

GOSPEL

Lk 10:25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours'.

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into brigands' hands?' 'The one, who took pity on him', he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself'.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

13 JULY 2025

EXPECTATIONS UPENDED

The parable of the *Good Samaritan* from today's Gospel is one of our favourites. We know it so well, or we think we do, and has been with us from our earliest days. Today invites us to take a second look. Jesus tells the story to illustrate who is neighbour, affirming the two most important commandments from the Torah—one's total commitment to God (from Deuteronomy) and to love one's neighbour (from Leviticus).

Jesus tells the story to a religious interpreter of the Torah who would never think about Samaritans, other than in negative terms. So, for Jesus to make the Samaritan as the example of care for one who fell in with robbers is shocking to Jesus' questioner. The two religious leaders in the story, the priest and Levite, who 'pass by on the other side' would have been obliged under the Torah to assist anyone in the condition in which they find the abandoned and dying traveller. They fail in their religious duties. It is the unexpected one, the Samaritan, who is moved with 'compassion'—a visceral response that, in the Greek text, is linked to 'womb'.

The story Jesus tells upends expectations, even the expected cultural and social script of the day. I suspect Luke is dealing with something similar in the world of the Gospel audience. The late Pope Francis reminded us in his meditation on this same story of the importance of 'noticing'—of looking and observing so that we can respond. He invites us to see those in our world that we tend not to notice.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Deut 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37. R. cf. v. 33

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. This 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. **R.**

2. 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 him with thanksgiving. **R.**

3. 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. **R.**

4. For God will bring help to Zion / and rebuild the cities of Judah. / The sons of his servants shall inherit it; / those who love his name shall dwell there. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Col 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

All things were created through him and for him.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers— all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 6:63,68

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!



15th Sunday of the Year 13 July 2025
St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Francis Park OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Joel Sanchez (St Joseph's Outreach Services: Mon, Tues, Sat)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month.
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.10pm – 5.40pm, or by appointment.

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

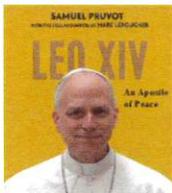
(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 13th July 2025

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 12 th July	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 13 th July 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 14 th July St Camillus de Lellis		
Tuesday 15 th July St Bonaventure	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 16 th July Our Lady of Mt Carmel	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 17 th July Bl Magdalene Albrici	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 18 th July 15 th Week in Ordinary Time	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 19 th July 15 th Week in Ordinary Time	9.00am Mass	



NEW BOOK ON SALE – LEO XIV "APOSTLE OF PEACE"

Following the successful launch of the book on the new Pope Leo XIV we are happy to offer copies of the book to parishioners through the office or at the church on Sundays. Paperback edition \$25 (hard cover \$35)

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ Baptism Preparation online Tues 15 July 7pm
- ▶ Robert Huggins Funeral: Thurs 17 July 11am
- ▶ Friends of Saint Augustine Thursday 17 1pm
- ▶ Liturgy Meeting: Thurs 17 July 6pm

POPE LEO – EUCHARIST 'GOD WITH US'



"The Eucharist we celebrate sustains and gives meaning to our work. As Pope Francis wrote, "it is in the Eucharist that all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation. Grace, which tends to manifest itself tangibly, found unsurpassable expression when God himself became man and gave himself as food for his creatures. The Lord, in the culmination of the mystery of the Incarnation, chose to reach our intimate depths through a fragment of matter. He comes not from above, but from within; he comes that we might find him in this world of ours" (Pope Leo XIV Homily on 9th July)

COMMEMORATIVE TEASPOONS

Teaspoons to commemorate the Holy Year and the Papal election of Leo XIV are available from the parish office for the price of \$25 a set of two.



FUNERAL FOR ROBERT HUGGINS

The funeral for Robert Huggins will be held in St Joseph's on Thursday 17 July 11am. May he rest in peace.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ellen Allery, Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Anne Rigg, Mitos Gloudemans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zaio, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan, Rosie Gucciardo, Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto.

IN LOVING MEMORY



Recently Deceased

✦ Tom O'Neill

Anniversaries

- ✦ Domenico Tesoriero
- ✦ Patricia Hunt
- ✦ Marie Louise Simpson
- ✦ Daniel Leow Chin Meng
- ✦ Gordon Dennis
- ✦ Renato Dixon

JUBILEE TIME CAPSULE PROJECT



In conjunction with the 2025 Holy Year, we are preparing a time capsule to be used to conserve significant objects reflecting our parish

community at the present time and to be sealed and reopened in 2050. Ideas and suggestions are welcome.



PARISH COUNCIL JULY MEETING REPORT

The Parish Council met last Wednesday evening for our July meeting. The success of the Dedication ceremony for the Leonine Hall and the Leo XIV book launch were highlighted.



An invitation is extended to those who might be able to supplement our parish social committee as volunteers.

We continue to promote our Jubilee Time Capsule Project and publicise the event through our notices and dedicated QR Code. The Council is planning a retreat day with a speaker sometime in September or October. Our next major events will be the celebration of St Augustine's Day on August 24th and the Parish BBQ in November.

MASS COLLECTIONS 6/07/2025

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.....	\$ 564.25
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 378.95
Envelopes.....	\$ 60.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...	\$ 1660.00
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 420.00
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