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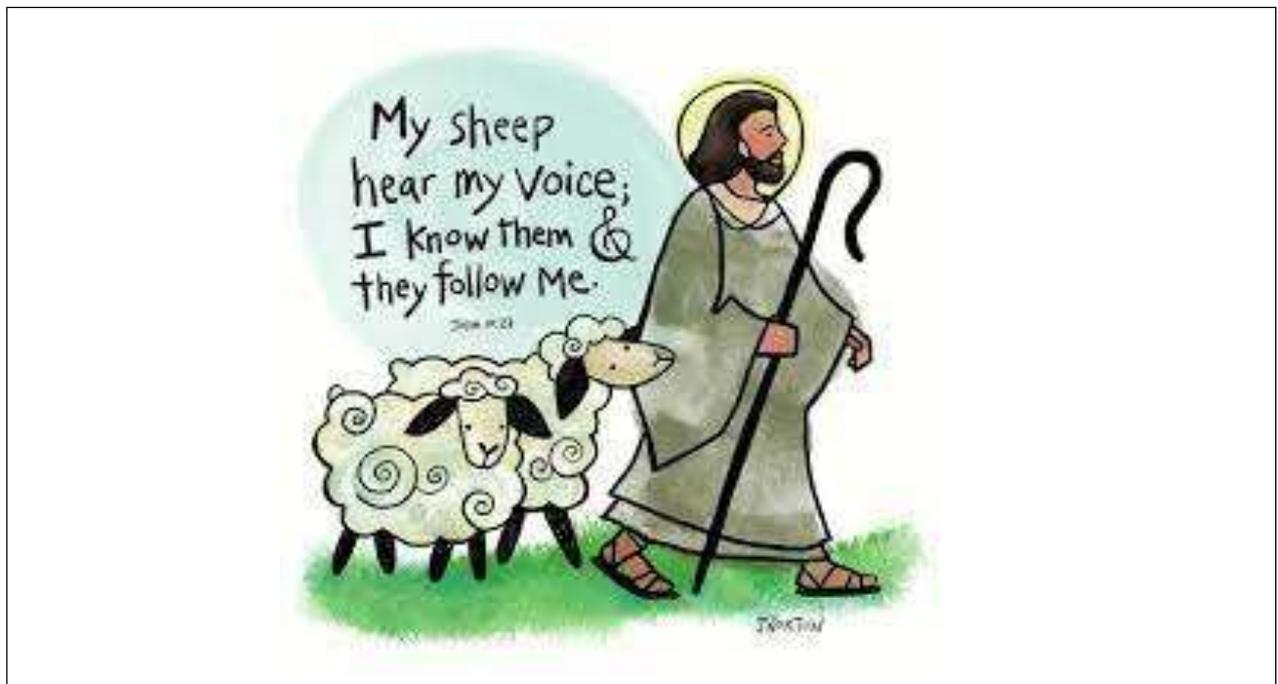
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Fifteenth week in Ordinary Time – 10th July 2022

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

Jn 10:27

WELCOME

Thank you to Fr Richard who will say Mass on Saturday evening and Fr Anthony who will offer Mass on Sunday morning.

SEA SUNDAY

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before.

Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure on board. Many are reporting increased stress and poorer mental health.

Sunday 10th July is Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea.

You can donate in church through the second collection today, online at <http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate> or by texting SEA to 70460 to donate £5.

PARISH INCOME BANKED IN JUNE

Contactless Sun. offering:	£ 596.00
contactless Building Fund:	£ 60.00
contactless candles:	£ 14.00
Loose plate:	£ 724.30
Piety stall income	£ 180.01
Candles loose	£ 179.58
Building fund	£ 300.00
Our Lady's Lamp	£ 20.00
Jubilee cake sale	£ 108.00
Tea/coffee	£ 28.72
Standing Orders:	£ 2995.00

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON OPEN DAY

Are you looking for a Y7 place in 2023? Come and have a look round Bl. Hugh Faringdon Catholic School on 22nd September and find out what is on offer.
Morning session 9am - 12noon
Evening session 5pm - 7.30pm

PATRONAL FEAST DAY 26TH JULY

Fr Michael Sharkey has kindly offered to celebrate Mass at 7.30pm on 26th July, the feast of St Anne & St Joachim. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Cenacle.

Do come along to celebrate this special day for the parish.

Fr Michael will use the following prayer which will be available on the night or you might have it in your phone.

Dear Saint Anne

*Since Mary was your daughter and Jesus your grandson,
look lovingly on our families in the same way that you looked upon the Holy Family in Nazareth*

and intercede for us in heaven

where we all hope to meet one day

our sins forgiven

our problems solved

and our hearts filled with love.

Amen.



OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week the lamp is lit in memory of David Day. Please remember him in your prayers.

Background on the Gospel Reading

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5, on loving God with all your heart, and Leviticus 19:18, on loving your neighbour. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbour are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbour whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travellers. The traveller in this parable is identified only as "a certain man". Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbour. Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbour in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbour. A neighbour is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbour in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

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Mass Intentions for week
Fifteen in Ordinary Time

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year C**
Saturday 9th July 17.30 David Day RIP
Sunday 10th July 10.00 Our Lady & St Anne

Monday 11th July No Mass
Feast of St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

Tuesday 12th July No Mass
Tuesday of week 15 in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 13th July No Mass
Memorial of St Henry

Thursday 14th July No Mass
Memorial of St Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Friday 15th July No Mass
Memorial of St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Saturday 16th July No Mass
Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year C**
Saturday 16th July 17.30 Mark Swallow RIP
Sunday 17th July 10.00 James O'Rourke RIP

Rosary before Saturday evening Mass.