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Fifteenth Sunday - 13th July 2025

This Weekend July 12th / July 13th

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. No Intention

Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor

Wed 16th July People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: July 19th / July 20th

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. 1. Liam Tuite (3rd Anniv.).

2. James Coyle (9th Anniv.) and deceased family members.

3. Pat Joe Donohoe, Lisnageeragh (20th Anniv.).

Offertory Collection: Sat 5th / Sun 6th July - €4,565 - sincere thanks.

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - Moses urges the people to obey God's law, not as something imposed from outside them, but as something that springs up from inside themselves.

Second Reading - Paul asserts the absolute supremacy of Christ. He is the beginning and end of creation, the head of the Church and the universal mediator and redeemer.

Gospel - This relates Christ's immortal parable of the Good Samaritan.

SUNDAY REFLECTION - 'Vocation', meaning a call by God, is for everyone in the Church. It has frequently been used in the narrow sense of a call to the religious life and/or to the priesthood. It is not that certain words are heard but rather that a voice is discerned. And it is the persons themselves who are in the best position to discern what God's call for them may be. Once the call has been discerned, the next step is the generosity to respond.

- St Paul's Sunday Missal.

• Thought for the Day •

God has compassion on us. In the gestures and deeds of the Good Samaritan we recognise the merciful acts of God in all of salvation history. It is the same compassion with which the Lord comes to meet each one of us: He does not ignore us, he knows our pain, he knows how much we need help and comfort. He comes close and never abandons us. Each of us, ask and answer the question in our heart: 'Do I believe? Do I believe that the Lord has compassion on me, just as I am, a sinner, with many problems and many issues?' Think about that and the answer is: 'Yes'.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JULY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Mark Cassidy.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: John Cahill.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JULY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Gerard Haughey, Angela Kelly.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Mathew Family.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

- Fr Tom Healy -

When individuals or groups are in conflict, it can be difficult for the conflicting parties to see any good in each other. In times of war, in particular, the warring parties often demonise each other. In the case of the current Israeli Palestinian conflict, for example, it is probably very difficult for many Palestinians to bring together the noun 'Jew' and the adjective 'good', and equally difficult for many Jews to associate the noun 'Palestinian' with the adjective 'good'. A pastor working in the Middle East confessed that never once was he even tempted to tell Palestinians a story about a noble Israeli. However, Jesus does the equivalent of that in today's gospel reading. We have become used to referring to the story Jesus tells as the parable of the Good Samaritan. We can forget that in the Jewish world of Jesus the words 'good' and 'Samaritan' would never have been found together.

We all have the potential to make tangible God's compassionate presence to others. The first step in doing that is to notice. It is first said the Samaritan that he saw the traveller, he noticed him. Noticing is a small but very significant first step. Yet, it is not enough. The priest and the Levite also noticed, they too saw. What distinguished the Samaritan from them was that he allowed himself to be deeply moved by what he saw.

Compassion involves that deep inner movement which comes from allowing ourselves to experience something of the pain of the other. That inner movement will lead to some form of outer movement, some appropriate action on behalf of the other. Such, according to the gospel reading, is the path to life. INTERCOM

CEMETERY SUNDAY - Sincere thanks to the many people who assisted in any way with our annual celebration of Cemetery Sunday. It was heartening to see such a wonderful turnout at Aughafin Cemetery as the parish community came together to remember its deceased and to commend them into the mercy of the Lord. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Pope Leo's Monthly Intention - July: *For formation in discernment:* Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Parish Holy Hour in Our Lady's Manor on Saturdays from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. All are welcome.

THE BORROWER

The people of the world have known,
and still know, their need of a Saviour.

When he comes, he comes as one in need.

He is born in a borrowed stable,

and learns the trade of a borrowed father.

He eats and sleeps in borrowed homes,

perches from borrowed boats,

enters his capital city on a borrowed donkey.

He shares his last supper in a borrowed room.

Betrayed for borrowed money

he is aided with his cross by a borrowed shoulder.

Borrows a home for his mother, and is buried
in a borrowed tomb.

Risen and alive in power, he is still a borrower:

He wishes to borrow you and me.

FRIENDSHIP

If you have a friend worth loving,

Love him. Yes, and let him know

That you love him, ere life's evening

Tinges his brow with sunset glow.

Why should good words ne'er be said

Of a friend till he is dead? - Daniel W. Hoyt

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