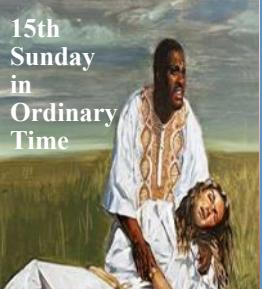
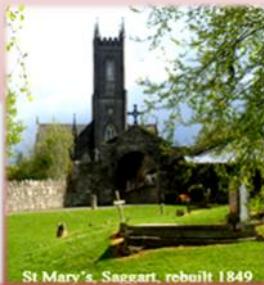


**PARISHES OF**  
**SAGGART - RATHCOOLE - BRITTAS**  
**& NEWCASTLE**



## Parish Grouping Newsletter – 10th July 2022



Every year in Alaska, a 1000-mile dogsled race, run for prize money and prestige, (*Iditarod*) commemorates an original “race” run to save lives. Back in January of 1926, six-year-old Richard Stanley showed symptoms of diphtheria, signalling the possibility of an outbreak in the small town of Nome. When the boy passed away a day later, Dr. Curtis Welch began immunizing children and adults with an experimental but effective anti-diphtheria

serum. But it wasn’t long before Dr Welch’s supply ran out, and the nearest serum was in Nen-ana, Alaska - 1000 miles of frozen wilderness away. Amazingly, a group of trappers and prospectors volunteered to cover the distance with their dog teams! Operating in relays from trading post to trapping station and beyond, one sled started out from Nome while another, carrying the serum, started from Nen-ana. Oblivious to frostbite, fatigue, and exhaustion, the teamsters mushed relentlessly until, after 144 hours in minus 50-degree winds, the serum was delivered to Nome. As a result, only one other life was lost to the potential epidemic. Their sacrifice had given an entire town the gift of life.

What are the inspirational stories told in our community and who are the inspirational people they are told about? **“Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine,”** is an Irish saying that translates literally as “People live in each other’s shadows.” Meaning, we are shielded from the sun by each other, we rely on each other for shelter. Nothing, or none of us, exists in isolation. We have to stop pretending we are individuals that can go it alone. If we turn to one another, look out for each other, reach out to each other, let go of our judgments and prejudices, become curious about each other, and take the risk to begin a conversation the world will be a better place.

People need each other and we also need those inspirational characters in our community and in our church who constantly prompt us to love, reach out, show compassion and put our faith into practice. So who are our ‘Good Samaritans’ today? Who are the people who, not by what they say, but by what they do encourage us to be better people. Who are the people who put their own prejudices (*and sometimes self image & safety*) behind to respond to the plight or struggle of the person in front of them? The ordinary people who do the ordinary things each day in the most extraordinary of ways!

### And are we one?

Although our society constantly leads us to isolation and self-preservation - we cannot function properly on our own; we are called to work together, grow together and to be there for each other. As St Mother Teresa said, “There are a lot of Good people in the world - If you can’t find one then be one!” Have a great week      - Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker

**Thought for today:** If you want to go fast go alone - If you want to go far go together - (African Proverb)



*We pray for Ukraine. For all of humanity distorted by war.  
 For all the lives lost, homes seized, and peace broken. May the Spirit of comfort and  
 compassion envelop all who dwell in fear. May peace prevail and justice reign.  
 May love always be the guide and measure of our actions and responses. Amen*

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# Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

First Reading	Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37
Second Reading	Colossians 1:15-20
Gospel Acclamation	John 6:63C, 68C
Gospel	Luke 10:25-37

## Feast Days this week

11<sup>th</sup> July Monday

Saint Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

13<sup>th</sup> July Wednesday

Saint Henry

14th July Thursday

Saint Camillus de Lellis

15th July Friday

Saint Bonaventure, bishop & Doctor of the Church

16th July Saturday

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

*Keep sending your prayer requests  
& petitions.*

*Please pray for...*



Ursula, Philip, Jean, Norma, Justin, Colm, Rachel, Ronan, Sean, Judith, Harry, Ken, Tony, Ian, Robert, Bernie, Angela, Hope, Ruth, Pat, Tommy, Michelle, Marie, Shane, Kieran, William, Joan, Paul, Bobby, Henry, Tim, David, Annie, Claire, Chloe, Aimee, Sinead, Maureen, Laura, Frances, Jim, Denise, Luke, Brendan, Mo, Hazel, Oliver, Kathy, Liz, Ben, Candice, Ellen, Siobhan, Ryan, James, Eugene, Matthew, Janice, Megan, Ciara.

