



Wednesday 6th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Loving God and our neighbours is the foundation of a good life. But it is only through loving God first, that we are really able to love our neighbours as God intends.

Who is our neighbour? In this Sunday's Gospel we read about the Good Samaritan. Through this parable, Jesus answers a question from a lawyer and tells us that our neighbour is any person who needs our help, regardless of who they are or where they come from.

At the end of the Gospel, Jesus then tells the lawyer to go and act as the Good Samaritan did. It's a message for us today. Who will I be a good neighbour to this week?

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **NEIGHBOUR**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



To see this week's Parish Version of The Wednesday Word: wednesdayword.org - Parents' Pages - Lectio Divina with Fr Henry.

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 10th July 2022



There was a lawyer who, to unsettle Jesus, stood up and said, "Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" The lawyer replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." "You have answered right," said Jesus. "Do this and life is yours." But the man then said, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was robbed on his way down from Jerusalem. He was badly beaten and left for dead. Two people passed by without helping him. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He bandaged his wounds and took him to the inn and looked after him and paid for him to stay there. Which person proved himself a neighbour to this man who fell into the robbers' hands?" "The one, who took pity on him," the lawyer replied. Jesus said to him, "Go, and do the same yourself."

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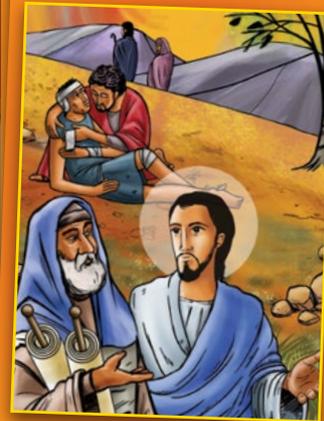
Luke 10: 25-37 (the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)

Everyone can learn more about this Gospel in Church - all are warmly invited.

"To live as true children of God means to love our neighbour. Like the Good Samaritan, let us try to heal those who suffer." *Pope Francis*



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that every person, without exception, is our neighbour - particularly anyone in need. Through the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus is showing us how to be truly human and so change the world through loving and serving our neighbour.



1 Enjoy reading the Gospel

Jesus agreed with a teacher of the law that, to live with God forever, we must love God and love our neighbour as ourselves. Then the teacher asked, "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was robbed and badly beaten. Two people passed by and left him for dead. But a Samaritan traveller stopped, felt sorry for him and bandaged his wounds. He then paid for him to stay at an inn and looked after him. Who then was a 'neighbour' to this poor man?" "The one who took pity on him," the teacher replied. Jesus said to him, "Go, and do the same yourself."

What did the teacher ask Jesus? Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? See the Sunday Gospel picture opposite. What does it make you think about?

2 Wednesday's Word is ...

NEIGHBOUR

3 Loving God & Each Other

"Anyone who needs me, and whom I can help, is my neighbour."

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

The Good Samaritan teaches us how to be a good neighbour. Ask your child what the word 'neighbour' means to them. What makes a good neighbour? Do you ever find it difficult to 'love your neighbour as yourself'? Can you remember a time when someone was a good neighbour to you? Who are the 'Good Samaritans' in your community?

"We must not fail to help our neighbours, because in them we are serving Jesus."

St Rose of Lima

Good neighbours are caring, generous, kind and compassionate. How can we show these qualities and be 'Good Samaritans' to those around us in this coming week? Perhaps we can: visit an elderly or sick person together as a family; be welcoming to new people in our community; try to include someone at school who may be feeling lonely or left out; learn about and help our neighbours abroad - see: cafod.org.uk/Education/Kidz-Zone



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for teaching us how to be good neighbours. Help us to show our love through our actions and so to be respectful and caring to all we meet. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

- MAN BEATEN**
- PEOPLE PASS**
- SAMARITAN STOPPED**
- LOVED NEIGHBOUR**

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**



Whilst thinking about this week's Gospel, search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.

Cross out the letters **a c l** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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A Samaritan traveller _____, felt _____ for _____ and bandaged his _____.

This Sunday is 'Sea Sunday'



This Sunday we especially remember fishermen and all those who work at sea including the chaplains and many volunteers of the Apostleship of the Sea who, like the Good Samaritan in today's Gospel, care for seafarers.

Find out more at: stellamaris.org.uk

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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