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Saturday 13th/Sunday 14th July 2019
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

TODAY WE HEAR AGAIN THE STORY OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN.

In this parable, Jesus tells us that God wants us to care for one another.

The most outstanding thing in Jesus' story is not the attack made on the innocent man but the fact that the two people whom you would expect to help passed by without even showing compassion for him.

This parable of Christ is more relevant today than ever before. How many people today lie wounded at the roadside of life? Their wounds are not always visible. People can be wounded in spirit. Perhaps there are people on our own street - a depressed man who has lost his wife; a deserted wife and mother; a person who has worked all his life and is now redundant; lonely children, forgotten old people, all lying quietly there, maybe not having the courage to call out; waiting for the Good Samaritan. Is my heart big enough to embrace some of these?

Lord, give us eyes to see the wounds of other, give us hearts that feel compassion for them and give us the will to respond as best we can.

LANCASTER DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The pilgrimage begins on 26th July. Donations towards the large candle and petitions for the grotto can be given to any member of the Lourdes Group or handed in at church.

A REMINDER

- There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Saturday morning from 11.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon.
- The church will be open each day from 8.00 a.m. until dusk for private prayer.
- Please continue to bring in food to help the Food Bank at the Foxton Centre, especially tea, coffee, sugar, UHT long life milk and meals in a tin e.g. meat - also, anything suitable for homeless people with no cooking facilities. However, the Centre is not able to accept any alcoholic drinks. There are boxes at the back of the church.
- Please also bring in clothes/bedding (but no duvets, please) for the Rwanda Group Trust Charity Shop. These can be given in any condition as those not fit for sale can be weighed in for cash. There is a box in the porch.

A Prayer in Trust

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me nor where it will end. I don't really know myself, and thinking I am following your will doesn't mean I actually am. But I believe that just wanting to please you does in fact please you. I hope I have that desire in everything I am doing. And if I keep this desire in my heart, I know you will lead me along your way even if I know nothing about it. Therefore, I will trust you always even when I seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to my perils alone.

Thomas Merton

Thomas Merton was a Trappist Monk



SINCERE THANKS to all who emptied their Red Boxes. A grand total of £422.00 was collected and this has now been sent to the AP.F. Missions.

LITURGY NEXT WEEK

Monday 15th

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

Tuesday 16th

10.00 a.m. – Thanksgiving Mass with our whole School

Wednesday 17th

12.00 noon Mass - Joanne Redding

Thursday 18th

12.00 noon Mass - John Shepherd

Friday 19th

12.00 noon Mass - Veronica Singleton

Saturday 20th

6.30 p.m. First Mass of Sunday - Eddie Dowd

Sunday 21st

10.00 a.m. Mass - The Parishioners



- **THE STALL**, with a selection of Fairtrade goods, will be at the back of church after both Masses this weekend with tea and coffee served after the 10.00 a.m. Mass.
- **DID YOU KNOW ...** On 1st August 2018, the World Health Organisation declared an outbreak of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The number of people infected with Ebola since then has passed 2,000, with more than 1,300 deaths. CAFOD's response initially has been to fund an urgently needed awareness-raising campaign in communities. The priority is to work side by side with the Church to halt the spread of the Ebola virus by raising awareness, ensuring access to clean water, as well as assisting with the safe and dignified burials of people who have died, which is critical for containing the spread of the disease. Please keep all those affected in your prayers.

FEASTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 15th St. Bonaventure
 Friday 19th SS. John Pleasington, John Wall & Companions,
 Martyrs of Lancashire



YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

For Francis Burns, Sam Dowd, Pam Raggett, Betty Whiteside, Eric Grimes, Jackie Lyons, Maureen Hetko, Fred Griffiths, Bernadette Benson, Donald &

Ingrid Whiles, Michelle Riley, Raine Tallon, Joan Muir, Susan Lavelle, Mary Gallagher, Fiona Turnbull, Teresa Flanagan, May Eccles, Marian Roberts, Emma McElroy and all who are sick.

For the housebound and those in hospital.

For carers and all who are anxious for the health of their loved ones.

For the relief, comfort and solace of all refugees and the homeless.

For missionaries and for all victims of strife and terrorism.

For peace in all the troubled areas of our world.

For our clergy and all our parishioners.

Our Lady, our Mother, comfort of the afflicted, pray for them.

For all who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



COLLECTION LAST WEEK (including Buildings' Fund) £699.31
SPECIAL COLLECTION: Lourdes Group £60.00
SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: Apostleship of the Sea
SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: CAFOD
BUILDINGS' FUND TOTAL TO DATE: £12,320. 18
MASS ATTENDANCE: Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 73 Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 147

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Exodus 1 vv 8-14, 22	Matthew 10 v 34 and 11 v 1
Tuesday	Exodus 2 vv 1-15	Matthew 11 vv 20-24
Wednesday	Exodus 3 vv 1-6, 9-12	Matthew 11 vv 25-37
Thursday	Exodus 3 vv 13-20	Matthew 11 vv 28-30
Friday	Exodus 11 v 10 and 12 v 14	Matthew 12 vv 1-8
Saturday	Exodus 12 vv 37-42	Matthew 12 vv 14-21

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
 Genesis 18 vv 1-10 Colossians 1 vv 24-28
 Luke 10 vv 38-42

PARISH GIFT AID

The Parish has, this week, received **£7,927.38** in respect of our Gift Aid reclaim. A very sincere thanks to all our Gift Aiders and to Harry Oulton, our Gift Aid organiser. This is a very valuable contribution to our parish funds.

If you are a tax payer and you contribute to our weekly collection, we can claim back tax for every pound which you give at **no cost at all to you**. You simply have to fill in a Gift Aid form. These are available on the table at the back of church. If you need any more information, please have a word with Deacon Jim or Harry Oulton.

Sadly, over the last three years, owing to different circumstances, the number of our Gift Aiders has dropped from 97 to 74 so if you are a tax payer your Gift Aid contribution to our parish would be much appreciated.

ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Saturday 20th July - Artist Assured
 Bingo - Monday, Wednesday (8.30 p.m.) Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday lunchtime
 The Centre is available for hire for private functions
 Bookings can be made by contacting the Secretary or the Stewardess on 01772 798336 or 07539 611952 (mobile)
 Why not visit our friendly club?

THE PARISH BULLETIN is issued every weekend. It is distributed at our Parish Masses, 6.30 p.m. Saturday evening and 10.00 a.m. Sunday morning. It is then available throughout the week on the table at the back of church or you can view it on-line at www.stgregoryspreston.org.uk.