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#### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13 - 7 - 25

*This week: Deut 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37 Next week: Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42* 



The parable of the good Samaritan may seem to have a simple message - be good to people in need - but in fact its message is more complex and challenging than that.

Whereas we tend to think of the injured man as 'the neighbour' who is in need of help; Jesus turns the meaning of the parable on its head and reveals *the Samaritan* as the neighbour who acts as justice & charity demand: and the surprise in that is that it was *the Samaritan*.

The Samaritans were historically a breakaway group - racially impure, doctrinally suspect. They were foreigners, they were heretics. Jesus' confreres would have nothing to do with them.

So the surprise and the challenge in the parable is that it's *the Samaritan* - the person of different faith, culture, nationality - who is revealed as the one who acts as a neighbour, who has depth of character.

And so we're challenged in this parable not simply to be good to those in need - a lesson we should hardly need to hear - but to challenge our presuppositions and prejudices and to re-evaluate our judgement of the Samaritans (those who are different to us) in our own lives.

Fr Colin

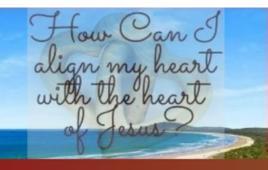
## Hello from Father Colin

Greetings everyone from my continuing sabbatical in England. I'm very much missing you and looking forward to being back with you at the beginning of September, but in the meantime all is going well here in the parish I'm caring for. This weekend I will be sharing our Lindfield-Killara parish experience by leading a Synodal Assembly for the parish here. I've also recently had two weeks of my annual holidays which included a week in Scotland and a week in Paris - I went to Mass twice in the restored Notre Dame, a simply transcendent experience.



I know that Fr Thomas is doing a great job in his

service of the parish and I express my continuing gratitude to him, and to all the parish staff. I also join you in thanking O'Kelly for his committed service to our community and wishing him well in his new role on the diocesan staff. The photograph is of the outdoor seating area in one of the village pubs in my parish here - a somewhat different view to the Greengate! Praying that you are all well. *Fr. Colin* 



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# VINNIES 2025 00 WINTER APPEAL

At this time, the coldest part of the year, it is worth remembering that many cannot afford to house themselves, and even if they can manage that, cannot afford to keep warm. We are calling for our local community to help raise funds and awareness about homelessness and disadvantage in our very own back yard.

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#### **Registrations closing soon**

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## Changes due to the School Holidays

PLEASE NOTE, THERE WILL BE NO COG OR CHILDREN'S MASS THIS WEEKEND. BOTH CHILDREN'S MASS & COG WILL RESUME ON JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>





on the 1st Sunday of

August



at the end of 9:00am Mass

If you would like to be on the roster to help please email **parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au**  As we gather in worship on this day we acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which our parish is found. We also pay our respects to Elders past and present.

#### Food for the spirit THE GOOD SAMARITAN

#### But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (<u>Lk 10:29</u>)

#### The Good Samaritan

Who is my neighbor? What does it mean to be neighbor to one another?

Jesus once answered this by telling us the parable of the Good Samaritan. In essence, as he told it, the parable runs something like this: A man was taking a walk one day when he was beaten up by thieves and left for dead in a ditch by a road. A priest saw him there, but passed him by. Later still, a scribe also passed by without stopping to help him. Finally, a Samaritan, the kind of person you would have least expected to respond, saw him, was moved by compassion, and stopped and helped him.

# When he saw the face of that wounded person, something in him suddenly changed.

One of the interesting things in this parable is that those who did not stop to help him, the priest and the scribe, did so for reasons that go far beyond the question of their individual selfishness and selflessness. They did so for certain ideological, religious reasons. Thus, the priest did not stop because he feared that the man was dead and, being a priest, if he touched a dead body he would be ritually defiled and thereby unable to offer sacrifice in the temple. The scribe had his own religious reasons for not stopping. The Samaritan, who had the least to lose religiously, was able to be moved by simple human compassion.

Given this background, the parable might, in our own language and categories, be recast to read like this:

One day a man was taking a walk in a city park when he was mugged, beaten up, and left for dead by a gang of thugs.

