



TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

5th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish.
Monday <i>St Bonaventure</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	6.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass – Int. Victor and Mary, RIP.
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 21st July – 6th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

During the 10am Mass, we invite our younger children (approx. aged 3 to 7) to attend their own Liturgy of the Word in the Guild Room. **Parents are encouraged to join their children.** We welcome more help from those who seek to be leaders and support in this ministry to the children of our parish.



Today is **Sea Sunday**, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. To donate online please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

So who is our neighbour? Our neighbour doesn't just mean someone who lives near us; it also means strangers we meet. And when seafarers arrive in a port, they are strangers in a foreign land. Their home can be thousands of miles away. They don't know locals. Often, they don't speak the language. And they don't know how to do many of the things that we take for granted where we live. Where can I find a shop where I can buy batteries? How do I get there? Where can I access the internet to contact my family? Where is the nearest church?

It's the stranger that Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors are there to help when they go on board a ship. Like the Samaritan in the gospel, they are concerned for the welfare of those they meet. The help they give might include providing a mobile phone top-up, warm clothes in the winter, or arranging for seafarers to attend Mass. At other times, it might mean helping a seafarer resolve an issue with his employer over pay or working conditions. The Gospel calls us all to help the stranger. Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) chaplains and ship visitors do this in ports around the world. We can do it where we live, by supporting Sea Sunday and Stella Maris.

Please support the excellent work which **The Passage** does for **homeless people in Central London**, by attending **The Passage annual Garden Party** in the beautiful and historic **College Garden, Westminster Abbey on Friday 19 July, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm**. Tickets at £45 each, include wine, soft drinks, buffet supper and live music. Tickets are available online through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-passage-garden-party-2019-tickets-59008227196> Or from The Passage, St Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL. Tel: 020 75921856. Email: tickets@passage.org.uk It will not be possible to purchase tickets at the Abbey. *All proceeds in aid of The Passage.*

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

To the question, "who is my neighbour," Jesus responds with a story of mercy. He relates that the individual who loves God will show compassion to any of God's children. Pope Benedict states in *Deus caritas est*: "Union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself. I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, his own . . . We become 'one body' . . . Love of God and love of neighbour are now truly united" (14).

As Jesus describes an act of mercy done by a person outside the community, he invites the scholar of the law to look anew at his adherence to the Commandments. Disciples continue to be called to conversion as people seek to enter their land. The bishops' document *Strangers No Longer: Together on a journey of Hope* states: "Conversion of mind and heart leads to communion expressed through hospitality on the part of receiving communities and a sense of belonging as welcome on the part of those communities where migrants are arriving (41).

Jesus describes a man in need of mercy as completely dependent on another. Pope John Paul II's encyclical *Redemptoris missio* states that the dignity of these children of God should not be overlooked. He states: "The poor deserve preferential attention. . . They have been made in the image and likeness of God to be his children, but this image has been obscured and even violated. For this reason, God has become their defender and called to be on the side of the poor and oppressed in any way" (60).

Lectionary for Mass

In the First Reading (Deuteronomy 20:10-14), Moses challenges his people to heed the Lord's voice by keeping the Commandments. Their familiarity with the law is such that they can recite it with their mouths and are aware of it in their hearts. However, more is required: they need to carry it out in their actions.

The Gospel reading (Luke 10:25-37) also gives attention to the carrying out of the Law. A scholar of the Law asks Jesus, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus elicits from him the essence of the Commandment, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart . . . and your neighbour as yourself." Demanding more precision, the lawyer asks, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus answers with the story of the Good Samaritan.

In this parable, a Samaritan cares for a man who has been left for dead after a priest and Levite pass by the man. The Samaritan tends the man's wounds, finds lodging for him, and pays for it. With this act of compassion, the Samaritan loves the stranger as his neighbour. Jesus concludes his story by asking the lawyer, "Which of these three (the priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan), do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigand's hands?" Now Jesus' question to the lawyer draws attention to the fact that the Samaritan is the true neighbour! This poses a problem for the lawyer because Jews considered Samaritans to be enemies. The lawyer finds it difficult to answer Jesus' question. He cannot say "The Samaritan!" Instead he answers, "The one who took pity on him! Jesus leaves him and us with the challenge, "Go and do the same yourself."

Liturgy and Life

(1) If the law of the Lord is in your heart, then how would you act toward others? (2) When in need, do you first turn to the Lord or to others? (3) Who have you failed to treat with mercy?

The latest edition of **Mission Today** is available in the porch for those who support the work of **APF-Mill Hill**.

If you have a **Missio Red Box** that needs emptying, please leave the full box in the Sacristy. Greta will ensure the contents are counted and an empty box is returned to you.

Sister Jacinta Davenport, IBVM has written to thank our parishioners for the recent cheque we sent to support the work of the **Albania Hope Project** which the Loreto Sisters oversee in Albania. Thanks to all who so faithfully and generously give to the mission appeal box in the porch.

Summer Camp 2019 4th – 8th August 2019 Fun and activities where young Catholics gain formation and friendships. Included in the price is Accommodation in the castle, all food, all activities including a day at Alton Towers Theme park. Book online www.nymo.org email: fiona@nymo.org, call 01582 720627

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection - £314.18

**TODAY – SECOND COLLECTION –
STELLA MARIS (APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA)**

Thank you for your generosity

The JULY 2019 edition of The Vine

The Diocese of Northampton newspaper is now available. It's free of charge!

Are you new to the parish?

If so, you are very welcome! Do introduce yourself to Father Andy after Mass, and please complete a parish registration form.



Tea, coffee and cold drinks are served in The Guild Room after both of our Sunday Masses.
All are welcome!

Infant Baptism and Marriage. By appointment with Fr Andy after completing the necessary preparation. **The Church requires** notice of at least six months prior to the Sacrament of Matrimony being celebrated.