

## The week ahead...

<b>Saturday 09 July</b> Saturday of Ordinary Time 14	5:00pm	Mass: <b>Sheila Atkinson and pro populo</b>
<b>Sunday 10 July</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		
<b>Monday 11 July</b> <i>St Benedict, Abbot</i>		
<b>Tuesday 12 July</b> Tuesday of Ordinary Time 15	9:30am	<b>Close of School Mass for St Patrick's. All welcome!</b>
<b>Wednesday 13 July</b> Wednesday of Ordinary Time 15	9:30am	Mass: <b>Jack Wilkinson</b>
<b>Thursday 14 July</b> Thursday of Ordinary Time 15	9:30am	Mass: <b>Helena Cumming</b>
<b>Friday 15 July</b> <i>St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor</i>	7:00am	Mass: <b>Private Intention</b>
<b>Saturday 16 July</b> Saturday of Ordinary Time 15	5:00pm	Mass: <b>Frank Wilson</b>



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### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 July, 2016

#### "Who is my neighbour?"

WHEN WE HEAR a story repeatedly, especially over a number of years, we risk becoming immune to its central message. Consciously or not, we have the tendency to switch off and so miss an opportunity to be enlightened. Such is the possibility we encounter this weekend as we hear the parable of the Good Samaritan. We have all heard it many times. Let us listen with fresh ears this weekend for we don't want to miss out on its message, central as it is to our Christian identity, answering the question: "Who is my neighbour?"

In his enquiry, the lawyer in the Gospel asks Jesus a legitimate question and it appears he is not trying to trap Jesus as so many others did. It would have been easy for Jesus to respond with a succinct answer such as "Everyone you meet." But Jesus is a true teacher and knows how best to respond to make his message stick: he tells a parable. And the parable he tells is perhaps among the best known in the world today, even to the point of the phrase "Good Samaritan" being used frequently to describe a person who goes out of their way to selflessly assist another in need.

Though this phrase has becoming part of popular usage, Jesus was not interested in leaving a legacy in our lexicon; he was concerned only with reconciling people with their God. The parable of the Good Samaritan, found only in Luke's Gospel, illustrates concern for the welfare of people in need over all other duties. The priest and the Levite in the parable are in one sense "doing the right thing" since for them to come into contact with blood or a dead person (the man who was attacked may well have looked dead to those passing by not making the effort to look more closely) would have rendered them unable to perform their religious duties. The Samaritan has no such concerns. Regardless of his own welfare or duties, he tends to the man in need, going out of his way to assist him even to the point of financial sacrifice. The Samaritan was truly a good neighbour.

When we reflect on this parable and try to identify ourselves with one of the players in the drama, I suppose we would all like to identify ourselves with the Samaritan and imagine ourselves doing as he did were a similar scenario present itself to us. Yet such situations have been a part of our lives at one time or another and we know that we have been more often Levite than Samaritan; the only prayer we've offered being for God to send someone else to deal with an awkward situation rather than praying for the strength and courage to deal with it ourselves.

Jesus concludes his telling of the parable by throwing the question back at the lawyer with a challenging tone: "Which of these...proved himself a neighbour?" The lawyer can only offer one response, a response that he, as a good Jew, undoubtedly makes with some reluctance. Jesus challenges the lawyer: "Go, and do the same yourself." May these words resound with us for when we die and go to meet our Lord we will be asked less about our acts of piety than about how such acts strengthened us for deeds of kindness such as that illustrated for us so vividly by the Samaritan in this weekend's wonderful parable.

Let us pray that we can offer our Lord plentiful examples of Samaritan-like behaviour.

*Blessings and prayers in the week ahead,*

*Fr Robert*



#### Ministries for this week Saturday 09 July

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Judith Bulmer  
John and Irene Carey

**Readers:**  
Margaret Purdom  
Angela Harmston

**Children's Liturgy:**  
Michelle Dennis  
Maria Griffiths

**Welcomers:**  
Janet Harrigan  
Pat Middleton

#### Ministries for next week Saturday 16 July

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Wilf Lavery, Jane Smith and  
Helen Musham

**Readers:**  
Pat Middleton  
Greg Mearman

**Children's Liturgy:**  
Angela Harmston  
Anne Davies

**Welcomers:**  
Halina Holman  
Pat Middleton

#### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £282 Loose Plate: £245

**Total: £527**

**Mass Attendance: 168**

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Have you an item for the parish bulletin? Please contact Judith Bulmer on 0191 378 3544 or 07980 481 858 or send an email to her at [judithbulmer@rocketmail.com](mailto:judithbulmer@rocketmail.com).

