

### 15th Sunday Reflection

There are three special works which support our life in Christ: action, study and prayer. Today's gospel is about the action of love which Jesus illustrates in his teaching of the way of discipleship, made evident in his response to the question posed by the Lawyer who asked "who is my neighbour?". We must bear in mind that the aim of this question is not just to get the conventional answer but to disconcert the teaching of Christ. By the use of a parable Jesus resonates the need 'to Love', for God is love and the only way to come to him is in love. The time for this love is now and the place for its expression is in our daily realities as they meet us in our lives.

One surprising thing in the parable of the good Samaritan, is that the hero is not a Jew. Presumably it will not be surprising if the priest or the Levite helped, for ordinarily they should have, as presumed by the popular assumption but they didn't, this makes the story more fascinating and at the same time weird. To this Lawyer, the scope of the definition of his neighbour has widened as it has moved from his proximity in domicile to his fellow Jew. But, surprisingly, the lawyer is jolted by the unexpected third character and the hero of the parable whom Jesus names "The Samaritan" - a despised, half-pagan renegade.

Jesus anticipates that the lawyer's casuistic mind will set about defending the Priest and the Levite on the grounds that they were prudently avoiding the possibility of contact with a dead body which would have rendered them ritually unclean and thereby barred them from exercising their religious functions. Thus, the choice of the third character, whose generous and merciful act saved this victim whose identity is not mentioned. From this generous act, comes the true definition a "Neighbour". There is no need quoting sources, citing quotes, or consulting the dictionary for an adequate answer, for "action speaks louder than voice".

Today, Jesus challenges us to become 'Good Samaritans' committed to helping those in need. He invites us to have a heart that overflows with love. He calls us to "Do the same", to live not only by the law but ultimately by love. Law asks "what is the least I can do?" but love asks "What more can I do?". Love is expansive and extravagant. Love is all - encompassing and never segregates. So, this week, Jesus invites us to do more, to love more, care more and help more. Our cares must not be restricted to those we know but to all humanity. Never forget, Love says "what more can I do?"



Do to others as you would have them do to you.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL ST MARY'S CONFERENCE

Welcome everyone. If you know anyone in need of food or families in need, Please contact us or tell the person to ask for food parcel from the Chapel house. We also appeal to parishioners to assist us.

**Legacies:** when making your Will have you thought of leaving a legacy to the Parish or diocese?

**Gift Aid:** If you pay tax as for a Gift Aid form and your one-off signature we get an extra 25%

**Catholic Voices Scotland and Dalmally:** You are welcome to attend this public speaking training weekend on *How to communicate the Faith without raising your voice*, on **Fri 2 - Sun 4 August** at Craig Lodge, Dalmally. Cost £100 (£50 for students). For info contact: Dermot Grenham tel: 07870 164629 or [dermot.grenham@gmail.com](mailto:dermot.grenham@gmail.com)

**VIDES Uk Summer Camp:** The Summer Camp provided by VIDES UK is a **non-denominational project for children (P4-P7) and teenagers (1st-4th Year) in the Glenburn and Foxbar area.** To launch the project, VIDES UK invite young people and their families to a family social evening on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July from 6-8pm at St Peter's, Braehead Road, Glenburn, where they will get the opportunity to meet the volunteers and to sign up for this year's camp. All who attend will get to take part in different games and activities, enjoy a BBQ and learn more about the types of activities the children and young people will be taking part in throughout the week. There is no charge for this event and children of all ages are welcome to attend with a parent/guardian. We would love to see as many of you there as possible. Those who are unable to come along can still register on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am. For catering purposes, it is important that you let us know if you wish to attend. Please email [stpe-ter@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:stpe-ter@rcdop.org.uk) giving your name and the number of adults and children attending



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14th July 2019

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### Parish Mass & Prayer Times

Rosary & Morning Prayer: 9:10 before 9:30am Mass

Weekday Mass: 9:30am daily (except Wednesday)

Wednesday Evening Mass: 7pm

Exposition: Tuesday & Thursday 9am

Saturday 9:00am after 9:30am Mass

Divine Mercy Devotion: Friday after Mass

Sunday Masses: 4:30pm (Saturday Vigil)  
10:30am Mass & Children's Liturgy

Confessions: Saturday 10:00am - 10:30am & 4 - 4:30pm

Baptism: Arrange with the priest

Marriage: Give at least six months notice (see Fr Jude)

### SUNDAY HOLY MASS

Psalm Response: "Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive"

Mass Book: YEAR C Part:2 Page: 49

A warm welcome to all our parishioners and visitors. Whether you are visiting the parish for the first time or just moved to the area, please feel very welcome. Introduce yourself to the parish priest and other parishioners. There are no strangers here, just new friends you have not met; so feel relax. There is Tea and coffee after Sunday mass in the hall. Join us and have a "wee cuppa" with your friends.



## PARISH NOTICE

**Readers/Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** if you wish to help in any of the above functions in the Parish, kindly speak to Fr Jude or pick up the application form from the Sacristy.

**Appeal for Our Parish Summer Project:** We welcome your kind donations of Paints, Painting Tools or Money. We need more volunteers to support the work force.

**Baptism Congratulations:** We are glad to welcome **Chimzara Chimdimma Chiedu** and **Kieran McLaren** who will be baptized this Sunday after mass. Special thanks to their Parents and friends.

**Legion of Mary: Peregrinatio Pro Christo:** Pilgrims for Christ: A group of ten Legionaries will be visiting door to door in the Parish from 20th-27th July. Thanks to our parishioners who have volunteered to offer Bed/Breakfast. Fr Jude will contact you soon with the full details.

**Mary's Meals Visit:** thanks so much for your generous donations. The sum of £416.88 was raised and 225 bags of Clothes. Thanks so much.

