TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Collect: O God, who show the light of your truth

to those who go astray,

so that they may return to the right path,

give all who for the faith they profess

are accounted Christians

the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 'The word is very near you, so that you can do it.'

Cf. Ps 16:15

Moses spoke to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

'For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?" But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.'

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM:



Second Reading:

Colossians 1:15-20 'All things were created through him and for him.'

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created The sparrow finds a home, through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in and the swallow a nest for her young: him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, Blessed are they who dwell in your house, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all for ever singing your praise. the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in Prayer after Communion: heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. R/ THE WORD OF THE LORD C/ THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel Acclamation (ALL STAND)

Cf. John 6:63c, 68c

Alleluia, alleluia. Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Gospel:

Luke 10:25-37 'Who is my neighbour?'

At that time: Behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? How do you read it?' And he answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.'

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back." Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' And Jesus said to him, 'You go, and do likewise.'

R/ THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

C/ PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

Prayer over the Offerings:

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.



Have a glorious week!

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13th July 2025 (Year C)

Welcome to all at Mass today, especially to any visitors who are here for the first time. Please take this sheet home with you

This Sunday, Jesus tells one of his most famous parables: the story of the Good Samaritan. It begins with a question from a lawyer, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus turns the question back to him: what do the Scriptures say? The answer is one we know well — love God with all your heart, and your neighbour as yourself. But then comes the follow-up: "Who is my neighbour?" In reply, Jesus tells a story that would have shocked his listeners. A man is left beaten and half-dead by the roadside. Two religious men — a priest and a Levite — pass by. Perhaps they're in a hurry, perhaps worried about ritual purity, or perhaps simply unsure of how to help. But a Samaritan someone considered an outsider, even an enemy — stops, tends to the wounded man, and ensures he's looked after.

risk. It's compassion made visible.

suffering and responded with mercy.

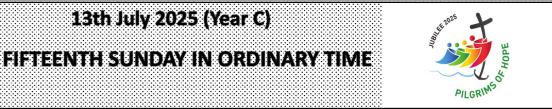
likewise. This Gospel is echoed in today's first reading from Deuteronomy, where Moses reminds the people that God's commandments are not distant or beyond reach: "The word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance." God's will for us isn't hidden in the clouds or buried in a book. It's written in our hearts and revealed in Christ - who himself is the ultimate Good Samaritan, stooping down to lift up humanity with mercy.

As we journey through summer, with parish life perhaps a little quieter, this is a chance to notice really notice — those around us. Who is hurting? Who is overlooked? And what can I do, even in a small way, to be a neighbour? Let's not just admire the story. Let's live it.

Have a blessed week. Father Mark

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REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

"Go and Do Likewise"

It's a powerful reminder that love of neighbour is not a theory or a vague sentiment. It's action. It's

The Samaritan did not ask, "Is this man one of mine?" or "What will it cost me?" He simply saw

In our own lives, we may not often come across someone bleeding by the roadside. But there are many around us who are wounded in spirit — lonely, grieving, struggling financially, or simply in need of a kind word. Jesus asks us to be neighbours to them. Not just to feel sorry, but to go and do

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS SICK, HOUSEBOUND, THOSE WHO RECEIVE COMMUNION AT HOME:

Mike Power, Father Anthony, Margaret Quinn, Michael O'Brien, Christine Smith, Rachel Cottrell, Alice O'Neill, Janice Davidson, Jilly Taylor, Peter Cawdery, Pauline Guthrie, Maureen Lyden, Julia Dunglinson, Richard Ainsworth, Francesco Sesia, Joe Owen, Doreen O'Callaghan, Wesley Gilead, Henrik Sperlich, Allan & Lynne Mackintosh, Ray Norris, Morag & Raj Puri, Stephen de Winter

HAL LAMPS: ALBERT JARRETT (RIP) & **THELMA JARRETT B'DAY**

RECENTLY DEPARTED: We pray for all those who have died recently.

DEAD ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for all who died around this time.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY MASS 6pm (Saturday Vigil), 10.00am (Family) & 12 Noon (Solemn). 5pm (Portuguese). OTHER MASS TIMES Monday, Tuesday & Friday at 12 Noon Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30am HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION As Announced.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Fridays: 12.30pm-1pm and Saturday: 5.15-5.45pm **CONFESSIONS** Friday 12.35-1pm, Saturday 11am-11.30 & 5.15pm-5.45pm and by appointment.

