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10 th July 2022 Psalter Week 3		Fifteenth Sunday of the Year SEA SUNDAY	
First Reading	Deuteronomy 30:10-14 <i>The Word is very near to you for your observance</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.		
Second Reading	St Paul to the Colossians 1:15-20 <i>All things were created through Jesus Christ and for him.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Luke 10:25-37 <i>Who is my neighbour?</i>		
Saturday 9 th July +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)	
Sunday 10 th July +	10.30am	Mass – (Brian & Carol Watt RIP)	
Monday 11 th July ST BENEDICT, Abbott, Patron of Europe - Feast	10.00am	Mass – (Foundation Mass - Throckmorton family)	
Tuesday 12 th July Feria		No Parish Mass today	
Wednesday 13 th July St Henry, Confessor – optional memoria		No Parish Mass today	
Thursday 14 th July St Camillus, Priest – optional memoria Bl Richard Langhorne, Martyr – opt memoria	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Jack Robbins RIP)	
Friday – 15 th July St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor - memoria	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Brian Barrett Int)	
Saturday – 16 th July Our Lady of Mount Carmel - optional memoria	10.00am	No Parish Mass this morning	
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
Saturday – 16 th July +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)	
Sunday – 17 th July +	10.30am	Mass – (Monica Grady Int)	

NO PARISH MASS OR EXPOSITION ON SATURDAY THIS WEEK

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA



At the **10.30am Mass on Sunday (10th July)** Fr David will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation on six of our young parishioners. Having already received Baptism and Holy Communion, it is with great joy that today they will receive the third and

final Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church. Many congratulations to Danny, Scarlett, Kieran, Ronan, Vincent & Lawrence on this very special day for them, their families, friends and of course our parish. Please do keep them all in your prayers that the Holy Spirit will remain their constant guide throughout their lives.



Milton Keynes Foodbank

You will all be well aware of the current cost of living crisis that is affecting so many people – these difficult times are particularly challenging for those individuals and families less fortunate than many of us. We continue to be ever grateful for the tremendous support that you have given to the

Foodbank over many years. If you wish to make any donations please deposit them in the box by the Presbytery door – this is emptied daily and the goods taken to Milton Keynes each week.

Thank you



If you donate every week to the collections in church and you are a taxpayer, please consider Gift Aid. It will cost you nothing and is of great financial benefit to the parish. You can donate using standing orders, planned giving envelopes, cash in the baskets or via the digital collection plate.

Please contact Denise on 01234 711212 or email on parish.olney@northamptondiocese.org



Message from the Editor – Universe Catholic Weekly

Once again humbly ask you for your help with assisting us to obtain at least the 4/5 subscriptions from your own parish. Needless to say, there will be parishes that just cannot provide that number, and we look to the other larger parishes who can to take up a greater number than the average indicates.

We are determined to ensure our own mission to publish our Catholic faith's views and comments, right across the UK, are strongly continued. With your help, I am confident this will be achieved. If you are interested or require further information, please contact Michelle Jones (Head of Circulation) on 0743 661 7650 or email sales@universecatholicweekly.co.uk



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One way to follow the readings and the Office, the Prayer of the Church, is to get the Universalis App. You will need a smart phone or a tablet and you get the app from the App store. It is a one-off payment of £10.99 but has the readings for weekdays and Sundays, the complete cycles with the Mass prayers, it has the full Office (Office of Readings morning, evening, midday night prayer). Visit <https://universalis.com/> for an overview of the App together with details of a FREE trial period.



