

Fifteenth Sunday in ordinary Time—Year C 10th July 2016

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

First Reading from the book of Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

Responsorial Psalm: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1: 15-20

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to Luke 10: 25-37

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Saints of the Week

St Benedict (Mon 11/7) St Henry (Wed 13/7)
St Camillus de Lellis, (Thurs 14/7) St Bonaventure (Fri 15/7)
Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Sat 16/7)

WEEKEND MASS TIMES: Sat Vigil 5.30pm, Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Monday— Friday 9.15am

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 4.30pm—5.15pm

MASS INTENTIONS: There are Mass Intention envelopes in the church foyer for people to write their respective Intentions. These need to be returned to the parish office no later than one week prior to the said date. Please do not place them in the 'suggestion box'.

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT: Thursday 7.00pm -8.00pm except Thursday before 1st Friday of the Month.

BAPTISMS: Please contact the Parish office 9825 1679

WEDDINGS: 6 months notice is required

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We are a community striving for growth, unity, equality, love and commitment

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Today's gospel is such a familiar one and such an enduring image that the title for the hero has passed into everyday use to describe a stranger who does a good turn for another. Many countries even have what is known as a 'Good Samaritan Law' that protects those who may hurt another person when they act in good faith to provide aid.



The parable is told in response to the question, 'And who is my neighbour?' Anyone hearing Jesus tell the story would have recognised the familiar story structure – things happening in three with the most important element occurring on the third repetition. As three people came upon the injured man on the road, the audience would have known that the hero of the story would be the third one along. But, as Jesus often did with his parables, the pattern is suddenly disrupted. Rather than the hero being an upright, faithful Jewish person, it is none other than a Samaritan who is the one who shows mercy. Samaritans and Jews had a deep-seated mistrust and suspicion towards one another that went back generations. So strong was the ill-feeling between the two peoples that when Jesus finishes his story and asks the lawyer which man proved himself a neighbour, the lawyer cannot even say 'the Samaritan' – he says 'the one who took pity'.

The story concludes with the instruction, 'Go and do the same yourself'. The commandment is to act with compassion towards others – even those you may not like. The priority of compassion over the Law is a major theme of the gospel of Luke. It is often described as the gospel of compassion. The Samaritan acts with compassion, rather than out of 'patterned' behaviours and attitudes. Jesus challenges the lawyer – and us – to 'Go and do the same'.
Fr. Greg Sunter

Parish Collections 3/7/2016

First: \$597.55 **Second:** \$572.15

Holy Father's Appeal \$979.60

Thanks for your generosity to the Holy Father's Annual Appeal last weekend. This appeal links us directly to the global charitable mission of Pope Francis. Your generosity gives hope to many.

Conference on the New Evangelisation. "On a Mission of Mercy: Evangelising Parishes", 1-3 September 2016 PROCLAIM 2016 is for priests and key lay people who want to grow and build their parish through outreach and evangelisation. The theme of this year's Conference embraces the challenge of Pope Francis for the joyful and pastoral conversion of our parishes. The Keynote Speakers (to date) include **Cardinal Donald Wuerl** (Washington) **Bishop Nicholas Hudson** (Westminster) and **Dr Susan Timoney** (Washington), who will focus on parishes as oases of mercy and centres of missionary outreach. Workshops will provide practical ideas and tools for participants to take back and apply in the parish. For more information on **PROCLAIM 2016**, please contact **Natalia Moutia** on (02) 9847 0504 /email proclaim2016@dbb.org.au or visit www.proclaimconference.com.au

HSC STUDY WEEK AT NOTRE DAME. HSC students wanting to maximise their exam potential can gain valuable study and exam preparation advice at The University of Notre Dame Australia's HSC Study Week on the Sydney Campus from **Monday, 11 July to Friday, 15 July.** To find out more about the program visit http://www.nd.edu.au/academic_support/hsc-study-week or call **8204 4228**

MERCY IN THE CITY LECTURE SERIES. Frank Brennan SJ AO is running another event in Sydney on **12 July.** A Conversation About Struggling to Believe in a Time of Disillusionment. Guest speaker: Mgr Tomas Halik. Doors open 5.30pm for a 6pm start Warrane Theatre, Museum of Sydney. Limited Seats Available. **RSVP: events@mercylectureseries.com.au**

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/2017 Thank you to all our givers who support the parish through their financial generosity. If you are supporting the parish through the Planned Giving envelopes please collect your new **2016/2017 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** from the back of the church this weekend. The boxes are in Numerical (envelope No) order.

TAX INVOICE RECEIPTS F/YEAR ending 30/6/2016 if you have previously given your details for a tax receipt, they are now available from the Piety stall. If not please leave your details on the sheet provided in the church foyer, and they will be ready for collection next weekend.

Group Leaders required for the Sacrament of Reconciliation Enrolments for this Sacrament are due to be held on 20th & 27th August after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass & 21st, 28th August after Sunday evening mass. However, for this Sacrament to commence we are in great need of 9 parents volunteering to become Group Leaders. Please contact the Sacramental Coordinator Catherine Flavell on 9731 0158 for further details and forms.



Saturday 9th July 5.30pm.....Vincent Hung (RIP)
Sunday 10th July 8.00am Paul Conlon (RIP)
Sunday 10th July 9.30am..... Sr. Clemence (RIP)
Sunday 10th July 5.30pm.....Parish Intentions
Monday 11th July 9.15am..... Msgn Philip.Thuong (RIP)
Tuesday 12th July 9.15amVocations
Wednesday 13th July **No Mass today**
Thursday 14th July 9.15amFor the sick
Friday 15th July 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 16th July Reconciliation : 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30Pm

REFLECTION DAY, MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE. *Centring Prayer*, as taught by Thomas Keating & William Menninger, is the silent prayer of consenting to the presence & action of the Divine Indwelling. This day will provide an opportunity to deepen your practice of prayer in a supportive group experience. Thursday, 04 August or Saturday, 06 August 2016. 10.00am – 3.30pm. BYO lunch. COST: \$25.00 **FACILITATOR:** Sue Barker sgs **BOOKINGS BY: Friday, 29 July.** PH: **9484 6208** Email: mtstbenedict@bigpond.com.

The Western Area Catechist Mass will be celebrated at St Gertrude's parish, Smithfield on Friday 22nd July at 11am. The Area Mass presents the opportunity to bring the Western Area together in prayer and unity.

Would you consider sharing your Faith with children in our 3 state schools. This is an urgent appeal for volunteers, please contact the parish office for more details.

The next meeting for our Catechists will be held on Monday 25th July at 10am in the Parish Hall.

A Chorister Celebration Feat. The boy-choristers of The Temple Church, London, the boy-choristers of St Mary's Cathedral and St Andrews Cathedral, Sydney. **Tuesday, 26 July 11.30am-12.45pm.** A rare opportunity to see the world-famous English boy-choristers of The Temple Church in the beautiful St Mary's Cathedral including the boy-choristers of St Mary's Cathedral & St Andrew's Cathedral. Works include music especially written for boys' voices by Benjamin Britten, and others including Vaughan Williams and John Rutter. Also the first time in history that the Cathedral Choirs, two oldest continuing musical institutions in Australia are singing together. Tickets range between \$5-\$15 and can be purchased from <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/39442>.

We Pray For The Sick

Arturo Aguilar, Lilian Spicer, Frank Ilankovan & Erica Garcia Leon

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:



*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them
May they rest in peace. Amen.*