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# THE FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## SUNDAY 13TH JULY 2025



"TAKE CARE OF HIM, AND WHATEVER MORE YOU SPEND,  
I WILL REPAY YOU WHEN I COME BACK."

# SUNDAY MESSAGE



## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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?**



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

16TH JULY

Mount Carmel is celebrated in Scripture for its beauty, and it was there that the prophet Elijah was victorious through the power of the Lord, in his famous contest with the priests of the pagan god Baal. In the late twelfth century AD, near a spring called after Elijah, a group of hermits were living a life of solitude, prayer and absolute poverty by a chapel dedicated to 'Saint Mary of Mount Carmel'. In the early 13th century the tides of history made it impossible for them to continue there, and they made foundations in Cyprus, Sicily, France and England. They were the nucleus of what became known as the Order of Carmelites. The Carmelites regard the Blessed Virgin as their Mother, and their model first of all in leading the contemplative life, and later in sharing the fruits of their contemplation with others. The Solemn Commemoration of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was first celebrated in England in the fourteenth century, but was gradually adopted throughout the Carmelite Order as an occasion of thanksgiving for the countless blessings which Our Lady had bestowed on the Carmelite family.

# ✠ THE NEWS FOR THE PEWS ✠

## SCHOOL LEAVERS' MASS

There will be a special Mass for all school leavers from St. Joseph's school in Church, this **Wednesday, July 16th at 2:00pm**. All are most welcome to attend.

## TODAY IS SEA SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. We have a special connection with those at sea in this parish, with our former parish priest, Fr. Peter Stoddart being a naval chaplain! Seafarers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Next weekend, there is a second collection for Stella Maris (formerly the Apostleship of the Sea) the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please consider supporting this cause.

## FORTNIGHTLY SUMMER BULLETIN

Throughout the summer months, when news can be in short supply and our school children are enjoying their break, we are going to produce a fortnightly edition of the bulletin. However next weekends bulletin will be a three-week, one off edition, thereafter we shall move to the fortnightly version. If there are any amendments to the diary, an announcement will be made at Mass and on the Facebook page. The best way to keep up to date with the news over the summer, particularly if you are going on holiday, is to add your name and email address to the mailing list or 'like' the Facebook page. To sign up online head to [stjosephs-murton.org.uk/newsletter](http://stjosephs-murton.org.uk/newsletter). We will resume the weekly edition on 7th September

## MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have Holy Mass celebrated for any particular Intention, then please take an envelope from the back of Church and fill in the relevant information. The envelope should be placed in the Sunday collection plate, placed in the Presbytery letterbox or handed to a Priest.



## SANCTUARY CANDLE



THE CANDLE  
THAT BURNS AT THE  
SANCTUARY IS FOR

**Robert Hugh Varley**

## BONUS BALL WINNER

Saturday 5th July  
Eddie Matterson

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POPE LEO XIV'S  
PRAYER INTENTION  
FOR JULY



FORMATION IN DISCERNMENT

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

*Lenne PP. XIV*

# ✠ THIS WEEK AT ST JOSEPH'S ✠

A = Anniversary | (LD) = Lately Deceased | (DFM) = Deceased Family Members

<b>Sunday 13th July</b>  <b>THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	11.00am	<i>Confessions before Mass</i>  <b>Mary &amp; James Haffey and DFM</b>  <i>Coffee in the Parish Hall after Mass</i>
<b>Monday 14th June</b> <i>St Camillus of Lellis, Priest</i>	No Mass Today	
<b>Tuesday 15th July</b> <i>St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor</i>	No Mass Today	
<b>Wednesday 16th July</b> <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	10:00am  2:00pm	<b>Ferguson, Parnaby &amp; Hall Families</b>  <b>School Leavers Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 17th July</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	No Mass Today	
<b>Friday 18th July</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am	<b>Special Intention</b>
<b>Saturday 19th July</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	No Mass Today	
<b>Sunday 20th July</b>  <b>THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	11.00am	<i>Confessions before Mass</i>  <b>Ernest, Emma &amp; Francis Miller</b>  <i>Coffee in the Parish Hall after Mass</i>

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