It so happened that, as he lay there, the provincial superior of a major religious order walked by and saw him. He realized instantly that the man was in a desperate way and he felt that he should respond. However, he thought to himself: "if I help this man, I will set a dangerous precedent. Then what will I do? Having helped him, where will I draw the line? Will I have to stop and help everyone who is in need? Will I then have to give money to every panhandler, every beggar, every charity? If I give to this one, then on what basis am I justified in refusing any charity? Where will it stop? This would be dangerous precedent. I simply cannot help everyone I see in need and, thus, it is best not to help this one. This is ultimately a question of fairness." And thus he passed him by.

A short time later, a young woman, a theology student, happened to come along. She too saw the man lying wounded. Her first instinct was to stop and help him, but a number of thoughts made her hesitate. She said to herself: "In that course on pastoral care we just took, we were taught that it is not good to try to rescue someone. We must resist the temptation, however sincere and religiously motivated, to naively wade in and try to be someone's rescuer. That's simply a savior complex which doesn't do the other person any good in the long run and comes out of a less than pure motivation besides. I would only be trying to help that person because it makes me feel good and useful. It would be a selfish act really; ultimately only this man can help himself." She too, this person preparing for ministry, despite much good intention, passed by the wounded person.

Later still, a third person chanced to come along, the chairperson for the local diocesan commission on social justice. He too saw the wounded man and he too was, instinctually, moved. However, before he was able to reach out and touch the wounded man, a number of hard questions surfaced: "This man really is not the issue. The more important question is how he got here. What things within the larger picture—our social and economic system -produce the conditions that make for this type of violence and hurt. To help this man is simply a Band-Aid, solving nothing. It does not address the deeper issue of justice and why our society perpetually creates this kind of victim. To help this individual is simply to do the Mother Theresa thing, but it doesn't solve anything really. It's the old temptation really—it's easier to give bread to a hungry person than it is to address the issue of hunger!" This man too, for all his dedication and sincerity, like the religious superior and the theology student before him, passed by the wounded man without stopping.

Finally, it so happened that the CEO of Texaco Oil happened to be out joy riding in the new BMW he had just purchased. He chanced to see the wounded man lying there and he stopped to have a closer look. When he saw the face of that wounded person, something in him suddenly changed. A compassion he didn't even know he possessed took hold of him. Tears filled his eyes and, deeply moved, he got out of his car, bent over, and gently picked up the man. He carried him to his car and gently laid him in the back seat, oblivious of the fact that blood was staining the clean white upholstery.

Arriving at the emergency entrance of the nearest hospital, he rushed in and hollered for the paramedics. After a stretcher had brought the man into the emergency room, they discovered that he had no medical insurance. The CEO produced a Visa Gold Card and told the hospital staff to give the wounded man the best medical attention possible. Money was to be no object. He promised to cover all hospital expenses.

Who was neighbor to the wounded man?

#### ENTRANCE: All the Earth Proclaim the Lord

**Refrain** All the earth proclaim the Lord, Sing your praise to God.

Serve you the Lord, heart filled with gladness Come into God's Presence singing for joy. **R** 

Enter God's gates bringing thanksgiving, O enter God's courts while singing with praise. **R** 

Honour and praise be to the Father, the Son and the Spirit, world without end. **R** 

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#### DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: Love is His Word

Love is His word, Love is His way, Feasting with all, fasting alone, Living and dying, rising again Love only love is His way.

**Refrain:** Richer than gold is the love of my Lord. Better than splendour and wealth.

Love is His way, love is His mark, Sharing His last Passover feast. Christ at the table, host to the twelve Love, only love, is His mark. **R** 

Love is his mark, love is His sign, Bread for our strength, wine for our joy, This is my body, this is my blood Love, only love is His sign. **R** 

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Alpha

#### **COMMUNION: Christians Let us Love One Another**

Christians let us love one another as we share the true living bread Jesus is our God and our brother; with his flesh and blood we are fed.

**Refrain:** Everyone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life, God is love.

We who break this bread are one body, we who share this cup are all one Children of our Father in heaven, we are heirs of God's only Son. **R** 

We who eat and drink at this table die and rise again with our Lord. Drawing from our rock living water For all those who thirst for accord **R** 

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#### **RECESSIONAL: Though the Mountains May Fall**

**Refrain:** Though the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust yet the love of the Lord will stand as a shelter for all who will call on His name. Sing the praise and the glory of God

Could the Lord ever leave you? Could the Lord forget His love? Though a mother forsake her child, God will not abandon you. **R** 

Should you turn and forsake Him, God will gently call your name. Should you wander away from Him, God will always take you back. **R** 