*Our candle is always lit for you!*



*Carta Apostólica*

Read Pope Francis's new Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi*, *Desideravi*,

*"On the liturgical formation of the People of God".*

In the letter, Pope Francis says that he desires "to offer some prompts or cues for reflections that can aid in the contemplation of the beauty and truth of Christian celebration". It can read online and linked to using this address: <https://dublindiocese.ie/popefrancisliturgyletter/>

**Eucharistic Adoration in the Holy Family Church Rathcoole.**

- Sunday 4 -6pm
- Tuesday 3-5pm
- Friday 3 -5pm
- First Saturday 2 - 3.30pm

**Holy Face Devotions - every Tuesday 11-11.30am**

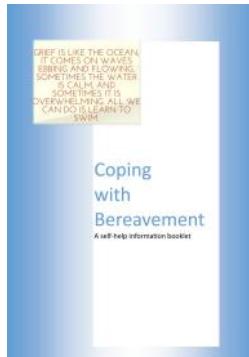


*Recently Deceased*

**Noela Reynolds, Saggart  
Tom Finnegan, Saggart**

*May they Rest in Peace*

*We keep their family & friends in our prayers*



## Bereavement Self-Help Support booklet

Losing a loved one is always difficult no matter what the circumstances – This was accentuated during the last few years especially those who have experienced the loss of a loved one in the abnormal circumstances. Working with a few of the community groups we have produced this short this

**Self-Help information resource** for those who have experienced

bereavement and loss in their lives during this time. You may find it useful. Please share, download or forward onto someone you think may find it helpful.

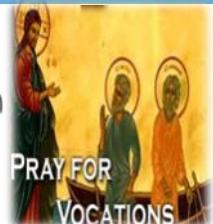
Click here - [Bereavement Support Booklet](#)



*The Holy Family Conference of SVP works in the community in the parish of Rathcoole, Newcastle, Saggart and Brittas, offering. Please donate what you can to help your community. Thank you, from the volunteers of SVP Holy Family Conference.*



[www.idonate.ie/svprathcoole](http://www.idonate.ie/svprathcoole)



## A Prayer for Vocations

O God, our Father, you have called us in Baptism to follow your Son Jesus through lives of loving service to you and to one another. Grant us your assistance guided by the Holy Spirit to live out our vocation in life. We pray especially for those who have answered your call as priests, brothers, sisters, deacons and lay ministers. Keep them faithful in following your Son and dedicated in serving their brothers and sisters. Grant that many more men and women will be open to the challenge of dedicating their lives in the ministry of building your Kingdom.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen



## Can you help?

We are looking for people to train in various parish ministries including; Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Word, Funeral Ministry, etc. If you would like to become involved in these or any other ministry, please contact the parish office with your details



On behalf of the Parish Team we thank Kevin for his five years of service to the pastoral area. We wish him well as he moves to pastures new this weekend. Kevin is a good humoured colleague who brought great ideas to

the team. He was very passionate on liturgy and preparing our young people for the sacraments. He did great work in our schools and will be greatly missed.

We were one of a number of parishes who were cut a priest. I know Kevin would have wished to stay on for a

number of years more but due to the shortage was called to take up a new appointment.

Thanks Kevin and we wish you well. John



Last Friday, after the 10am mass in Newcastle, parishioners gathered for a welcome cuppa to Christian the newly refurbished Parish centre beside the Church. It was also an opportunity to bid a fond farewell and say a word of farewell to Fr Kevin as he moves on to his new appointment. Thanks to all who were involved in getting the work finished in this bright, beautiful, invaluable and much needed gathering space.





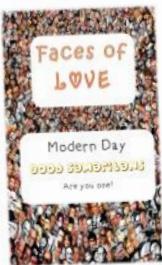
Make sure to download, print and share our short resource on '**Modern Day Good Samaritans'**

Can you recognise and name them all?  
Who's photo/name would you add to the list?

