## **GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Who Is NOT My Neighbour?



Today a law student asks Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" he might just as well have asked, "Who is NOT my neighbour." The law student was a Jew, and as such would only have considered fellow Jews as worthy of his neighbourly love. His loyalty to his own community would in itself have excluded those outside it. By asking Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" the lawyer is looking for excuses to withhold his love.

Are we sometimes guilty of the same transgression? We all agree in principle to Jesus' commandment to love our neighbours, but then we rule all sorts of people out. How can we love and respect those who don't show us any love or respect in return? How can we have sympathy for the benefit fraud, the drunk or the drug addict? How can we find any common ground with the refugee or the teenager upstairs who plays his music too loud and at all times of the day? Jesus responds to the law student by telling the story of the 'Good Samaritan'. That he chooses a Samaritan to be the hero of the story is no coincidence, since Jews had ongoing grievances against the Samaritans and their hostilities had long set them apart. The parable condemns non-involvement. How often do we refuse to be a 'Good Samaritan' because we fear for our own safety, or we are loath to spend money or time?

Regardless of who we perceive as our neighbours, and regardless of any excuses, today we are asked, "Can we truly keep the commandment that leads to eternal life?"

**Bitesize –** "If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies." ~ *Moshe Dayan, Israeli general & politician (1915 - 1981)* 



**PARISH PRAYER** – Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word and a new consecration to your service, that your love might grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ our Lord, Amen.



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Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

[15th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 3]

## MASSES in the PARISH

∣ Saturday 9 <sup>™</sup> July			
18.00	First MASS of Sunday	For the People of the Parish	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> July		15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	MASS	Anisha Cyriac+	
11.00	MASS Live streamed	Anne Hannon+	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July		St Benedict, Patron of Europe	
10.00	MASS	Holy Souls	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July		Feria	
10.00	MASS	Colin Cummings+	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July		Feria	
10.00	MASS	Amanda O'Dowd+	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July		Feria	
10.00	MASS & ADORATION	Holy Souls	
	Live streamed		
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July		St Bonaventure	
-	No Mass today		
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July			
	First MASS of Sunday	John McWilliams+	
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> July		16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	MASS	For the People of the Parish	
11.00	MASS Live streamed		

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30 EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbzezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid

The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

**Anniversaries this week:** Antonio Fernando Marques, Edward Clare, Doris Eden, Kay Vincent, Dennis Crossland Mallam, Margaret Owen. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.* 

**Hospital Visits:** If you or any member of your family is admitted to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and would like to have a visit from a Catholic Priest, please inform a nurse on the ward and contact will be made through the Chaplaincy. If you are admitted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn, please contact Fr. Peter Rollings at the Presbytery on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before going into hospital, please contact Fr. Jay either by phone or by email.

**Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for:** Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Collette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Fr. Brendan.

**Money Matters:** Offering for last Sunday: Plate £250.89. Thank you.

For those who would like to make their regular offerings by Standing Order, the information you need is: Account name: **Catholic Church of Dereham**. The Sort Code is: **40-20-08** and the Account number is: **11311115**. If you are a tax payer, please also consider **Gift Aid**. Let Rex Baker know if you would like to sign up to Gift Aid.

**Sea Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) is the maritime agency of the Catholic Church. Its teams of chaplains provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. **There is a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend**. Alternatively, you can donate online at <u>www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate</u>, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

**The Word Code** – The scripture study is still ongoing and you are welcome to join, every Wednesday at 19.30 in the Presbytery.

**Tuesday Chess –** The 30-mnute chess lessons for children of any age and for young adults alike in the Emmaus Room every Tuesday at 19.00 commencing this week, 12<sup>th</sup> July. A limited number of 7 places only. Chess sets are provided. Minors should be accompanied by their parents/guardians. Adults are welcome to have a friendly game, depending on available chess sets (or bring your own).

**UCM News -** There will be a UCM meeting on **Tuesday, 12th July** following the 10am Mass. We have also had an invitation to a garden party at Myrna Kemp's

on July 28<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow. If anyone needs transport to the meeting, please let Anne Nicol or Anne Sibley know as soon as possible.

Diary dates for this week:			
Mon. 11 <sup>th</sup> July	14.00 – 16.00	Afternoon Tea. Come for a social cuppa & chat. Bring your knitting, or play a game – we can offer you cards, dominoes, cribbage, scrabble – or bring your own game! All welcome. Emmaus Room. Every second Monday of the month.	
Tues. 12 <sup>th</sup> July	After 10.00 Mass	UCM meeting. Emmaus Room	
Tues. 12 <sup>th</sup> July	19.00	Chess club – Emmaus Room.	
Weds. 13 <sup>th</sup> July	19.30	Scripture Study Group – Presbytery.	
Fri. 15 <sup>th</sup> July	19.15 – 20.15	Altar Servers meeting – Emmaus Room.	
Sat. 16 <sup>th</sup> July	12.00 Noon	Altar Servers Mass – St John's Cathedral, Norwich, with BBQ afterwards.	
Sundays	After 11.00 Mass until 13.00.	Youth Club table tennis. Emmaus Room	

**Refresher Day for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**: This will take place on **30<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 1300 in the Emmaus Room**. New volunteers are welcome to join.

**Diocesan Youth Events:** Limited places available. For information and to book a place, go to <u>www.rcdea.org.uk/youth</u>. Organised by East Anglia Diocesan Youth Service. See the posters at the back of church.

- Pilgrimage to Holywell, 'The Lourdes of Wales', **25 29 July 2022 –** For young people and young adults aged 16-30.
- England's Way: Walking Pilgrimage to Walsingham: 11-15 August 2022
- For young adults aged 18+. Limited places available. For more information and to book a place, go to <u>www.rcdea.org.uk/youth</u>.
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- World Youth Day 2023, Lisbon, Portugal Join millions of young people from around the world to celebrate Mass with Pope Francis. For young people who will be age 16 and over, young adults and adult leaders.

**Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Co-ordinator Post** – Applications invited for this important role. The post-holder must be a practicing Catholic in good standing, with a good understanding of, and commitment to, the Catholic Church's teaching on marriage and family life. The role is 0.5 FTE, with flexible hours including some Saturdays, Sundays and evenings as required. Annual salary is £33,150 pro rata (i.e., £16,575). Full details and application forms available online at <u>https://www.rcdea.org.uk/diocese-needs-marriage-family-life-co-ordinator/</u>