**Say No to "DIY" Abortion:** The Scottish government has implemented a policy permitting abortion procedures to take place at home. This as we know trivializes abortion, further cheapens human life and puts women at risk. SPUC invites us to sign the petition at the porch. Please be kind to protect human life and say no to "DIY" abortion.

### PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Quiz Night 14th August

Visit of St Theresa of Lisieux relics 14-16th September

## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

### Last Week's Collections

Thanks for last week's **Offertory collections:** Gift Aid: £339.50, Non Gift Aid £335.09 = £674.59

**Building Fund:** Gift Aid: £41.00, Non Gift Aid: £271.28 = £312.28. **Grand Total £986.87**

**The relics of St Therese of Lisieux:** The relics will be in Scotland for two weeks in September. They will be in our Diocese from **14 -16th September 2019**. The relics will mainly be at St Mary's Church, Greenock from the evening of Saturday 14th September until the morning of the 15th. The relics will then be taken to St Mirin's Cathedral on Sunday 15th September until the afternoon of the 16th September 2019. All welcome to come and pray before the relics of the "Little Flower"

**200 Club July Draw:** will hold on 22nd July after Sunday Mass. Please we still accept mid year renewals. Contact Gerry or Kay.

**Visa Changes causing problems for Clergy Summer Supplies:** Please email your MP to sign an early day motion for the government to suspend its recent rule change for visas. They make it near impossible for parishes in Scotland to arrange summer clergy and entail an increase of 500% in costs. Here is the link <https://rcdop.org.uk/news/clergy-visas-motions-lodged-in-parliament-please-encourage-your-mp-to-support>

**Knights of St. Columba:** Centenary Recruitment Drive. 'Serving God by Serving Others'. If you are over 16 and a practicing catholic and want to join and organisation to promote the Catholic faith and help others, please contact - John O'Donnell Mob: 07854886425 or [john.odonnell1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:john.odonnell1@hotmail.co.uk)

**For the Attention of All Church Volunteers with PVG Certificates or Pending PVG Certificates:** volunteers doing or planning to do regulated work with children and vulnerable adults or both, should complete the Safeguarding Training, **Induction Part 1**. The next session will be held at **7pm on Tuesday 16th July** - St. Cadoc's Parish hall, Newton Mearns. Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office [safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk) or **0141 847 6138** to register. tickets: <https://crownedwithgloryandhonour.com/>

**Monaco Boys Choir: Venue- Paisley Methodist Church,** Central Hall, 7 Gauze Street, Paisley, PA1 1EB. **Thursday 18th July 2019 at 7pm.** Donations towards providing education for vulnerable children in Mwange Village, Democratic Republic of Congo

**World Youth Day 2022:** Registration is now open for World Youth Day 2022 in Lisbon, Portugal. Details of cost and dates will be advised soon. To register, please visit <https://rcdop.org.uk/news/world-youth-day-2022-lisbon-for-a-lifetime-experience>

**Saint Therese Relics Tour of Scotland:** The relics will visit the diocese of Paisley on **14-16 September**. Please go to the main Website: <https://www.littleflowerinscotland.co.uk/> and like the Facebook, 'St Therese of Lisieux Scotland 2019' to view the itinerary and learn the two hymns composed for the visit. These sites have lots of up to date information as well as an image of the Icon which has been commissioned for the tour.

**Wheel chair assistance required for Saturday Hospital Vigil Mass at RAH, Paisley:** Once more, in the spirit of Making All Things New, we are appealing for some volunteers to join our rota for wheel chair assistance to enable patients at the RAH to attend the 4pm Saturday Vigil Mass. You will assist a person from the ward to the hospital chapel, stay with them for Mass, and then take them back to the ward. Volunteers need to have or need to obtain a PVG as standard diocesan practice. Can you please contact Monsignor John Tormey for further details on 01505 320 900 or email him at [staidan@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:staidan@rcdop.org.uk). You will be asked to join our rota of helpers, probably helping once every three or four weeks. You are free to change your day with another helper if you can't do the day when it's your turn. We have had some helpers leave the rota recently and we really do need some fresh recruits. Please consider giving some of your time to help those who are ill and who will benefit from your kindness. Thank you. Mgr John Tormey.

**Mass for Vocations:** There will be a Mass offered for Vocations every **1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm** in the chapel of the Little Sisters in Greenock. All are welcome. Please come along and help pray for vocations.

**AGAP Theatre:** The Passion Story - AGAP Theatre presents "A Sign of Contradiction: The Passion Story" by Stephen Callaghan at **7.30pm on Friday 19th July** in St John's Church Hall, Barrhead. The play explores the circumstances surrounding the events of the first Holy Week. Following a successful tour during the Archdiocese of Glasgow's Lentfest, catch it in Barrhead before it heads to the Edinburgh Fringe. Tickets £5.00 from 0141 552 5527

### As a parish Community we pray especially for

#### Those who are sick

Helena Sagnella Ben Chamness Allison O'Kane Bobby Muir  
Mary Graham Agnes Cattigan Caetano Rosario Cardozo  
Elizabeth McGrogan Laura Hunter Christine McAllister  
John Allison Russell Smith Margaret Blane Linda Patti  
Stephen Jim Bowers Sarah Jessiman Sarah & Jennette McCann  
Greame Martin Rogers John Kerr Agnes Roddie Moses Shambira

#### Those who are recently deceased

Martina Uche Laura Gentile Alan Donaldson  
Francis Murdoch

#### Those whose anniversaries occur

Betty McCaig Rose Price Michael & Jeanie McKelvie  
Nan McConnachie Garry Willock John McComick (Jnr)  
Bridget McCaffery Anne Crawford