**We'd love to hear your thoughts and reasons why.**

You can download and print this from

**Here**



**THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
A PEARL OF GREAT PRICE LEFT ON THE SHELF

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK**  
*International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine*

**SATURDAY 30TH JULY 2022**



**REV. FR. JOHN HARRIS O.P.**

Prior Provincial Irish Dominican Province

**WORKSHOP – Invitation to Past, Present and Future Catechism Students**

**TIME** 11.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.  
**VENUE** St. John's Rest and Care Centre

**SCHEDULE OF CEREMONIES**

2.00pm Outdoor Stations of the Cross and Rosary Procession

3.00pm Holy Mass in the Basilica with Anointing of the Sick

Eucharistic Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the day

Come and join us for a day celebrating the Joy and Truth of our Faith.



See [www.catechism.ie](http://www.catechism.ie) for local contacts.

FURTHER DETAILS: Caomhne - [caoirain@hotmail.com](mailto:caoirain@hotmail.com) and Máirín 087 795 0325

EVENT ORGANISED BY: Catechism of the Catholic Church – Adult Studies, Steering Committee

**PHILOSOPHY OF EDITH STEIN  
READING GROUP LECTURE**

The annual public lecture of the Philosophy of Edith Stein Reading Group will be presented by Dr Timothy Burns. Dr Burns will speak on the topic '*Why We Need Empathy*', with specific reference to the writings of Edith Stein. This meeting will take place on **Sunday, July 24, at 3pm** in the Edith Stein Room, St Teresa's Priory, St Teresa's Carmelite Church, Clarendon Street, Dublin 2. Free admission.

For more information contact 087 1384367 or 087 2206092.

Parishes of Saggart, Rathcoole, Brittas & Newcastle Lyons  
Celebrates

**A special Blessing for  
grandparents**

**Saggart Parish Church**  
Church of the Nativity of the BVM



**Sunday 24th July 2022  
at the 9am Mass**

24<sup>th</sup> July is the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

26<sup>th</sup> of July is the Feast Day of Anna and Joachim, the parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus.



We invite all grandparents for a special blessing during the 9 am Mass.

You can also join live on our webcam [www.churchservices.tv/Saggart](http://www.churchservices.tv/Saggart)

A population that does not take care of the elderly and of children and the young has no future, because it abuses both its memory and its promise.

Pope Francis

**PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS**

Lord Jesus,  
you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them!  
As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

**Amen**

This is a summary of the feedback received from parishioners both at the coffee mornings and those who responded to the Building Hope questionnaires in the format requested by the Diocese. Thanks for all who took the time to respond and attend.

### 1. Faith: What is working well in your parishes? - *Eucharist, Prayer, Liturgies, Sacramental Preparation*

**Why:** There is a joyfulness and community feeling in our liturgies and celebration of the Eucharist. Sacramental preparation responded well to covid situation and made supports, etc available for both schools and parents. Before morning Mass in Saggart there is a prayer group that recites the rosary. In Rathcoole there is an adoration group that meet a few times during the week for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Our churches give a place of refuge, an oasis of prayer and quiet (*much needed*) in a busy society/community. Sermons and inputs (*in the main*) relevant.

### Faith: What is in need of development in your parishes? - *Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation, Liturgies*

**Why:** There is no formal structure in place for adult and child formation. After Confirmation, there is no ongoing formation resulting in children fall away from their faith. Sacramental programs need to be reviewed and tailored with the learning during Covid. There is a need for inclusive and varied music to reflect the diversity in the community. Participation in liturgies and training of ministers post covid needs to resume and be promoted. More supports and opportunities for faith formation is needed across the board – Lectio/ Scripture study, group pilgrimages, classes, & opportunities for faith discussions. More opportunities need to be made available to come together, share faith questions, develop community and celebrate differences.

### 2. Servant Leadership: What is working well in your parishes? - *Affirmation of priestly ministry, Pastoral Outreach, Administration*

**Why:** Priests and leadership team friendly, approachable but stretched. All of the priests take responsibility for their priestly ministry even though they are severely overburdened. Communication tools have improved but need to be taken up by more. Administration good but centralised. Pastoral outreach seems to work well, more could always be done and new initiatives are underway. St Vincent de Paul very active in the area.

