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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Deuteronomy 30:10-14

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

**Second reading:** Colossians 1:15-20

**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!

**Gospel:** Luke 10:25-37

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Dear Parishioners

Today's liturgy teaches us to ask not only, "Who is my neighbour?", but also, "Am I a neighbour?" Have I become so used to seeing, either in real life or in vivid colour on TV, the suffering of the victims of violence, of famine, or of injustice, that my heart has become so hardened that I find it difficult to love? Do I consider my religion a vertical one, containing only my going up to God and God coming down to me, or is my religion also horizontal, embracing broken humanity as well, through whom we might find God? Do I like the priest or Levite in Jesus' story, make rational sounding excuses to relegate caring for the sick only to doctors, nurses, chaplains and others who work in pastoral or health care? Do I, like the scholar in today's Gospel, have faultless book knowledge of the law, but am careless about living it out? Or do I, like the Samaritan, listen to my heart and put my religion into practice? Am I repelled by those who aren't beautiful, or who reek with the stench of alcohol or urine, or who are weak or foolish or unintelligent?

Or does my love, like the good Samaritan's. Prompt me to end up not only feeling sorry for the misfortunes of others, but in doing something about them? Every day God counts on our human hands to help raise the unfortunate from dung-heaps. Jesus seeks people committed to the love and care of one another and the earth under the guidance of God's peace and justice. That should be us! But we often miss the victims on the side of the road. Real love doesn't take any notice of legal limits, but only opportunities to help. Never be afraid to love.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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15th Week of Year(C)

Week commencing Sunday 10th July 2022

Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse

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Masses

Sat 9 th July	5.00pm	15th Sunday Year (C)	James Goodison RIP
Sun 10 th July	10.30am	15th Sunday Year (C)	Dorothy Goodison RIP
Mon 11 th July			
Tues 12 th July			People of Ukraine
Wed 13 th July			People of the Parish
Thur 14 th July			
Fri 15 th July		St Bonaventure (mem)	
Sat 16 th July	5.00pm	16th Sunday Year (C)	Margaret Angela Flynn RIP & Martin Flynn RIP
Sun 17 th July	10.30am	16th Sunday Year (C)	Millie and Douglas Thompson RIP

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell,

Those who have recently died: ,

Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath, Nell Bridge. Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli.

Information

Weekly Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority.

Here are a few of the expenses for the coming year:

- **Diocesan Levy** **£5,500 p.a.**
- **Building's upkeep** **£36,000.00**
- **Insurance** **£3,744.77 p.a.**

At times the second collection will be for other charities and the details of these will be placed in the bulletin.

Volunteers

A big thank you to everyone who signed the volunteer sheets at the back of church. Hopefully we will be in touch with you in a couple of weeks once we have been able to collate all the information.

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