

# 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## THIS WEEK



<b>10th July</b>	<b>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>6pm*:</b>	Bradnum Family (ints)
<b>8.30am:</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>
	James Kennedy (ints)
<b>10.30am:</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>
	Chi-Chi Onuigbo (ints)
<b>6.00pm:</b>	Lisa Hoghton+
<b>Monday 11th</b>	<b>St Benedict</b>
<b>6pm:</b>	Edward Timlin+
<b>Tuesday 12th</b>	
<i>9.30am:</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
<b>10.00am:</b>	Patricia Bagge (ann+)
<i>10.30am:</i>	<i>SVP - JP Room</i>
<b>Wednesday 13th</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 14th</b>	<b>St Camillus de Lellis</b>
<b>10.00am:</b>	Malcolm & Josie Green (ints)
<i>10.30am:</i>	<i>Coffee Morning - JP Room</i>
<b>Friday 15th July</b>	<b>St Bonaventure</b>
<i>9.30am:</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
<b>10.00am:</b>	Fr. Alan McClean (ints)
<i>12.00pm:</i>	<i>Alpha Soup Lunch</i>
<i>1.30pm:</i>	<i>Christian Meditation</i>
<i>6.00pm:</i>	<i>Adoration</i>
<b>Saturday 16th</b>	<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>
<b>6pm*:</b>	Linda Constantino+
<b>17th July</b>	<b>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>8.30am:</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>
	Carmel Nelle Family (Thanksgiving)
<b>10.30am:</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>
	Chinelo Onuigbo (ints)
<b>6.00pm:</b>	Monica Donohoe (ints)

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

Jesus must have smiled when he heard this man challenge him to explain one's duty towards his neighbour. For the Jewish believer the law of love was plain and simple: "treat your neighbour as you would treat yourself." The real issue for this believer was the correct definition of who is "my neighbour". He understood "neighbour" to mean one's fellow Jew who belonged to the same covenant which God made with the people of Israel. Up to a certain point, Jesus agreed with this sincere expert but, at the same time, he challenged him to see that God's view of neighbour went far beyond his narrow definition. What does Jesus' story tell us this weekend about true love for one's neighbour? First, we must be willing to help even if others brought trouble on themselves through their own fault or negligence. Second, our love and concern to help others in need must be practical. Good intentions and showing pity, or empathising with others, are not enough. And lastly, our love for others must be as wide and as inclusive as God's love. God excludes no one from his care and concern. God's love is unconditional. So we must be ready to do good to others for their sake, just as God is good to us. Jesus truly identified with our plight, and he took the burden of our sinful condition upon himself. He showed us the depths of God's love and compassion, by sharing in our suffering and by offering his life as an atoning sacrifice for our sins upon the cross. We are faced with great questions this Sunday- Are we ready to embrace the cross of Christ, and perhaps to suffer for his sake, and to lay down our life out of love for our neighbour?

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: God desires to be our neighbour, by Augustine of Hippo, 354-430 A.D. "God our Lord wished to be called our neighbour. The Lord Jesus Christ meant that he was the one who gave help to the man lying half-dead on the road, beaten and left by the robbers. The prophet said in prayer, 'As a neighbour and as one's own brother, so did I please' (Psalm 34:14 ). Since the divine nature is far superior and above our human nature, the command by which we are to love God is distinct from our love of our neighbour. He shows mercy to us because of his own goodness, while we show mercy to one another because of God's goodness." Meditations may be freely reprinted for non-commercial use - please cite: copyright © 2022 Servants of the Word, source: dailyscripture.net, author Don Schwager.

**Fr John**

# NOTICES

## WELCOME

### BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON



We are delighted to welcome Bishop John Sherrington on Sunday 17th July 6pm Mass. He will be the main celebrant. All welcome to come along.

### ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR PARISH?

Please visit the parish website on [parish.rcdow.org.uk/](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/) [barnet](http://barnet) where you will find information on the parish, parish groups and much more. Information is also available in the church porch. Weekly Newsletter with current news on what is happening in and around the parish - available at the back of the church or on the website under 'news'. If you would like to register yourself and/or your family, please email the parish office with your details to [barnet@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:barnet@rcdow.org.uk)

**NEED TO TALK?** If you would like to speak to Anita pastorally and in confidence, Anita is available on Tuesdays after 10am mass. Please knock on the presbytery door or email [anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk)

### THE PARISH PASTORAL FORUM:

Consists of the parish team and a group of parishioners who are often at Mass at the weekend. Please do stop to say hello or if you have any questions. Their details are in the porch and website- if they can't help you, they will know someone who can!

## FOR YOUR SPECIAL PRAYERS



Please pray for the following children who will be making their First Holy Communion this Sunday: Kamsu, Lois, Leo, Oliver, Erin Catherine, Elizabeth, Millie, Thomas, Seth, Logan, Olivia and Tobi

### Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP)

**Meeting:** Tuesday 12th July 2022

**Time:** 10.30am

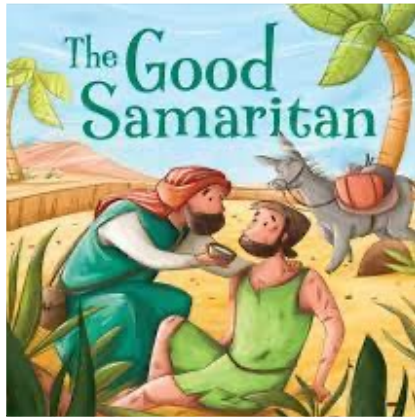
**Where:** JP11 Room

For more information, please contact Eileen Griffin on 07740031950

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Please remember in your prayers the Sick and Homebound including:**

Marian Darby, Ken Quigley, Mary Geraghty, Catherine Malone, Edel O'Sullivan, Linda Quilter, Sean Kelly, Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Bernadette Hunt, Roberto Lusignani, Elaine Brennan, Mark O'Brien, Rita Rawlings, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris, Eric Power, Michael Keyes, Eileen Robbins, John Chuter, Marlene Hollocks, Margaret Greaney, Veronica Soosay, ohn Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Suzanne Greig, Paul Stephens, George Buhagia and Paul Dempsey



**FR JOHN:** invites Parishioners to join him in Walsingham from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022 for a pilgrimage to Our Lady's National Shrine – a time of prayer, praise and fellowship. Early registration is recommended. Please see the link for registration. <https://www.newdawn.org.uk/>

### First Holy Communion Form & Dates September 2022.

Please visit the First Holy Communion section of our website to enrol. If you have any questions, please email [anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk)



You are invited to join us on Monday evenings, 7.30 pm on 11th July, and Friday lunchtimes, 12.00 pm - 15th July. Please register your interest at [www.barnetalpha.com](http://www.barnetalpha.com).

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