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13 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 Psalter Week 3		Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time SEA SUNDAY	
First Reading	Book of Deuteronomy 30:10-14 <i>‘The word is very near you, so that you can do it.’</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	Seek God, 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 him and for him’</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Luke 10:25-37 <i>‘Who is my neighbour?’</i>		
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> July +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass – (Sidney Wogan RIP)
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> July +		10.30am	Mass – (Pro Populo)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July St Camillus de Lellis – Priest Bl Richard Langhorne - Martyr		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Tony Breen RIP)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July St Bonaventure – Bishop & Doctor		9,15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Liam Ryan RIP)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July Our Lady of Mount Carmel			No Parish Mass today
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July Feria		7.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Mass – (Frances & Ralph Redden RIP) Adoration with Confession Jubilee Talk – CAFOD
Friday – 18 <sup>th</sup> July Feria		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Dinah Keane RIP & Jim Keane & family Ints.)
Saturday – 19 <sup>th</sup> July Feria		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Holy Souls)
Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday – 19 <sup>th</sup> July +		6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo)
Sunday – 20 <sup>th</sup> July +		10.30am	Mass – (Deceased family & friends of the Ayles family)

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – STELLA MARIS – 'SEA SUNDAY'**

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£314.55
Digital Collection Plate	Nil
Standing Orders	£502.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£816.55</b>



**Sea Sunday** – This weekend we celebrate ‘Sea Sunday’. It is a time to pray for seafarers and fishers and to thank them for the vital role they play in our lives. **A second collection will be held over the weekend** in support of Stella Maris (formerly Apostleship of the Sea) the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church. This support is essential to continue their mission both in the UK and globally.



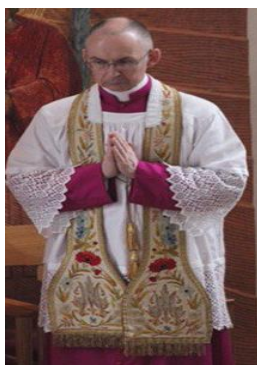
**Congratulations to our first 100 Club winner!**

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Thank you to everyone who joined the parish 100 club in time for our first draw on Sunday 6th July. A big thank you to Michele, Toby and Maura for their hard work organising the 100 Club & to the social committee who laid on a lovely spread for the inaugural draw. Good luck for the next draw on **Sunday 3rd August**. We have now sold **over 200 tickets** raising over **£3,500** for our parish, which is a fantastic result. If you didn't get round to buying a ticket in time for the July draw, it is not too late. Please see Michele, Toby or Maura after Mass or email [the100clubourladysolney@gmail.com](mailto:the100clubourladysolney@gmail.com) to let the team know you would like to buy a ticket/tickets for the remaining 11 draws of the year and they will be in touch with an application form and to let you know how you pay for the rest of the year.



**Jubilee Talk: Debt Management with CAFOD** - We are delighted to welcome **Debbie Purfield from CAFOD** to our parish this coming **Thursday 17th July** as part of our Jubilee Talks series. Debbie will be speaking on the important topic of debt management, offering practical insights rooted in faith and social justice. Join us for a prayerful evening beginning with Mass at 7.00pm, followed by Adoration at 7.30pm, and the talk at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen our understanding of how faith can guide us through financial challenges. All are welcome — we encourage you to come along and bring a friend!



**Fr Gerard Byrne** – is the Parish Priest of St Thomas Aquinas and All Saints, Bletchley - part of our Pastoral Area of Milton Keynes under the patronage of St Paul. Fr Gerard is currently unwell & has undergone two major operations and will be away from his parish for at least two months. Please do keep Fr Gerard & his parishioners in your thoughts and prayers at what is a most difficult time for them all.

**St Thomas Aquinas – pray for him**



**Congratulations** – to **Liz & Graham Ryan** who will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding anniversary with their family & friends this weekend. Wishing you both every blessing on this very special occasion.



