

The good Samaritan was also a good steward, giving his time and his treasure to meet his neighbour's need. At the end of this familiar story, Jesus urges His hearers — and us — to go and do the same!

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Focusing the Gospel
(Luke 10:25-37)

Key words and phrases: “Jesus said to him, ‘What is written in the law? How do you read it?’”

To the point: Anyone who has taught in any capacity can relate to Jesus and the scholar of the law. Thinking that he can pin Jesus down, the scholar asks what he feels is a challenging question. Jesus spins it back, asking the scholar how the scholar himself interprets it. Classic Socratic method. Jesus commends him, but the scholar isn't finished! He asks Jesus a question that may have been intended as petty or insulting, but Jesus answers with one of the most unexpected and memorable parables in all of the gospels: the story of the Good Samaritan, a man who treated an enemy with love and care, doing more than his enemy's own community. This is a parable that invites the reader to imagine all roles he or she has played. Have you been the man beaten, and then helped by a stranger you thought was an enemy? Have you been the Samaritan? Have you been the priest or the judge who saw something happen and kept walking? The brilliance of this story is that humanity is expressed in all of the characters, those who offer help and those who turn away. We will, at different points in our life, be each of these characters. The goal, of course, is to be the Samaritan.



Connecting the Gospel

To the first reading : Moses's words are just as biting and relevant today as they were thousand years ago. “[T]HIS command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you.” He's telling the Israelites that this isn't some unattainable goal only for the privileged few. We can imagine Moses standing up and holding the scrolls, looking at his family and neighbours with dogged frustration. The answers aren't up in the sky or across the sea—they're here, in this book! The Lord gave them to us! Commandments and statutes, that's it, and they're right here! Similarly, Jesus isn't speaking in a coded language. He wants the Jews to be like the Samaritan in his story, to help one another and to reach out to their enemies. This isn't rocket science. It's love.

To experience: Sometimes it's hard to be a Christian. It's easier to follow the trends of the times and do whatever we need to do to fit in with society. But if you read the gospels and listen at Mass, you realise it's not that hard. There's no great secret to being a good person. The saints in heaven didn't stumble upon magical information. They loved the people around them, and God most of all. Do good, love others, and let yourself be renewed and animated by the Eucharist. Once can imagine Jesus is just as attentive to the scholar questioning him as Moses was with the Israelites. “And who is my neighbour?” Everyone.

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DATE	CHURCH	Parish Centre
Mon 11 Jul	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary 7.30pm Family Holy Hour	7.30pm SVdP-RM 1
Tue 12 Jul	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary 7:30pm Choir Practice	7.30pm Encounter Evening—Rm 3
Wed 13 Jul	9.00am Mass 9.30am Rosary	9.30am Craft—Rm 3 & Kitchen 5.00pm Rosary in the Garden - Hall & Kitchen
Thu 14 Jul	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary	
Fri, 15 Jul	11.20am Rosary 12.00noon Mass	2.00pm Legion of Mary
Sat 16 Jul	9:00am Mass 9:30am Recon/Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass	10.30am Men's Group Bible Sharing—DWWJ 5.00pm SVdP Cake Stall—Hall & Kitchen
Sun, 17 Jul	7.30am Mass 9.00am Mass 10.30am Mass 2.30pm Silent Adoration 3.00pm Divine Mercy	1st Reading Gen : 18:1-10 2nd Reading Col : 1:24-28 Gospel Reading Lk : 10:38-42 7.00am SVdP Cake Stall—Hall & Kitchen

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Baptism - We welcome into God's family at Sts John & Paul

Seraphina Tjandra

Ryan Christopher Madiyanto



Holy Hour – Let us pray together

There will be an hour of Adoration in our parish on Monday July 11th from 7.30 to 8.30 pm. Pope Francis reminds us, "Without prolonged moments of adoration, of prayerful encounter with the word, of sincere conversation with the Lord, our work easily becomes meaningless; we lose energy as a result of weariness and difficulties, and our fervour dies out. The Church urgently needs the deep breath of prayer." (EG 262). As we honour St Benedict on his feast day, you are invited to contemplate the face of Jesus, to help us grow in our prayer life and holiness, so that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives. Let us take time to join our fellow parishioners in prayer, silence and song as we adore the Eucharistic Lord and experience his love for us. Welcome one and all. Let us join together in fervent prayer for the needs of our city, our church and the world at this time.



Rosary in the garden 13 Jul 5pm

All are welcome to come and join in the recitation of the rosary to our Heavenly Mother. Please bring a dish to share after the rosary.

Coming up St Vincent de Paul Cake Stall 16/17 July 2022

Our annual cake and knitted goods sale will be held after all Masses on the 16/17 July weekend. The stalls will be in the parish hall. Vinnies would like to thank parishioners for past donations including weekly groceries and support with our Christmas Hampers. We will really appreciate your "bring and buy" involvement to our cake stall. Proceeds will be used to help people in need.

ARISE Charismatic Prayer Group

Life can be difficult! At times you may need extra support to cope, to help you get through periods of crisis. It can be relationship problems, emotional, health or physical problems or any other issues. Whatever it is, nothing is impossible for God! ARISE Charismatic Prayer Group, in conjunction with the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR), is offering parishioners **individual healing prayer ministry** by laying on of hands. You are not required to be part of a charismatic prayer group though you need to have the faith and an open heart and mind to allow God to do the work within you. These sessions are private and confidential. As prayer ministers, we bring your problems to Jesus and seek His will and His help in the situation. This service is free of charge. **Enquiries to Irene Er-Smith 0466 807 019**



Sister Monica's Vigil prayers and funeral Mass

Vigil Prayer : 10th July 2022 (Sunday) at Bowra and O'Dea's chapel, 312 South Street from 5pm to 6pm (viewing) and then prayers and sharing of Memories 6pm to 7.30pm. Funeral Mass is on 11 Jul 2022 at the St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne at 2pm to 3pm. Burial will be at 3.30pm Karrakatta Cemetery. We remember the repose of the soul of our dear Sr Monica in our prayers.

St Vincent de Paul Piety stall news

We have in stock booklets on Pope Francis.....his desire for a merciful and missionary church with a strong commitment to the poor. Come and get a copy and find out for yourselves. Book packages from \$7.50 (single book) to \$18.50 (three books).

Holy Land Pilgrimage 25 Nov to 9 Dec 2022 lead by Mgr. Michael Keating. Information session on Wed 13 Jul at St Mary's Cathedral Parish Centre 6pm-8pm. **To register your interest, text or WhatsApp 0433 771 979, email: info@anawimjourneys.com, Ph: 6118 7313**

John Paul Care

John Paul Care is a Pastoral Care Program in our parish. The program is operated by parishioners who generously volunteer their time and talents in helping out those in need. If you or you know of someone who needs help or you would like to volunteer, please contact one of the co-ordinators listed below.

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