St Benedict – Patron of Europe

Born at Norcia in Umbria (Italy) about the year 480. After studying at Rome, he led a life of solitude in Subiaco and gathered disciples around him, and then went to Monte Cassino. Here he founded a well-known monastery and wrote his 'Rule', as a result of which he has been called the Father of Monasticism in the West. He died on 21st March 547 but from the end of the eighth century he has been venerated on 11th July in many places. On this feast day of St Benedict we pray for all who have responded to God's call to live a monastic life of prayer and devotion. Of course we pray especially for Brother John and community of the Monastery of Christ our Saviour, together with the Sisters and community at the Priory of Our Lady of Peace, Turvey Abbey



St Henry - Confessor

Born in Bavaria in the year 973. He succeeded his father as Duke of Bavaria and later was elected Holy Roman Emperor. He was outstanding for his reforms in the Church and for his encouragement of missionary activity; he set up many dioceses and founded monasteries. He died in the year 1024 and was canonised by Eugene III in the year 1146



St Bonaventure – Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Born about the year 1218 at Bagnoregio in Tuscany. He studied philosophy and theology at Paris, where he gained his Master's degree, and then taught the students of the order. He became Minister General of the Franciscan Order and ruled the order with great wisdom and prudence, and later became Cardinal Bishop of Albano. He wrote many influential works in philosophy and theology. He died at Lyons in the year 1274



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

The sacred scriptures speak of the beauty of Mount Carmel where the prophet Elijah defended the faith of the people of Israel in the living God. In the twelfth century a group of hermits settled there and afterwards set up the Carmelite Order to lead a contemplative life under the patronage of the holy Mother of God

Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel

O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein that you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succour me in this my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. O show me herein that you are my Mother.
O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us that have recourse to thee. *(Repeat three times)*
Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. *(Repeat three times)*



Reflection on 'The Good Samaritan'

What a shock Jesus' parable about the Good Samaritan must have been for his listeners. It shocked his listeners in a different way to us because they lived in a different time with different circumstances.

That twenty-mile road from Jerusalem to Jericho was well-known for robbers, so it was not unusual for someone to be attacked and robbed. Sometimes the robbers would even pretend to be injured by the side of the road and when someone would go to help, they would then attack the unsuspecting kind man. Fear of the injured man being a decoy may be a reason why someone would leave a man by the side of the road. So, those listening to Jesus may not have been

too shocked at the priest and Levite passing by on the other side of the road, even though that is what shocks us.

The shock for Jewish people listening to Jesus was that it was a Samaritan who went over to the injured man. They might have suspected a fellow Israelite would be the one Jesus would make the hero but it is a Samaritan whom Jesus makes the hero of the parable - that was a shock. The Samaritans were living in Samaria, north of Jerusalem. Samaritans had been Jews until the eighth century BC when they intermarried with foreigners who colonised Samaria.

After that time, the Jewish people no longer considered the Samaritans as Jewish since they had lost the purity of their Jewish race. From then on there was constant friction between the Jewish people and Samaritans. The Samaritans refused to worship in the temple in Jerusalem and built their own temple. They refused to accept the full Jewish Old Testament and had their own short Old Testament. Then about 128 BC some Jewish people destroyed the Samaritans' temple and relations were at an all-time low after that. So, as Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan, the shock was that it was a Samaritan, hated by the Jewish people, who went over to help. It would have been no problem for those listening to Jesus if an Israelite went over to help and became the hero of the parable but it was a Samaritan! He was the one who was the good neighbour; he helped the injured man, took him to the inn and gave two denarii—two days wages—to care for him until his return.

Jesus was challenging the thinking of those who listened to him. This parable challenged his listeners to think in a new way—no longer to regard the Samaritans as enemies but as neighbours worthy of love. Reaching out to others and building bridges is what Jesus did many times in his ministry and today Jesus is calling on us all to be 'Good Samaritans', to look upon each other, whether friend or foe, with love and kindness.

Of course, it is much easier for us to love those who are nearest and dearest to us but not so those with whom we find relationships more challenging. Perhaps during the coming days and weeks we can all make a renewed effort to heal the wounds of fractured relationships and to acknowledge that we are all children of God.

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St Lawrence, St Joseph, St John Henry Newman, St Rita, St Edmund, St Benedict, St Henry, St Camillus, Blessed Richard Langhorne, St Bonaventure pray for us all.

With our love and prayers – Fr David & Deacon Peter