



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

14 July 2019

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

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School: Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School + Headteacher: Mrs. Frances Robertson

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (SEA SUNDAY)		
13 th Sat Vigil	18.30	Steve Widdowson (<i>M. Douglas</i>)
14 th Sun	9.00	Vincent Ayamnde – RIP (<i>Ayamnde Family</i>)
	11.00	Harry Golab – RIP (<i>T. Golab</i>)
	12.30	Baptism: <i>Luis Toner-Ferreira</i>
	18.00	Justine – WB & Healing (<i>C. Andrew</i>)
WEEKDAY MASSES		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
15 th Mon <i>St. Bonaventure</i>	9.30	Dennis O'Regan (<i>J. O'Regan</i>)
	15.45	Wedding: <i>Shirley Coyle & Patrick Doherty</i>
16 th Tues <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	9.30	Rosemary Durkin – RIP - 1 st Annv
	19.00	Michael Simmon -RIP - 3 rd Annv (<i>C. Andrews</i>)
17 th Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Mary & Jim Goddard - RIP School Mass: <i>Leavers (Year 6)</i>
	19.00	Allen Varanat – 21 st BD & Thanksgiving (<i>S. Varanat</i>)
18 th Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Ann-Marie Connolly – Sp Ints
	9.30	Bertha D'Costa – RIP Annv of BD
19 th Fri <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Mary Taylor – WB
	9.30	Eamonn Walsh (<i>E & S Walsh</i>)
20 th Sat <i>Memorial of the BVM</i>	9.00	Leslie, Cyril & Frances (<i>A. Swallow</i>)
	11.00	Baptism: <i>Madeleine Foskett</i>
SIXTEETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
20 th Sat Vigil	18.30	Roisin Loftus – RIP (<i>H & G Trutwein</i>)
21 st Sun	9.00	
	11.00	Nan Healy – WB (<i>M. Taylor</i>)
	12.30	Baptism: <i>Daisy Binstead</i>
	18.00	Alexius Yap – RIP

OTHER SERVICES	
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm
St Anthony of Padua	Tuesday: after AM & PM Masses
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Wednesday: after PM Mass
Our Lady of Fatima	1st Saturday of the month

The Mercy of Outsiders: For whom can I be a neighbour?

Let us reread [the parable of the Good Samaritan] in the context of what Jesus wanted to teach: first, the law needs to yield to mercy at times; second, mercy, before being a Christian virtue, is a requirement and a virtue that is feasible for all human beings and is practiced outside of Christianity. Let us see what circumstances instigated the parable: "And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test saying, 'Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'"

This is yet another attempt to catch Jesus in a trap. The lawyer demonstrates that he knows very well what to do to receive eternal life. He asks the question to force Jesus to compromise himself. If he gives the standard response that everyone already knows, he is bringing nothing new to the Mosaic law and does not deserve his fame. If he responds in another way, he can be accused of being a heretic. Jesus answers the lawyer's question with a problem, or better, with an example [the good Samaritan].

Note that the Samaritan's work of mercy also came from "visceral" mercy: "he had compassion," a phrase that is the typical euphemism for "his viscera were moved." The feature most highlighted from this parable is the total reversal of the traditional concept of a neighbour. He neighbour turns out to be good Samaritan rather than the wounded man as we would have expected. This means that we do not need to wait passively for a neighbour to pop up suddenly on our street. It is up to us to be aware of what is happening around us and be ready to notice things. The neighbour is who each of us is called to become! The lawyer's problem seems to be turned upside down; an abstract, academic issue becomes a concrete, practical issue. The question to ask is not, "Who is my neighbour?" but "For whom can I be a neighbour here and now?"

Jesus implicitly also answers the question about *how* to be a neighbour: with actions and not just words. John says, "Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18). If the good Samaritan had been satisfied to approach the unfortunate man lying in the pool of his own blood and say, "Poor fellow. I am so sorry! How did this happen? Hang in there!" or similar words and then went on his way, wouldn't that have been an irony and an affront?

This is the general teaching of the parable, but it is not the only one. No less important is the teaching it gives about the relationship between the law and mercy. The startling fact is that the priest and the Levite *needed* to act as they did according to law. The wounded man to all appearances was dead, and Mosaic law forbade (*sic*) priests to touch a dead body lest they become unclean and then unable to exercise their priestly ministry (see Leviticus 21:1) what they did not understand is that although the law is righteous and necessary, because every society needs to have rules, there are cases in which people should go beyond the law. At times, as in the case here, *summus jus, summa injuria*, a law taken to its extreme becomes unjust. True righteousness in this case is not to observe the law but to break it. This is the point Jesus was trying to make to those who opposed him about his healings on the Sabbath: the law about the Sabbath rest is sacrosanct, but it is "for the sake of the people" and should be broken when a person's very life hangs in a balance.

