



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
ST. WILLIAM OF YORK**

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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)  
10 JULY 2022**

Dear Parishioners

The Jews of the Old Covenant had established a system of more than five hundred commandments and prohibitions, which was to allow them to do God's will in everything, because they no longer had a clear vision of what was absolutely essential to their eyes. For lawyers, discussing hierarchies and commandments was often far more important than institutions designed to truly do God's will.

This is demonstrated by the example of the lawyer who tries to taste Jesus by asking a question about who his neighbour is, But Jesus forces the doctor of the law to give the right answer for himself and then shows him which neighbour is to love as himself: he is the one who is in poverty and needs our help.

He goes even further, showing that a Samaritan to be despised (in the eyes of the doctors of the law) is capable of doing good in a natural way by following the voice of his heart, the hated enemy proved himself to be the compassionate neighbour. while two pious Jews are disinterested in an unbecoming way. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbour. A person who acts with compassion and love toward another is a true neighbour.

We all know, that at any time, but especially in this challenging time we ought to not only identify our neighbours but extend our helping hands to them in any way possible.

God Bless

Fr Habte



## TODAY'S READINGS -

Deuteronomy 30:10-14, Colossians 1:15-20, Luke 10:25-37

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

To many a Jew at the time of Jesus the hatred of the Samaritans was such that a Good Samaritan was a contradiction in terms. It is striking that Luke changes the dialogue about the two commandments. In Mark's and Matthew's accounts Jesus answers the question about the commandments, while in Luke Jesus challenges the questioner, who then himself gives the right answer. It is also striking that, in his reply at the very end, the lawyer, despite Jesus' praise of him, cannot bring himself to pronounce the hated name, 'Samaritan', and says 'the one who...'. The conscientious dilemma of the priest and the Levite reveals a dry humour within this story: if the huddled traveller turns out to be dead, they will incur corpse-defilement and be unable to perform their sacred duties! This legal difficulty makes the Samaritan's attentive generosity all the more poignant, for a Samaritan is free of any such hang-ups. Love shown to the unfortunate and the down-trodden is a major theme in Luke's Gospel. But note also the Samaritan's careful administration of his funds: he gives not a blank cheque but two days' wages, which he will supplement on his return if necessary!

*What is the main point of Jesus' story? Is it to be generous or not to be judgmental?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Genesis 18:1-10, Colossians 1:24-28, Luke 10:38-42

## SEA SUNDAY 10TH JULY - 2nd Collection

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 Sunday 10th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.





**A BIG THANK YOU** to parishioners who came to help us clean the church this week and generously dedicated from a few hours to many hours of their time. As planned we have done some deep cleaning of our church, including dusting, cleaning and polishing of the church furniture. cleaning the wax from the carpet. The washing of the carpet could not be done as we did not get the machines as planned, we will let you know when that is possible.

We have found a lot of chewing gums on the carpet and under the chairs, which proved to be the most difficult to clean and damaging to the carpet and chairs. Therefore, I would like to gently ask parishioners to please not eat or bring any food or chewing gums to the church.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the weekly church cleaning team for their hard work in keeping our church clean through the year.

Fr Habte

### **NEW EPISCOPAL VICARS**

Archbishop John Wilson has appointed Fr Victor Darlington as Episcopal Vicar for the South East Area, Fr Gerald Bradley for the South West Area and Bishop Paul Hendricks for Kent. Please keep them in your prayers at this time of change and for their future pastoral responsibilities.

### **POPE FRANCIS' APOSTOLIC LETTER**

We have recently received an apostolic letter from the Holy Father Pope Francis, Desiderio Desideravi on the liturgical formation of the people of God. It is written to the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, to consecrated men and women, and to the lay faithful. Please find the link to the [Apostolic Letter](#) here.

**FATHER HABTE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD** on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 at 7pm Mass followed by a reception in the school hall at St William of York. All parishioners are invited to this thanksgiving celebration. [Please click here for your invitation](#)

## **ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON VISIT TO PARISH**

Archbishop John Wilson will be visiting our parish on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September, the main purpose of his visit is to meet our parishioners, therefore, we will have only one Mass at 10:30am followed by refreshments in the school hall. The Archbishop will be staying with us up to 2pm to meet as many parishioners as possible.

The Archbishop is the chief shepherd of his diocese, therefore it is one of his main duties to visit the parishes and meet the faithful.

Archbishop John is very keen to meet our parishioners, please save this day in your diary and try to come and meet him.

## **POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY**

As the Church gears up to celebrate the 2nd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on 24 July, Pope Francis is calling on Catholics to pray throughout the month for the elderly. His July prayer request comes on the heels of last month's intention for families, and was accompanied by The Pope Video. "We cannot speak about family without talking about the importance of the elderly among us," said the Pope in the video, tying the two prayer intentions together.



## **FINANCES**

### **JUNE 2022**

The monthly Offertory Collection - £2,242.45

Donations for CATEW - £171.11

Donations for Day for Life - £148.95

Donations for Peter's Pence - £210.75

From monthly standing orders/bank transfers we collected - £4,763.00

From contactless & website donations we collected - £365.80

Thank you for your continued support

Please Gift Aid where possible

## MASS ATTENDEES

18/19 June - 635 25/26 June - 428 2/3 July - 223

## PARISH DIARY

Monday 11 July 20:00	Baptism Course 2nd Session	Lower Hall
Tuesday 12 July 20:00	RCIA/Journey in Faith Session	Lower Hall
Wednesday 13 July 20:00	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 16 July 09:15	Instrumentalists	Church

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

### FR TONY LOGAN RIP

who died peacefully early on Monday morning at St Peter's in Vauxhall.

Fr Tony was from Forest Hill (was in the youth club with Rita Tildesley).

He was also Deacon at the consecration of the church in 1964.

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/news/father-anthony-logan/>

### ROSE CALVER RIP

(mother of Mary Thompson parish secretary)  
who died peacefully early on Monday morning.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

Amen

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**Sea Sunday**

**Saturday 9 July 2022 - Feria**

**18:00** Theresa Dowsett

**Sunday 10 July 2022**

**9:30** Grace Nezianya Personal Intentions

**11:30** For the Parishioners

**Monday 11 July 2022 - St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe**

**09:30** Mavis McCann

**Tuesday 12 July 2022 - St. John Jones, Priest & Martyr**

**09:30** Marie Elizabeth & Family Private Intention

**Wednesday 13 July 2022 - Feria**

**09:30** Seamus McMahon RIP Birthday ([live-streamed](#))

**Thursday 14 July 2022 - Feria**

**9:30** Fr Henry Tims (FM)

**Friday 15 July 2022 - St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

**9:30** Martin Costello RIP

**Saturday 16 July 2022 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

**10:30** Mgr Clement Constable (FM)

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**Saturday 16 July 2022 - Feria**

**18:00** For the Parishioners

**Sunday 17 July 2022**

**9:30** Christine Houlihan

**11:30** Sue Hepworth RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting:

[www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/](https://www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/)

**Reconciliations - Saturday 11-12 noon**