**The Third annual Becket Lecture** was delivered last Saturday at Northampton Cathedral by Fr Andrew Coy, Secretary to the Papal Nuncio and a priest of the Diocese of Northampton. As part of the Diocese's Becket Festival, the lecture titled **"Becket: A Saint for Europe"** — drew a thoughtful crowd to reflect on the enduring witness of Saint Thomas Becket and his relevance for today's Church and society. Fr Andrew traced the life of the martyred archbishop, highlighting the European dimensions of Becket's story — from his formation in Paris to his exile in France and the widespread veneration he received across the continent

following his death. But it was Becket's spiritual legacy that stood at the heart of Fr Andrew's message. The Becket Lecture continues to be a central event in the annual Becket Festival, celebrating the Diocese of Northampton's connection to its heavenly patron and inviting reflection on the enduring power of Christian witness. You can listen the lecture at:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/home-page/becket-lecture-europe/>



### Praying the Rosary for Peace

We are living in very difficult times, with the threat of war and instability. Our Lady has said many times at the places where she has appeared how powerful the Rosary is for achieving peace. We cannot rely on politicians to get things right – but we can turn to Our Lady and through her, the Queen of Peace, ask God to give us through His Son the peace that the world cannot give.



### Pilgrimage of the Sacred Heart – 19–24 October 2025 –

Join Bishop David and Canon John Udris on a spiritual pilgrimage to France marking the 350th anniversary of the Sacred Heart apparitions. Destinations include:

- Paray-le-Monial (Sacred Heart)
- Nevers (St Bernadette)
- Ars (St John Vianney)
- Cluny, and the ecumenical community of Taizé

Further information and booking: <https://www.jcjournneys.co/northampton.burgundy>

Thought for the Week: Pray, even if you feel nothing, see nothing. For when you are dry, empty, sick, or weak, at such a time is your prayer most pleasing to God, even though you may find little joy in it. This is true of all believing prayer.

**Julian of Norwich**

## Fifteenth Sunday of the Year – Scripture Reflection

**From Fr Biju's desk...** – **The first reading**, taken from Deuteronomy, reminds us that God not only gives us His Commandments in Holy Scriptures, but that He has also written them in our hearts so that we may obey them and inherit eternal life with God. Moses urges the people of Israel to hear the voice of God from the Law and to keep His Commandments. He tells us that God is very near to us – in the neighbours we shall encounter each day this week. When we act as neighbours to them, we act as neighbours to God Himself.

**In the second reading**, St. Paul reminds the Colossians, and us, that just as Christ Jesus is the “visible image of the invisible God,” so our neighbours are the visible image of Christ living in our midst.

**In today's Gospel**, a scribe asks Jesus a very basic religious question: “What should I do to inherit eternal life?” In answer to the question, Jesus directs the scribe's attention to the Sacred Scriptures. The Scriptural answer is, *“love God, and express that love by loving your neighbour.”*

However, to the scribe, the word “neighbour” means another scribe or Pharisee – never a Samaritan or a Gentile. Hence, the scribe insists on clarification of the word “neighbour.” So, Jesus tells him the parable of the Good Samaritan. The parable indicates that a “neighbour” is anyone who needs help. Thus, the correct approach is not to ask, “Who is my neighbour?” but rather to ask, “Am I a good neighbour to others?” Jesus, the Heavenly Good Samaritan, gives us a final commandment during the Last Supper, “Love one another as I have loved you,” because the invisible God dwells in every human being.

Let us check to see if we are good neighbours. We become good neighbours when we are people of generosity, kindness, and mercy toward all who are suffering. Our sincere smile, a cheery greeting, an encouraging word of appreciation, a heartfelt thank you, can all work wonders for a suffering soul. Let us accept God's invitation to be loving and merciful to our enemies. These enemies include both the people we hate and those who hate us, for our God is extending to people of all times His invitation to love and serve Him in loving and serving everyone, including those from whom we are estranged.



With our love and prayers, Fr Biju, and Deacon Peter