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15th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

St GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 12 July	5.30 pm	Margaret Fortune RIP 8th anniversary
Sun 13 July	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Mon 14 July	9.30 am	For Benedict Kerwin, very ill.
Tues 15 July	9.30 am	For the intentions of Maura Litchfield
Wed 16 July	9.30 am	Michael Donovan RIP
Thu 17 July	9.30 am	Margaret Bennett RIP
Fri 18 July	9.30 am	Michael Donovan RIP
Sat 19 July	9.30 am	Donor's intention, St Anthony
	5.30 pm	For the family of Emma Run
Sun 20 July	9.30 am	People of the Parish

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Catholic social teaching (a best kept secret) is noted in the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Is the parable simply about practical love? We can be sure, absolutely sure, that Scripture is divinely inspired. There are always layers of revelation to uncover and a deeper meaning behind every verse.

Some of the early fathers of biblical scholarship, such as Origen, St Augustine and St Thomas Aquinas, saw in the Parable of the Good Samaritan a much deeper meaning than helping our neighbour. They approached the parable allegorically – in other words as a device in which the characters or events in the parable represent or symbolize real people and real events and communicate a hidden and profound message.

Approaching Scripture allegorically can open up deeper and deeper layers to its meaning. Some scholars dislike this approach because they fear that we can read into the text significance which the original author did not intend. But they themselves often approach Scripture in the wrong way, studying and dissecting it like a Shakespeare play or another ancient text. Scripture is the divine Word of God, and by its very nature there are always hidden depths to plumb. So, for today, let us consider an allegorical understanding of the parable. Jerusalem represents heaven and Jericho the earth or the world. The robbers are the devil and his demons. The priest represents the Torah (the Jewish law) and the Levite the Prophets. The victim beaten, bruised, wounded and left half dead by the roadside is us or you!! The Good Samaritan is Jesus, and the donkey is Christ's body which bears the weight of the broken body of the victim of this terrible robbery on the open highway. Finally, the inn represents the Church, our place of healing and sanctuary. The Good Samaritan's promise to return is a reference to Jesus' coming again in power and glory.

Lord, open my eyes, my ears and my heart to understand the hidden depths of your Word and to be taught by the Spirit of the riches and treasures contained in every letter, every word.

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY: 10:15 – 10:45

SECOND COLLECTION this week is Sunday for the Apostleship of the Sea, Stella Maris. This collection goes towards the support of port chaplains who minister to the sea-going people from all over the world.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 14th July: St Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Tues 15th July: St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor
Wed 16th July: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Sat: 19th July: Saturday Mass of Our Lady

The 60th Anniversary of the building of St George's Catholic Primary School, now St George's Catholic Voluntary Academy.

The school was built because of the initiative and drive of the parish priest of St George's, Fr Joseph Wakefield. He was well supported by parishioners because funds had to be raised to buy the land in Littleover and to begin the building. Our Bishop Patrick celebrated Mass for the anniversary on Thursday 10th July, attended by pupils and staff and visitors. (This newsletter goes to Helen to be prepared before the event, so we hope all goes well on the day.)

Good Neighbours

And who is my neighbour? LUKE 10:29

Last year, I was driving along a two lane highway when something suddenly occurred – my front driver's side tyre fell off my car. I was able to steer the car safely to the side of the road. As soon as I pulled over, a car going the other direction also pulled to the side of the road after having witnessed what had happened. I was grateful for this man because I was clueless and helpless. I didn't know whom to call or what to do. Fortunately, that man called another person who lived nearby who came and put the tyre back on my car. I called those two men Good Samaritans.

Jesus is asked today. "And who is my neighbour?" Those two men did not know me, but they helped me. I was their neighbour that day. I was the recipient of their kindness, which reminded me that I must not ignore my neighbour in the future. Don't forget to be a good neighbour, because one day you might be the neighbour in need.