Raniero Cantalamessa, *The Gaze of Mercy* (Frederick, MD: The Word Among Us Press, 2015), pp.158-162.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS	
1ST READING	Genesis 18:1-10
2ND READING	Colossians 1: 24-28
GOSPEL	Luke 10:38-42

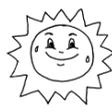
PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died; Roisin Loftus, Colin Forsyth Gray and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time; and all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.
	Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those within our own parish community: Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Sue Ewen, Pauline Ferrara, Ann Groves, Thomas Haley, Eileen Pearce, Heather & George Trutwein, Yvonne Norman, Esme Mills, Sharon Kelly, Nan Healy, Mary Ryan, Betty Harte, Michael Emmett, Kathleen Sheehy-Gregory, Frances Sullivan, Sally Sheridan Loughrey & Michael Pearson

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
	LAST WEEKEND Cash: £720.01 Gift-aid: £746.27 Total: £1,466.28 2 nd Collection today for Apostleship of the Sea Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

INFANT BAPTISM	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the parent's course. Next course: 1 st & 8 th September, at 10am in the Old Chapel.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (AoS)	
	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. You may also donate online, please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk . Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019/2020	
	Parents of children who will like to take part in the First Holy Communion programme for 2019/2020 are invited to bring their children to a 'Drop in' evening, to meet with Fr. Ignatius and to collect paperwork on any of the following evenings: 16, 17 or 18 July from 7pm to 8.30pm in the Presbytery.

HOLIDAY WISHES	
	I would like to wish everyone a good and happy holiday. Best wishes and prayers for those traveling. Looking forward to having all return safely, healthier and refreshed after the holiday. Lots of love! Father Ignatius

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS
<p>NO EVENING MASS on 23 JULY There will be no evening Mass on 23 July due to the Silver Jubilee Mass of Father Uche Njoku at St. Joseph's, New Malden, at 7pm.</p> <p>TRAINING DAY FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS All FHC catechists are invited to a training day on Saturday, 27 July, from 10.30am to 3.30pm; arrival, 10am. Other catechists and new volunteers are welcome to join the training. Even if you may not yet be sure if this is a ministry you might be called to exercise in the parish, you are welcome to come along. The training will be facilitated by Sr Hyacinthe Defos du Rau, OP. Please sign up with Father Ignatius via email or through the Parish Office by Friday, 19 July 2019. Thank you.</p> <p>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Please see the OLI website for updated Code of Conduct. M. Tett</p> <p>CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP SUNDAY 9AM MASS We are on summer holiday until Sunday 8th September. We look forward to welcoming you all back then.</p> <p>OPEN DAYS – OUR LADY IMMACULATE PRIMARY SCHOOL Dear Parents, you are invited to visit the school as prospective parents for admission in 2020. We are offering tours of the school an opportunity to meet the Head on Friday 11th October at 9.15am and Friday 22nd November at 9.15am. We look forward to seeing you then.</p> <p>YSVP UPDATE AND INVITATION I would like to invite all current year 6 students to an open meeting of the Youth St Vincent de Paul group on 14th July at 3pm in the Old Chapel. If you are interested in being a member of a group that wants to help others and stay in contact with your classmates, then come to this meeting and see what YSVP is about. YSVP welcomes all young people between 11 and 18 years old so if you fall within this age group, please come along to see if this group is for you. Parents: Please encourage your children to consider this group, which helps young people to remain an integral part of parish life, as they get older and become more independent. I encourage you to also attend the meeting for information. We look forward to seeing you all on the 14th July. OLI YSVP</p> <p>UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: Summer Party July 16th at 7.30pm in the old chapel. This will be our last meeting before the Summer break. Entertainment will include a Flower Quiz and a raffle. Please bring some finger food for sharing.</p> <p>4TH TOLWORTH AIR SCOUT UPDATE AND INVITATION We have had another successful, busy and fun-filled year with the young people in O.L.I Parish and will have our last meeting before the Summer Break on 17th July. Hopefully the weather will be warm, as we plan to have a Water Activities evening! There will be a few spaces available in September in the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections, so if your child would like to join us (and are aged between 6 and 14), contact us. We would love to meet you. Please contact Mrs Pat Askey, 07952967930.</p> <p>ALTER SERVERS SUMMER BREAK 6TH-12TH AUGUST in Woldingham, Surrey, - £145. This is an excellent few days for boy & girl servers aged 10-15. Meeting in a holiday atmosphere. Activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass as well as sport, Chessington World of adventures, Laser Elite, swimming. For more details take a form, download from www.stanselm.dartford.wordpress.com, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, Tel: 01322 220075, email: stanselm01@googlemail.com</p> <p>SUNRAY RESIDENTS AND SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURS You are invited to a community Street Party on 3rd August on Barnsbury Crescent (KT5 9RF). Bring a dish and meet your neighbours and invite those who are on their own to meet their neighbours in a friendly environment. Everyone is welcome. Child friendly. If you need any further information, contact Ajantha on: communitysunray@gmail.com Or alternatively, speak to parishioner: Helen Emmett on 07402327177. Looking forward to seeing you all for a fun day in the Sun ☺</p>