### Servant Leadership: What is in need of development in your parishes? - *Co-Responsibility of Clergy and Lay Faithful, Active Lay Ministries, Youth Involvement, Role of Women*

**Why:** The laity need to start taking more responsibility and ownership of their parishes. They also need to be encouraged, supported and trusted more. The only active lay ministries at the moment are those of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Choir, Altar flower arrangement, and Cemetery team – other opportunities for participation and other ministries need to be encouraged and supported. Funeral ministry, altar servers, baptism ministry, etc. require developing. This requires the laity getting involved. There is no evidence of any youth involvement in the parishes. Initiatives and supports need to be put in place to encourage involvement of the stranger/ new Irish, disengaged and young people. PPC and Parishioners representation needs to be re-established – laity needs to be trusted more. Women should be given more leadership roles. The role of women and lay people in general needs to be discussed seriously – ordination of women needs to be seriously considered – even as deacons.

### 3. Welcome: What is working well in your parishes? - *Hospitality, Inclusiveness, Communication, Community*

**Why:** All the priests and leadership team are approachable to answer any queries. The newsletter/social media updated well and full of information of what is going on in the parish. There is a good attendance for community-based events like the blessing of the graves and major feast days. Churches open, accessible and used by the community during the day.

### Welcome: What is in need of development? - *Evangelisation, Inclusiveness, Hospitality*

**Why:** There is nothing in place other than the webcam/social media & web to evangelise the people. Opportunities need to be made available for faith discussions and support. Teaching of faith in schools seems relaxed. Other ways need to be looked at. There is more need to embrace and network with the growing diversity within our community – Immigrants, Ukrainian, New Irish, LGBTQ+, etc. The grouping requires a welcoming team to greet people as they are attending Sunday Mass and other events – A welcome pack could be developed to encourage/promote welcome for visitors and belonging for parishioners.

### 4. Social Justice: What is working well in your parishes? - *Advocacy, Active outreach, Accompaniment*

People presenting with individual issues are supported and cared for. Our priest and team are constantly in touch and in the community. Good communication and networking makes sure that most local issues are known and responded to. New initiatives and networking in the community has begun with new team members.

### Social Justice What is in need of development? - *Advocacy, Active outreach, Care of Creation, Solidarity*

There is a danger that our churches are only seen as a place of worship. Those in most need have no voice. Real issues within our parishes need to be identified and actively prioritised. There is a need to move from the anecdotal issues to the real and the parishes response, both in support and response needs to be more structured and communicated – This area is a strong opportunity to include, involve, learn from and mobilise our young people especially and opportunities/ supports need to be developed to do this. We are always talking to the same people - the people we need to be talking to are never at the meetings, more needs to be done to reach out to and respond to those in our community with no voice – The Church needs to be a radical witness and parishioners encouraged that this is baptismal call for everyone.

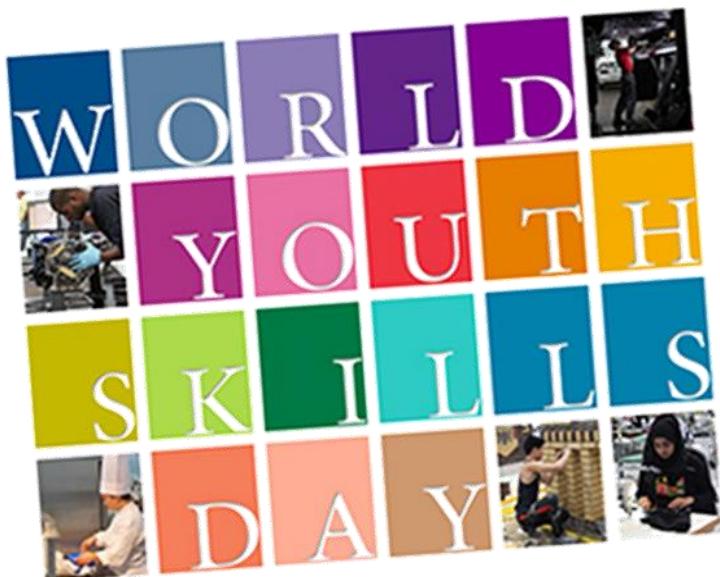
### Of the strengths you have identified in your parishes, which could be shared in a local parish partnership?