*Please remember in your prayers people who are sick and housebound in the parish....*

*Tom Taylorson, Sylvia Kelly, Marie Carey, Mary Spears, Rose Crick, Maureen McCrann, Teresa Parkin, Doreen Carroll, Marie Wilson, Dorothy Dowdle, Jean O'Donoghue, Margaret Pouton, Betty Allison, Michael Kane, Pat Harrison, Ohwyn Morris, Sally Thompson and Tom Tracey.*

**This weekend's appeal is for the Apostleship of the Sea.** This appeal assists the crucial pastoral work of the chaplains who work in ports to cater to the needs of seafarers, most of whom spend long periods away from family and are particularly vulnerable to exploitation and abuse. Many thanks!

**Emailed Bulletin** – If you would like to have the parish bulletin emailed to you each week please email Judith (details opposite) and you will be added to the mailing list. Parish Council minutes are also available electronically.

## What's going on...?

**Forward Together in Hope:** As mentioned at Mass last weekend in the homily prepared by Bishop Séamus, parishes throughout the diocese have been awaiting a report from the Forward Together in Hope team. Our parish received its report earlier this week and a copy is now available on the noticeboard for you to peruse. If you would like a copy emailed to you please let me know. Alternatively, I am happy to organise a hard copy for those who prefer it. This is an important document which will assist in determining the manner in which our parish moves forward. Please don't ignore it!

**Lost Property:** Over the past couple of months I have collected a couple of pairs of gloves and two pairs of glasses in cases as well as an empty spectacles case. They are currently in the sacristy. Please collect as soon as possible if they belong to you. If they are not claimed soon I will see about giving them to charity. Thank you.

**St Patrick's Social Committee:** Thank you to everyone who supported the Spring Party last week. The afternoon was a great success and was very well attended by people from our own parish as well as people from the wider local community and from other local churches. Our next social night is scheduled for October to raise funds for the Senior Citizens Christmas party early in December. Please check your raffle tickets, we had one unclaimed prize...WHITE 641.

**St Patrick's AGM:** Thank you to everyone who attended the Parish Council Annual General Meeting. Minutes of the meeting are displayed at the back of church. If you would like to receive an electronic copy please email [judithbulmer@rocketmail.com](mailto:judithbulmer@rocketmail.com),

**Vocations evening:** Each deanery in the diocese is having an evening to think about 'vocation' and to pray about how best we might each respond to God's call to us. Our own deanery is to have an evening at Ushaw College on Thursday, 14 July, 7:00pm – 8:15pm. Everyone welcome!

**Weekday Mass Intentions:** I will be returning home to Australia for a few weeks from mid-August to mid-September. During this time all weekday Masses will be replaced by services of the Word with communion. Saturday evening Mass will still be celebrated. This means that weekday Mass intentions cannot be offered during this time, though persons can, of course, be prayed for during these weekday services in the bidding prayers. Applies from 19 August to 14 September (inclusive).

### Churches Together in DHZ:

**Quiet Day:** Minsteracres, Saturday 30 July (10:00am – 4:30pm) If you would like to join us please see Stella Foody by 16 July for further details. Tea and coffee are provided but you will need to bring a packed lunch.

**Monthly Prayer Group:** During the Summer season we will be meeting in St John's Church, Meadowfield on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 9:30am – 10:15am

**A.P.F./Millhill Quarterly Overseas Mission Collection:** Total amount received from sponsors and contributors was £697.41. Thank you all who have helped support our Church in mission lands.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Guitar/Choir Concert

Parents enjoyed the children in Years 3 and 4 showcasing some pieces they have learnt to play on the guitar on Thursday afternoon of this week. The event was well attended and was supported with singing from the School Choir.