G	Sunday	13th July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil	5:15pm 6.00 pm 10.00 am 12 Noon	Evening Prayer of the Church John Scholtz (RIP) People of the Parish Angela Bosah (INT)
G	Monday	14th July	Feria		12 Noon	Julia Mai O'Connor (RIP)
w	Tuesday	15th July	Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church		12 Noon	William Kennedy (RIP)
G	Wednesday	16th July	Feria		9:30 am	Julia Dunglinson (INT)
G	Thursday	17th July	Feria		09:30 am	Jorge Mendes (RIP)
G	Friday abstinence	18th July	Feria		12 Noon	Francesca Cardarelli (ANN)
G	Saturday	19th July	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil	6:00 pm	Kevin O'Connell (RIP)

NEWS AND VIEWS

WELCOME to all at Mass today, especially visitors, or to anyone who is new to the Parish.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS: Mon; Tue; Thu and Fri: and canapes. The parish bar will be open to purchase 10.00 to 2.00pm; Wednesday closed.

WEEKDAY MASSES: For the moment, we will be able to retain weekday Masses from Monday to Friday. The situation will be reviewed at the end of July.

VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER): On Saturday evenings, Sung Evening Prayer is celebrated at 5:15pm before Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join us.

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham – New Date

Announced: We're pleased to announce a new date for our Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 13th September. If you've already filled out a booking form and paid, you don't need to do anything -your place is secured. If you haven't yet booked but would like to come along, please complete a booking form (available at the back of church or from the parish office) and return it to the parish office as soon as possible. Cost: £35 per person (based on a minimum of 45 people travelling). Booking deadline: Thursday 31st July. Join us for a day of prayer, reflection, and community at England's Nazareth. All are welcome!

HAL LAMPS: Please remember that Hal Lamps can be sponsored each week in memory of a loved one or for a special intention for you, your family or friends. The suggested offering is £10.00. If you wish to do so then please contact the parish office, open from 10.00am to 2.00pm, weekdays.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July: For 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.

Today is Sea Sunday: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. This Sunday 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 or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. Thank you.

Envelopes: £316.20 Loose: £312.96 Total: £629.16 END OF SEASON RECEPTION: 1.00pm, 20th July: Donation by Dona Card Machine on Sunday: £163.20 An informal social will take place on Sunday 20th of and £519 per week by standing order. July after 12.00 noon Mass, to thank our Altar Servers, Volunteers, Musicians and all who have contributed to the life of our church during the past year. This will

also give us an opportunity to officially say farewell to our Altar Servers departing for university. The reception will consist of a glass of pimms or soft drink, additional drinks at subsidised prices, (proceeds go to the Parish Building Maintenance Fund). All parishioners welcome. Any volunteers available to prepare and serve drinks, and offer canapes at the start of the reception, please see Carl after Mass.

The Hal Singers: 12pm Mass, 20th July: The Hal Singers will sing Solemn Mass, through the kind and generous donation of a parishioner, and will sing at one Solemn Mass each month for nine months, recommencing in September. In order to continue our work of evangelising through Music at both Sunday Masses, please consider donating to 'Music Ministry' through the card machine at the rear of the church. In the autumn, listen out for announcements including how you can take part in our 'Sponsor a Cantor appeal', dates for a series of 'Community Concerts' performed by local music organisations and a 'Community Singing Day' open to all and led by our Music Director.

Music List:

Introit: O God, our help in ages past **Psalm:** O Lord, who may abide in your tent **Gospel Acclamation:** Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God Credo: III **Offertory Hymn:** Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

Memorial Acclamation 1: We proclaim your death O Lord

Communion Music: Ave Verum (Mozart) **Communion Hymn:** As longs the deer Recessional Hymn: O Praise ye the Lord (arr. C. Hubert

H. Parry, taken from the anthem 'Hear my words, ye people')

Ordinarius: Communion Service in E Minor (Harold Darke)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2025

Upcoming Dates for your diary:

RCIA: Meetings will resume after the Summer.

TEAS AND COFFEES TODAY for parishioners and visitors after the 10am Sunday Mass.

COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY: (THANK YOU!)