- a) Availability/Accessibility of Services and parish team
- b) Communications/social media as an information and Evangelisation tool, etc/ Administration
- c) Community development/Pastoral approach

### With which three, four or five parishes would it make good sense for your parish to be in local partnership?

Our current grouping of parishes works well – Saggart/Rathcoole/Newcastle/Brittias and has a logical connection – Although, in the discussions, a connection with Clondalkin raised a few times because of proximity and services.

**This, coupled with the Synodal response from the parishes, will inform our planning for the future after the summer. Thank you**



# 15TH JULY

The aim of World Youth Skills Day is to raise awareness about the importance of investing in youth skills development and to encourage youth to celebrate, use and share the skills they have!!

Use #SkillsChangeLives and #WYSD to raise awareness on the importance of youth developing skills.

Through the power of skills and the sharing of your gifts & talents individuals, communities, and countries are propelled towards a more prosperous future!  
**Recognise, Celebrate, Share & Give Thanks** for your gifts and talents!

WHATEVER  
YOUR SKILL...  
ERCESS  
VOLUNTEER  
VING

The purpose of life is to discover your gift.  
The work of life is to develop it.  
The meaning of life is to give your gift away.

COMMUNITY  
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"USE YOUR  
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World Youth Skills Day  
#WYSD

Discover, Nurture & Share  
**Y O U R  
TALENTS**  
Help others to  
Discover, Nurture & Share  
**T H E I R S**

MAKE A  
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YOU WERE  
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MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE

share  
your talent,  
move the  
world.

TEAM  
PERSON  
HOPE

Your talent is  
God's gift to you

What you do with  
it is your gift  
back to God

Want to better your community?

Want to enable young people in their growth and development?



## Come volunteer!! with Rathcoole Foróige Club

contact:  
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for more information



## Pathways

Exploring Faith and Ministry

Application is now open for the next intake of participants for Pathways. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year on **Thursday, September 29**, in DCU St Patrick's Campus.

Places are limited so early application is advisable. Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week course, for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year, with breaks for Christmas, Easter and mid-terms. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. The cost is €400 per year which may be paid in instalments throughout the year.

For more information visit [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie) or contact Pathways director Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, at 01 8087594 or [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie).

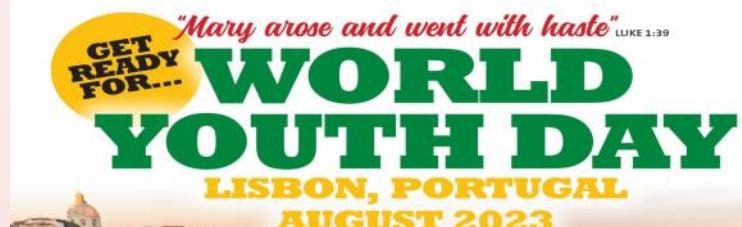
Are you interested in making a difference in your local community and helping us to respond in a practical and conscious way to the Climate crisis? We are looking to start up this Parish based initiative designed to encourage young people to engage with ecological action, education and spirituality based on Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si.

The goal is for young people (13 to 17) to lead and inspire the whole parish to embrace caring for our common home. We are looking for local adults that will help facilitate this and young people with a passion for making a change!

### Want to find out more?

Contact [frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie)

The award is grounded in Catholic principles and Spirituality but is open to all. You do not have to be a Catholic to participate in this award, you just need to be open to learning about Catholic social teaching and spirituality.



- Parishes, groups and individuals can register their interest in WYD Lisbon by emailing [wyd@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:wyd@dublindiocese.ie)
- From September 2022, packages, costs and details will be available online at [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie)
- Non-refundable deposits of €100 will also be accepted from September

Archdiocese of Dublin



### A reflection on Sunday's readings for our Polish Parishioners - Thanks Chris

We live in a society with many different rules and regulations. And I think we can agree that rules are needed to keep us safe and as with the Ten Commandments, give us guidance. But should they be the essence of our Christian life? No. It should always be love. Focusing on regulations, laws, and definitions is an excuse to forget about loving people. Maybe sometimes it would be good to silence our justifying minds and listen to the Holy Spirit who speaks through our hearts in the most important language: love.

