the month: Confessions at 10.00am, Anointing of the sick during 10.30am Mass

This week		Reader		Eucharistic Minister	
Sat 12 th		M Sherry		G Hopkinson	
Sun 13 th		C Snape		S Schofield	
Bidding prayers	L Gardner	Children's Liturgy	F Fordyce & J Kitchen	Collection counters	B Kellett & M Russell
Next week		Reader		Eucharistic Minister	
Sat 19 th		L Gardner		P Fawcett	
Sun 20 th		K Snape		M Gardner	
Bidding prayers	G Hopkinson	Children's Liturgy	F Fordyce, C Curwen	Collection counters	C Moffatt & C Williamson

Last weekend attendance: 106, collection £499.10 – thank you!

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:10-14, Colossians 1:15-20, Luke 10:25-37.

Through Moses, God tells the people to obey the voice of the Lord your God and obey his commandments. He tells them that the commandment is not, for example, in heaven or in the sea beyond their reach but *the word is very near to them: It is in your mouth and in your heart so that you can do it.*

For the people to whom Moses was speaking, this commandment, this word, must have referred to the ten commandments and over the years, many more rules, regulations and observances were added.

But, as we try to make sense of today's choice of readings, two of these commandments come to mind *You shall love your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength.* (Dt 6:5)

The other *You shall love your neighbour as yourself.* (Lv 19:18)

In the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, Jesus describes these as the greatest of the commandments, and the lawyer in today's Gospel quotes them in answer to his own question to Jesus when he asked what must he do to inherit eternal life.

But, asks the lawyer, who is my neighbour?

Jesus answers with his famous parable of the *Good Samaritan*.

There was mutual hatred between Jews and their northern cousins, the Samaritans, who had intermingled in marriage and religion with non-Jews from other nations over a period of many years – a Jewish text describes them as 'not even a people.'

Yet, while the priest and Levite (who were supposed to represent the law and commandments of God) passed by on the other side of the road where the man who had been beaten, stripped, robbed and lay half dead, it is

the passing Samaritan who lays his own life on the line by stopping to take care of him – binding up his wounds, taking him to an inn and paying for him to be looked after.

Which of these three proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among robbers, he asks the lawyer? The one who showed him mercy the lawyer answers. Then go and do likewise Jesus tells him.

Is this a parable only for Jesus' time or does such hatred still exist between peoples who are different?

We don't have to look far to see the answer: Israel and Palestine, the *Black Lives Matter* movement, to say nothing of religion when in the life-time of some of us, a Catholic couldn't enter a Protestant church or marry one, and what of the hatred towards LGBT.

It is one thing to disagree with another's way of life, and I am sure that none of us would pass someone by who was in serious trouble whoever they were, but this parable seems to be asking each one of us whether there aren't still circumstances or people whom we would rather cross the street than encounter – a walk down Fishergate in Preston, comes to mind with all those people with their scraggy dogs and begging bowls.

We are not encouraged to throw money at them but perhaps we could acknowledge their existence with a kind word or smile, for they too are God's children.

There are examples of modern day Samaritans: one that comes to mind concerns an Afro-American who had recently been beaten up by the Police.

Some time later, his brother was among those making a peaceful protest against the murder by the police of George Floyd in Houston. He was with his wife and five year old daughter.

His daughter became frightened by the number of heavily armed riot police and in tears asked 'are they going to shoot us daddy?'

A heavily armed policeman nearby heard her, knelt down, lifted his visor and putting his arm around her said: we are here to protect you, we are not here to hurt you.

He was white.

This encounter changed the perspective of that family towards the police and that policeman toward them.

Moses said *The word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.*

Whether he knew it or not, that policeman **did it** – and so, what Jesus tells the lawyer, he tells us too:

Go and do likewise for the voice of the Lord is the commandment to love my neighbour ... and maybe that means being prepared to get up close and put my arms around someone.

