

The Good Samaritan

Of all the parables, this is one of the most well-known. However, because we have heard it so many times, we might be tempted to read and hear it too quickly and therefore miss what it means for us today. The man who questions Jesus is a good man; he knows the law and keeps it. However, Jesus wants him to go beyond simply keeping the letter of the law. When he asks who his neighbour is, Jesus answers him with the story we now call the 'Good Samaritan'. This is more than just a story about a nice man doing a good thing. Jews and Samaritans were enemies at all levels; religious, social and cultural. So for this man, a Samaritan to take the time and effort to help the man who was attacked was a dangerous and risky thing to do. He didn't simply see a Jew who was to be ignored. He saw someone who was in need. He went beyond what was expected of him. He went far beyond religious, social and cultural boundaries.

It is easy for us to help and care for those we know; those in our family, our friends, the people we like and who like us, or those who belong to 'our' group. What about those we find it difficult to get on with, those we don't like or those who speak and dress differently than we do? How do we treat those who are not part of 'our' group? This is a very demanding gospel. It encourages and challenges us to open our hearts and eyes to see those who are in any sort of need, regardless of who they are or where they are from.

We usually think of *neighbour* as the other; the other person next door, down the street, in our community or parish. This parable asks us to realise that we ourselves are the 'neighbour' and we are called to reach out in love and compassion to anyone who needs our help. The Good Samaritan reminds us that whatever we do for each other, we do for Christ and whatever we fail to do for each other, we fail to do for Christ. Each of us can do something, no matter how small it is to help another person. We can all offer the hand of help and support to someone who is in need. Who is *your* neighbour?

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COMMUNITY

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Saturday 09.00 am – 4.00 pm
Sunday 11.00 am – 1.30 pm

MASS TIMES

From Monday to Saturday Mass at 12.00 noon will be streamed online, and on Sundays both the 10.00 am and the 12.00 noon Masses.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/greenford/>

Saturday – 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm
Sunday – 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm.

Confessions – Saturdays 11.00 am to 12.00 noon.
and 6.15 pm to 6.45 pm

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT will be in the Church every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm, and every Friday from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th July 2022

The readings for this Sunday's Masses start on page 108 of the red mass books.

***This week's second collection will be for
Stella Maris
(formerly known as the Apostleship of the Sea).
You can also donate online at www.stellamaris.org.uk.***

**Sunday Collection – 3rd July
Collection – £2,549.00**

Ealing Food Bank

The July Shopping list for the Food Bank is now displayed in the Church Porch. The list includes breakfast cereal, tinned fish, UHT milk, long life fruit juice and squash, instant coffee and drinking chocolate, long grain rice, tinned soup, tinned fruit and vegetables, vegetarian meals, ready made custard and rice pudding, and nappies (sizes 5 and 6). As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated, especially during the difficult times we are experiencing.

Medjugorje Youth Festival

We are still taking names for the youth festival in Medjugorje from 29th July to 5th of August (one week). The price is £599 for adults and a discount for young people. Please contact Agnes on 07920840783 or Fr. Joe on 07587808145.

Funeral Arrangements

Mary Tennent

Memorial 7.00 pm, Wednesday 13th July, Visitation Church.

Marie Therese G. Cruickshank

Mass 1.00 pm, Friday 15th July, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at Breakespear Crematorium.

Advance Notice

Andrew Sherwin

Service 2.30 pm, Monday 18th July, Breakespear Crematorium.

Helen Lonergan

Reception 7.00 pm, Monday 18th July, Visitation Church.

Mass 10.00 am, Tuesday 19th July, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at Mortlake Crematorium.

Dereck Davis

Service 12.00 noon, Friday 22nd July, Breakespear Crematorium.

Bruce McNair

Mass 10.00 am, Wednesday 10th July, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at Breakespear Crematorium.

Don't forget Next Sunday 17th July

Our Lady of the Visitation School

FunDay Sunday

from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm in the playground

International Food Court, Licenced Bar

Entertainment, Competitions

Raffle with top prizes

.....and much, much more

Entry £2.50. Children are FREE