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## 10 SESSIONS BEGINNING STH AUGUST TUESDAY

7:00-9:00pm Shirley Wallace Centre library

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The Pravers a	nd Responses of Mass 🛛 —	
Gloria Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.	<ul> <li>THE NİCENE CREED</li> <li>I believe in one God,</li> <li>the Father almighty,</li> <li>maker of heaven and earth,</li> <li>of all things visible and</li> <li>invisible.</li> <li>I believe in one Lord Jesus</li> <li>Christ,</li> <li>the Only Begotten Son of God,</li> <li>born of the Father before all</li> <li>ages.</li> <li>God from God, Light from Light,</li> <li>true God from true God,</li> </ul>	
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. <i>Amen</i>	begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.	I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father & the Son, who with the Father and the Son
THE PSALMPs 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour.In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me.As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify God with thanksgiving.	For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (all bow at the following words in bold) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and	is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come Amen
The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. For God will bring help to <u>Zion</u> and rebuild the cities of <u>Judah</u> . The children of God's servants shall inherit it; those who love God's name shall dwell there.	GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia! MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION Save us Savour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection You have set us free.	
Fr Richard Rohr OFM's Meditation:		

Benedictine sister Joan Chittister writes of humanity's inherent attraction to both community and individuality:

Life, we learn young, is one long, unending game of push and pull. One part of us pushes us always toward wholeness, toward, a sense of connection with the universe which in the very act of engagement with the human community, brings us a sense of peace. We are not here as isolates, we realise. We are here to become community. We are on an odyssey with potentiality, and we know it. We have been foreordained to make humanity more humane.

The other part of us, however, pulls us back into ourselves. It separates us from the universe around us and leaves us feeling distant and out of sync. We lack the sense of kinship that the human family is a family. It deprives us of the universal concern that drives us beyond ourselves to the centre of humankind...

And yet, it is this very paradox of life that stretches us not only to grow but to contribute to the growth of the rest of the universe around us.

We say we seek unity, yes. But lurking within every human act is the gnawing need to be independent, to think of ourselves as distinct from the rest of life. [1]

Thomas Merton recognised this same paradox at the heart of what we think of as "salvation":

We cannot find ourselves within ourselves, but only in others, yet at the same time before we can go out to others we must first find ourselves. We must forget ourselves in order to become truly conscious of who we are. The best way to love ourselves is to love others, yet we cannot love others unless we love ourselves since it is written, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" [Mark 12:31]. But if we love ourselves in the wrong way, we become incapable of loving anybody else ...

The only effective answer to the problem of salvation must therefore reach out to embrace both extremes of a contradiction ...

Only when we see ourselves in our true human context as members of a race which is intended to be one organism and "one body," will we begin to understand the positive importance not only of the successes but of the failures and accidents in our lives. My successes are not my own. The way to them was prepared by others. The fruit of my labours is not my own: for I am preparing the way for the achievements of another ...

Every other human is a piece of myself, for I am a part and a member of humankind... What I do is also done for them and with them and by them. What they do is done in me and by me and for me. But each one of us remains responsible for our own share in the life of the whole body. [2]

[1] Joan Chittister, We Are All One: Reflections on Unity, Communty and Commitment to Each Other (New London, CT: Twenty-Third Publications, 2018), 1-2.

[2] Thomas Merton, No Man Is an Island (Garden City, NY: Image Books, 1955, 1967), 13, 16-17.

