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The parish office should be your first port of call for any enquiries, including appointments, and arrangements for all sacraments (e.g. baptisms, weddings, funerals). Please email Karin Rattray, the Parish Secretary, at <u>kingston@rcaos.org.uk</u> or call on 020 8546 4633. The office is open from 10am to 3pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (closed Wednesdays). Could you please limit telephone calls outside these hours to emergencies only.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES SUNDAY 10 TH JULY 2022	
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C	
Saturday 9 th	
9.30am	Millicent Mary Laing RIP
6.30pm	Gary Mitchell RIP
Sunday 10 th	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	Wellbeing or Teresa Dooley
10.30am	Thanksgiving for Liam Calapini
6.30pm	Zoran Popovic RIP
Monday 11 th	St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of
	Europe, Feast
9.30am	David Rattray RIP
Tuesday 12 th	St John Jones, Priest, Martyr,
	Memorial
9.30am	Alfred Knight RIP
Wednesday 13 th	
9.30am	Rose Pereira RIP
Thursday 14 th	
9.30am	Thanksgiving for Birthday &
	Private Intentions
Friday 15 th	St Bonaventure, Bishop,
	Memorial
<u>9.30am</u>	Holy Souls
Saturday 16 th	Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
	Memorial
<u>9.30am</u>	Keith Fraser RIP
6.30pm	Montague Laing RIP
Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM	
	Saturday: 09:30, 18:30
	Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30
Baptisms: Sundays – By previous arrangement. Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.	
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SEA SUNDAY: THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA Sunday 10th July 2022

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 when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. It is a day for people to come together to pray for seafarers and fishers and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives.

Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church, who provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports.

Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting <u>www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate</u> or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.

This weekend we will have a retiring collection in support of the Apostleship of the Sea. You can also use the red bucket in the porch. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you have a particular date or time which you want a Mass said, *it is very important that you let the parish office know ahead of time and as soon as possible.* You are very welcome to book your Mass intentions in advance. We cannot guarantee a requested date when submitting late Mass Intentions; if no date is specified or a date requested is not available, the Mass Intention will be assigned to the next open date.

Mass intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church. When requesting a Mass, please clearly indicate the intention and whether the Mass is for the deceased, the sick or for another intention. If you require confirmation of a Mass date and time, please ensure you provide your contact details.





Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C Sunday, July 10, 2022

Gospel Reading Luke 10:25-37 The parable of the Good Samaritan

Gospel Reflection

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5, on loving God with all your heart, and Leviticus 19:18, on loving your neighbour. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbour are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbour whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travellers. The traveller in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead, he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbour. Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his

expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbour in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbour. A neighbour is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbour in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

Family Reflection

Families rely on selfless love. Parents show love for their children not just when it's convenient, but whenever their children's needs must be met. Imagine if the members of a family were concerned only with their own needs. How quickly things would fall apart!

In the story of the Good Samaritan, we learn about someone who went out of his way to care for the needs of another. He recognized the victim as his brother and accepted responsibility for him. As a family, talk about the responsibilities of each member of the family. Share how you, as parents, care for the needs of everyone in the family even when it's inconvenient. Ask your children to share times when they did chores and helped the family even when it was not convenient.

Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Luke 10:25-37. Talk about how the Samaritan went out of his way to care for the needs of the victim. Make a commitment as a family to follow the example of the Good Samaritan. Explain that the more you learn to accept responsibility for each other's needs at home, the more you'll be able to accept responsibility for the needs of others in the world.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



SECONDARY SCHOOL 2023 APPLICATION FORMS

The time of year has come when many parents are thinking about places in a Catholic School. Regular Mass attendance is a requirement for a reference to be completed. If you have recently moved to the area, you should seek a priest reference from your previous parish which we will then countersign. A priest will be available to sign secondary school application forms on Friday 15th July 2022 between 12 – 2pm.

No appointment is necessary, please call at the Presbytery. Please ensure that you complete as much of the forms as possible and if you have any reference letters, please also bring these along with you. Please bring all relating documents with you at this time, especially Baptism Certificates. A further date will be available in September 2022.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS COURSE

R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a set of rites, or ceremonies, designed to introduce and prepare non baptised adults into becoming full members of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of



Initiation, namely, Baptism, (or Reception if already Baptised), Confirmation and Holy Eucharist (The Body and Blood of Christ).