Reflections

He alone loves the Creator perfectly who manifests a pure love for his neighbour.
(St Bede the Venerable)

With Prayers,

Fr Raphael.

This week's Saint

St Bonaventure (1218-74) Cardinal, Bishop and Franciscan. He was of Italian birth, of great intellect and a friend of that other great intellect: St Thomas Aquinas of the Dominican Order. But Bonaventure was less dogmatic than St Thomas and rather more mystical in his theological understanding – believing that the simpler, less educated mind could have a clearer understanding of God than the wise and clever. To that end, a saying attributed to him: *To know much and taste nothing – of what use is that?*

MASS ON TUESDAY is at **10.00am** – Primary School end of year Mass – all welcome.

We could do with a few more volunteers for mowing etc in the **GRAVEYARD**. If you can help, please get in touch with Barry Spencer (07875 767411) or Michael Cowsley (07753 659380). Thank you!

Please keep your eye on the “**TRANSITION COMMUNICATIONS**” section of our website – it will be updated regularly as new information becomes available.

Some of the members of the Transition Group are attending a **MEETING AT AMPLEFORTH** this Thursday afternoon and will report back in due course.

PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick or housebound including Ann Green, Fr Laurence Mayne and Bill Warbrick, as well as for those who have died and whose anniversaries occur about this time.

100 CLUB: The winner for week 31 is number 42, Pauline Fazackerley.

As the parish transition has been delayed until 1st November, the 100 Club will continue so, unless you've paid for the full year, **SUBS ARE NOW DUE.**

CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Ordinary Time (Summer), i.e. up to September, we are asked to pray for these intentions: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Human Life; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Seafarers.

CAFOD Jubilee Year campaign to relieve the burden of debt: 54 countries – from Kenya to Sri Lanka – are facing debt distress. Many are forced to spend more on payments to big banks, wealthy nations and global institutions than they spend on health, education or life-saving climate measures. Debts are being paid at the expense of hiring doctors and teachers, building schools, hospitals and sewage systems, preparing for floods, or coping with droughts. Often, countries have already re-paid their debts once, but due to unscrupulous lenders and extortionate interest rates, they are left paying for the original debt many times over. We need to cancel unfair debts, build better financial systems and implement fairer laws to prevent future debt crises.

And the time to act is now!

2025 is a Jubilee year, which is when the Bible calls for debt cancellation to restore justice and human dignity. This Jubilee year, people across the world are uniting in solidarity to demand action on to the debt crisis. Pope Francis said, "More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice". There is a petition form at the back of church to which you may wish to add your name, alternatively, visit the CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/the-new-debt-crisis> for more information and an online version of the petition.

Bidding Prayers for Sunday 13th July 2025

Priest: On this Sea Sunday let us ask the Lord for all our needs and for the needs of those who work at sea.

Reader: For the Church: We pray that we follow the example of the Good Samaritan and do not "pass by" on the other side while our neighbour is in need. Lord Hear Us.

For Our Government: May they, like the Good Samaritan, be ever mindful, and take care of, the poor and needy, both in this country and abroad. Lord Hear Us

We pray today, Sea Sunday, for the work of the Apostleship of the Sea, that it may continue to support all seafarers who come to our ports and help them sustain their faith while far from home. Lord Hear Us

For our Parish: We pray for our parish as we continue to hope for a positive result from the further consultations with Ampleforth and the Archdiocese. Lord Hear Us

Let us remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Lord Hear Us

We ask Mary to join our prayers with hers as we think of those of our Parish who are sick, old, lonely, bereaved or housebound: Hail Mary.....

In a moment of silence, we place our own concerns before the Lord.

Priest: Lord, you have reconciled all humanity in Christ, help us to show our love for you and for each other. We ask this, and make all our prayers, through your son, Jesus Christ. Amen

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Priest: As we thank God for the gift of his Son in Holy Communion, let us remember those of our Parish who are sick or housebound.

All: May the body and blood of your Son, which we now send to them through our Eucharistic Ministers, bring them consolation and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.