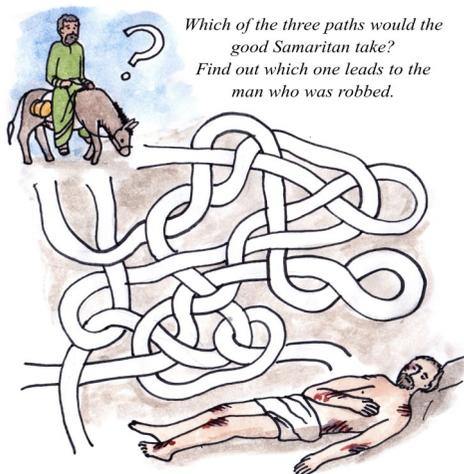
### Test Results

The results of tests sat in May by our oldest pupils (in Mathematics, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, and Reading) have been received this week. The results well exceeded the National Average in all subjects and in Writing which is Teacher Assessed. Well done to all the children!



## The Kids' Bulletin

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 10, 2016



*Which of the three paths would the good Samaritan take?  
Find out which one leads to the man who was robbed.*

*Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan to show the people what it means to love your neighbour after someone asked Him "Who is my neighbour?"*

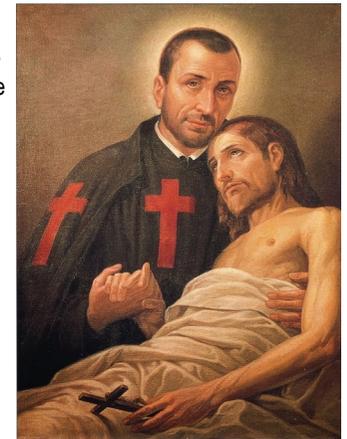
## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

### St Camillus of Lellis - 14 July

St Camillus de Lellis was born at Bocchianico, Italy, on 25 May, 1550. He fought for the Venetians against the Turks, was addicted to gambling, and by 1574 was penniless in Naples. He became a Capuchin novice, but was unable to be professed because of a diseased leg he contracted while fighting the Turks. He devoted himself to caring for the sick, and became director of St Giacomo Hospital in Rome. He received permission from his confessor (St Philip Neri) to be ordained and decided, with two companions, to found his own congregation, the Ministers of the Sick (the Camillians), dedicated to the care of the sick. They ministered to the sick of Holy Ghost Hospital in Rome, enlarged their facilities in 1585, founded a new house in Naples in 1588, and attended the plague-stricken aboard ships in Rome's harbour and in Rome itself.

In 1591, the Congregation was made into an order to serve the sick by Pope Gregory XIV, and in 1591 and 1605, Camillus sent members of his order to minister to wounded troops in Hungary and Croatia, the first examples of field medical units.

Gravely ill for many years, he resigned as superior of the Order in 1607 and died in Rome on 14 July 1614, the year after he attended a General Chapter there. He was canonised in 1746, was declared patron of the sick, with St John of God, by Pope Leo XIII, and patron of nurses and nursing groups by Pope Pius XI.



Taken from [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org) and illustration from Wikipedia

## DID YOU KNOW...?

**...that the command of Jesus to love God and love neighbour is referred to in the Catechism as the "New Law"?**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 1972) states: "The New Law is called a law of love because it makes us act out of the love infused by the Holy Spirit, rather than from fear; a law of grace, because it confers the strength of grace to act, by means of faith and the sacraments; a law of freedom, because it sets us free from the ritual and juridical observances of the Old Law."

## "QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Charity may be a very short word, but with its tremendous meaning of pure love, it sums up man's entire relation to God and to his neighbour."

**St Aelred of Rievaulx  
(1110-1167)**

**Abbot of  
Rievaulx Abbey**



**THANK YOU....to all those involved in organising and running the Spring Party held last Saturday afternoon at the British Legion Club at Meadowfield. I know that all those who attended had a marvellous time! Particular thanks to Judith Bulmer, Irene Carey, Angela Harmston, Carol Bainbridge and Shirley Willis.**