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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 10th July 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9th July	Vigil: 15th Sunday	6.00pm	Moore Family
Sunday 10th July	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	Noel Dunne RIP
Tuesday 12th July	Feria	7.00pm	John & Rita Duignan RIP
Wednesday 13th July	Feria	9.15am	John Chaloner
Thursday 14th July	Feria	9.15am	Sheila Butler
Friday 15th July	St Bonaventure	9.15am	Martin O'Sullivan RIP
Saturday 16th July	Vigil: 16th Sunday	6.00pm	Christy Madden RIP

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John

Mass Intentions: Please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Liturgy of the Word: 10th July 2022

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: Seek the Lord, you who are poor,
and your hearts will revive.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord.
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Genesis 18:1-10, Psalm 14, Colossians 1:24-28, Luke 10:38-42

Gospel Reflection

The lawyer who asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life was a student of Jewish religion and Jesus asks him what Jewish scripture teaches on the subject. We need to love God and love our neighbour comes the reply. The man answers his own question.

But the reality of Jewish practice was that only fellow Jews were considered neighbours; Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan challenges this. The priest and Levite are part of the religious establishment whereas the Samaritan is one of those largely despised and uneducated Jews, descendants of those left in Palestine during the Exile, whose religious "purity" was highly suspect.

According to Jesus' story, however, it is this religious outcast who has understood the importance of loving his neighbour, while the "religious" men, presumably concerned only about remaining ritually pure for service in the Temple, avoid any contact with the man needing help on the road.

Pope Francis made the Good Samaritan story a key part of his encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti* (On fraternity and social friendship).

"A man assaulted by thieves and lying injured on the wayside. Several persons passed him by, but failed to stop. These were people holding important social positions, yet lacking in real concern for the common good. They would not waste a couple of minutes caring for the injured man, or even in calling for help. Only one person stopped, approached the man and cared for him personally, even spending his own money to provide for his needs. He also gave him something that in our frenetic world we cling to tightly: he gave him his time. Certainly, he had his own plans for that day, his own needs, commitments and desires. Yet he was able to put all that aside when confronted with someone in need. Without even knowing the injured man, he saw him as deserving of his time and attention.

Jesus trusts in the best of the human spirit; with this parable, he encourages us to persevere in love, to restore dignity to the suffering and to build a society worthy of the name."

Walsingham Pilgrimage

Bishop Philip Egan is leading a pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham on **Saturday 6th August**. There are coaches going from various points. See the poster at the back of church for further details or <https://prolifepilgrimage.org/>



Marriage Encounter Enrichment Weekend

Marriage Encounter are hosting a non-residential marriage enrichment weekend on **16-17 July**. This is a wonderful opportunity for couples to spend time reflecting on, refreshing and rejoicing in their wonderful vocation.

For details go to:

<https://wwme.org.uk/weekend/me-weekendhendon-16th-to-17th-july-2022/>



STELLA MARIS

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health.

Sea Sunday is Sunday 10th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

StreetWise Holiday Club-will be running this year at South Oxhey Baptist Church on **8th-12th August**.

Monday to Friday 10am-12:30pm. £4 for the week. Suitable for 6-11 years old.

It is based on stories of Jesus from Luke's gospel. Call Linda on 020 8421 1542 to book. See poster at the back of the church.

Vincentian Volunteers are Catholic young people aged 18-35, from all over the world, who commit a year of their lives to the service of vulnerable people. During their year with us, they live in a community of three or four people and engage in voluntary work in partnership with other, well known charity organisations in order to help the impoverished, the homeless, the disabled, refugees and those suffering with addictions within the local community. We are still recruiting for 2022/23 (September 2022 to July 2023) for more details visit <https://www.vincentianvolunteers.org.uk>

Will You take the first Step? CAFOD's Gap year programme, Step into the Gap is a great opportunity for Young Adults aged between 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meeting new people. This is a chance to reflect on your role in global society while spending a year inspiring others to act for the poor and most marginalised. Based in the UK in a retreat centre or Catholic Secondary school with accommodation, travel and stipend included. Take the first step and find out more information and how to apply for September 2022 go to cafod.org.uk/gapyear

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WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 – LOOKING TO LISBON

World Youth Day 2023 will take place in Lisbon in the beginning of August 2023. Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry with support from Cardinal's Appeal is offering a limited number of places on this pilgrimage with a 50% discount to young people between the ages of 16-25. Any 16 year olds who apply will need to be finishing year 12 by the start of World Youth Day pilgrimage. These young people will commit to a series of preparatory sessions from September 2022, to prepare them to assist in support roles during the pilgrimage, such as by acting as small group leaders, and also offer formation to them which will be helpful in living their faith post-World Youth Day. More details can be found at <https://dowym.com/programmes/world-youth-day-leadership-training/> or by contacting Westminster Youth Ministry at youth@rcdow.org.uk. Please apply by **31 July 2022**.

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially

Helen Birch, Tom O'Connor, Bebe Ryan and Bernadette Cruickshank.

Offertory for Sunday 3rd July

Envelopes £ 183.10

Loose Plate £ 125.63

Total £ 308.73

Many thanks