Sunday Mass	Parish Diary —
Killara Church       Lindfield Church         5:30pm Vigil       6.00pm Vigil       8.30am       10.15am**         9.00am*       12noon Chinese Mass       6:00pm Youth Mass***         * Morning Tea follows the 9am Mass at Killara on the 1st Sundays         ** The 10:15am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays is a Children's         Mass,         featuring our Children's Choir (followed by morning tea and COG).         *** On the 3rd Sunday of the month the 6pm Youth Mass is followed         by a Parish Pot Luck Dinner in St Brigid's Hall.         —         Weekday Mass this week         Mon. 8am Killara         Tues. 8am Killara         Muran Lindfield         Thurs. 10am Lindfield         Fri.       10am Lindfield	JULY       Fri 18th       11am Seniors Group at Lindfield         Wed 23rd       10am Parish Book Group         Fri 25th       9am Playgroup at St Brigid's Hall         6pm"Christmas in July" (see back page)         Sun 27th       10:15am Children's Mass, followed by morning         tea         Every Weds:       8:00am Meditation (online)         THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION         Saturdays for 15 mins after Vigil Mass at Killara         Saturdays 5.15 - 5.45pm at Lindfield
The Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross (gathering in our church at Killara): Mass Wednesday 6pm (preceded by Exposition from 5pm) Thursday 9am Friday 9am Sunday 12 noon Evensong 4th Sunday of the month 4pm	Our Chinese Catholic Community           常年期第十五主日 4.7.2025           中文主日彌撒正午12 時           續經一(這話離你很近,使你遵行。)           恭讀申命紀 30:10-14
Sunday Mass RosterSATURDAY12 JULY19 JULYLindfield6:00PMFr StephenFr ThomasKillara5:30PMFr HienFr Stephen	梅瑟曉諭人民說:「你要聽從上主你天主的話,恭讀聖路加福音 10:25-37 謹守這法律書上,所記載的誡命和法令;你要全 那時候,有一個法學士起來,試探耶穌說:「師 心全靈回頭,歸向上主你的天主。    父,我應當做什麼,才能獲得永生?」 「其實,我今天吩咐你的誡命,為你並不太難, 耶穌對他說:「法律上記載了什麼?你是怎樣讀
SUNDAY Lindfield killara 9:00AM Lindfield 10:15AM Lindfield 112:00PM13 JULY Fr Thomas Fr Hien Fr Thomas Fr Hien Fr Thomas Fr Hien Fr Thomas Fr Thomas Fr Stephen Fr ???? Fr Thomas20 JULY 	也不是違不到的。這誠命不在天上,以致你能 說: 『誰能為我們上到天上,給我們取下來,使 我們聽了,好能遵行呢?』也不在海外,以致你 能說: 『誰能為我們渡海,給我們取來,使我們 聽了,好能遵行呢?』其實,這話離你很近,就 在你口裡,就在你心裡,使你遵行。」一上主的 話。 答唱詠 詠69:14.17,30:31,33:34,36.37 [答]: 尋求天主的人,你們的心,必要興奮. (參閱詠69:33) 領: 上主,在這困厄的時日,我只有求救於你。 天主,求你按你豐厚的慈愛,應允我;求你以你 信實的救援,俯聽我。上主,求你照你的和藹慈 愛,俯允我;求你按你深厚的仁慈,眷顧我。 [答] 領: 天主,我既貧乏,而又憂苦,求你救助我, 保護我。我要用詩歌,讚美天主的名號,並要用 感恩的心,稱揚天主的偉大。【答】 領: 卑微的人,你們要觀看,並要喜形於色。尋 求天主的人,你們的心,必要興奮,因為上主常 常你聽養苦的人;他决不會輕視他的得處。 [答] 領: 因為天主要拯救熙难,重建猶大的城池;他 僕人的後裔,將要承繼這塊土地;愛慕他名的 人,也要住在這裡。【答】
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sister; Kath Kelly, Evelyn Jones, Elvira Escay Rodriguez, Mary Moran, Wolfgang Liers, Tanya Walsh, Jutta Mathur, Jessica Keen, Therese Playoust, Ali Crawford, Morna Sutherland, Barbara McMullen, William Wise, Janette Brennan.



# Changes in the Parish Office

Because of the limited number of office staff during this school holiday period, our parish office will be open for this week (**July 14th-18th**) only during the following hours:

## Tue. to Fri. 9:30am - 12:30pm

If you have an urgent or pastoral need to contact the office outside the above hours, please contact the priests (details on **pg 6**), or leave a voicemail at **9416 3702** 

## Parking for Mass



Now that Coles is open we would like to encourage everyone to make use of the generous number of car spaces available in their carpark.

## We will no longer be opening the school playground for cars after 20 July.

Please note that parking is still available on the driveway and, of course, in the church car park. These spaces, especially the driveway, are for our parishioners who are less able and therefore need to park a bit closer to the entrance of the church. Thanks for your consideration and cooperation with this matter.





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> Date: Friday, July 25th
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>  Location: St Brigid's Hall, Lindfield Catholic Parish For all students in Years 7 to 12.



# Our next potluck supper is happening on July 20th!



Please join us after the 6pm Youth Mass up in St Brigid's Hall for faith, friendship and food.

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