It is also for baptised Christians of other churches who take a similar, but unique path through the rites where they will be Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

Baptised Adult Catholics seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation, and possibly the Holy Eucharist if not already received, can also join this programme. It can also be a good experience for full members of the Catholic Church who may not have practised their faith for a number of years, or for those who wish to more fully understand and deepen their faith.

If you fall into any of these categories please speak with the Parish Priests for further information, or contact the Parish Secretary to register your interest.

The course is expected to start in October 2022.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/23

Application forms for next year's First Holy Communion will be available from the church porch or the parish office from next weekend.



This sacrament is normally

offered to baptised children when they reach Year 3. However, a decision has been taken to change this to Year 4. Therefore, we will only be accepting applications from those who are in Year 4 or above from September 2022.

If your child has not already been baptised, we will arrange baptism with you at a suitable time whilst your child undertakes the course.

Forms must be completed and returned IN PERSON ONLY at one of the following sessions:

Friday 23rd September 2022 between 2pm and 4pm, at the Presbytery.

Saturday 24^{th} September 2022 between 5.45pm and 6.15pm in the Cloister.

Sunday 25th September 2022 after 10.30am Mass.

CONFIRMATION 2022/23

Registration forms for our next Confirmation programme will be available from the church porch or the parish office from next weekend. Forms must be completed and returned to the parish office no later than:



Friday, 30th September 2022. Late applications will not be accepted.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place between 19th and 26th August 2022. We are sad that, like most Lourdes pilgrimages this year, we have not been able to include pilgrims who need medical support. At the same time, we are delighted to be returning to Lourdes after two years of absence. Details are available at: <u>www.tangneytours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association</u> Southwark contacts are:

Canon Ed Perera <u>edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk</u> Bishop Paul Hendricks <u>paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk</u>

To help our hearts burn with the charity of Jesus the Good Shepherd, we can train ourselves to do

three things ... seek out, include and rejoice. ~ Pope Francis.

THE CATHOLIC UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN

The Catholic Union was founded in 1870. lt is а membership organisation dedicated to the defence of Catholic values in Parliament and public life, and the promotion of the common good.



The Catholic Union is a lay organisation; however, it works with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Scotland (CBCS). It is a consultative body to the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales.

Membership of the Catholic Union is open to practising members of the Catholic laity in Great Britain and includes people from all parts of the country and all walks of life. It includes doctors, nurses, teachers, lawyers, and civil servants – we represent a wealth of lay Catholic experience and expertise.

Catholics and Politics. Do you want a strong Catholic voice to be heard in society? The Catholic Union of Great Britain engages with Parliament and the Government, and organises lectures and social events. We invite all lay Catholics to find out more about our work and membership. For further information visit:

<u>Catholic Public Engagement for the Common</u> <u>Good</u>.



FOR CATHOLIC IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE: NEW RESOURCES FROM THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

The Anscombe Bioethics Centre is an organisation which does research on behalf of our Bishops and education for the Catholic community on moral matters in medicine. They have a new website which has resources which will benefit parishioners who are doctors, nurses, or others who work or study in fields related to health and social care.

You can access and benefit from their work through their website and social media: <u>www.bioethics.org.uk</u> You can also sign up to their monthly digest for the latest news, events, and accessible briefings on moral matters in medicine, here: <u>https://bit.ly/ABC-Subscribe</u>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cockle, Melba De Silva and Marie Chlebeckova.

Please let the Parish Office know, in writing, if either you or your relatives would like to be mentioned on our sick list.

LET US REMEMBER

Let us remember those who have died recently or those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and all their families, with love and affection during this time of grief. May the Lord grant eternal rest to all who have died.

ANNIVERSARIES

Hannah Coughlan, Stephen Robin John, Bela Szollosi, Frederic Joseph Wilkie, Daniel O'Dwyer, Margaret Mary Lane, Margaret Hopwood, Mario Cattaneo, Julia Martin, Agnes O'Connor, Patrick MacNamara, Thomas Francis Pryce, Jane Agnes Dillon, Elisabeth Coveney, Rose Pereira, David Rattray, Rosanna Healy, Louisa Crosbie, Sarah Birch, Kathleen Godfrey, George Staunton, James Reed, Ann Deuvall, Horace Cave, Sean & Joan O'Connor, Georgina Perez, Margaret Johnson, Eve Pearce, Anne Brown, Antonio Tomassi, Harriet Johnson.

++++May They Rest In Peace ++++



ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR 2022



In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and

charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral nearby. Further details and tour dates are available at: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/st-bernadette-relic-tour-2022/