Żyjemy w społeczeństwie, w którym istnieje wiele różnych zasad i przepisów. I myślę, że możemy się zgodzić, że zasady są potrzebne, abyśmy byli bezpieczni i czasami, jak w przypadku dziesięciu przykazań, mogą być one także wskazówkami w naszym życiu. Ale czy powinny być one istotą naszego chrześcijańskiego życia? Nie. Powinna nią być miłość. Swoją bierność w kochaniu innych uzasadniamy przepisami, prawami i definicjami. Może czasami dobrze byłoby wyciszyć nasze usprawiedliwiające umysły i posłuchać Ducha Świętego, który przemawia przez nasze serca najważniejszym językiem: miłością.



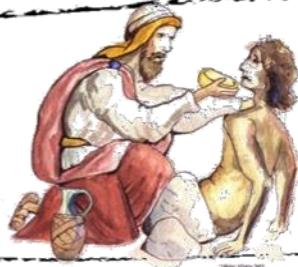
The parable in today's Gospel is probably one of the best known of all the parables - but it remains just 'a nice story' unless we learn from it and put it into practice. Take a bit of time to try this short exercise, answer the questions for yourself over the next few days and ask yourself what you take away from it -

**Why not do the exercise and discuss your answers to the 8 questions as a family!!**



# The Good Samaritan

What would you do?



**1**

The robbers have just gone. You're lying on the dusty road injured. How do you feel?  
**What do you shout?**

**2**

Two people have just gone past. They didn't help you. How do you feel now?  
**Send a text to a friend.**

**3**

A Samaritan is approaching. You're sure he won't help. How do you feel now?  
**Write your thoughts.**

**4**

You're recovering at the inn. The Samaritan brought you here and paid the bill out of his own money. How do you feel now?  
**Send an email to the Samaritan to thank him**

## Story Summary

1. Jesus told this story in reply to a question asked of Him: "Who is my neighbour?"
2. A man, travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho, was bashed and robbed and left to die on the side of the road.
3. A priest and a Levite both passed him but did not stop to help.
4. A Samaritan helped the man and took him to where he could be cared for, paying for the care. It must be remembered that the Jews hated the Samaritans.
5. Jesus then asked which of the three men was neighbour to the man.

## Key Words

**PRIEST** - you know who they are!

**LEVITE** - was similar to a priest and was a person who worked in the temple. All priests were Levites, but not all Levites were priests!!

**SAMARITAN** - was a person from Samaria. Jews hated Samaritans and considered them foreigners and social outcasts - They were considered worse than second class citizens by Jews!!

**NEIGHBOUR** - is a person whom we are called to love. Anyone and everyone can be called our neighbour



# The Good Samaritan

What would want someone to do for you?

**1**

You missed a penalty in your football match on Saturday. Some team members are blaming you for losing the match.

**What would you want someone to do for you?**

**2**

It's Friday, you have paid your bills, and have very little left for food for the rest of the week.

**What do you like someone to do for you?**

**3**

You are in the Square shopping with your friends. You've lost your money and your Revolut account is empty. How are you going to get home without your bus fare?

**What would you want someone to do for you?**

**4**

You've moved to Ireland from another country and do not know anyone. It's the first time you have taken a walk around the local area – You are uncertain and afraid.

**What do you like someone to do for you?**



**There's a lot of good people in this world. If you can't find one, be one.**



It is worth taking 12 minutes to listen to this powerful address from President Michael D. Higgins on the unfolding humanitarian crisis in the Horn of

Africa. A crisis driven by climate change and impacted severely by the war in Ukraine:

"This is, what is unfolding as I speak, already being called the greatest humanitarian crisis since the second World War. The growing impact of climate change, compounded by conflict and the fallout from Covid-19, and an unparalleled period of drought, has devastated crops and destroyed livelihoods, forcing millions of people to leave their homes.... All of our current global crises are connected. That connection must be recognised."

[Click here](#)



APOSTOLIC VISITATOR FOR UKRAINIAN GREEK-CATHOLICS

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has welcomed Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, who has been appointed by Pope Francis as Apostolic Visitator for the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic faithful in the Republic of Ireland and in Northern Ireland.

In these difficult times for the people of Ukraine we assure Bishop Kenneth of our prayers for his ministry and welcome his people.

#### PIONEER PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Sunday, July 17, with friends of Matt Talbot and of Cuan Mhuire. Priests are available for the Sacrament of Confession from 10:30am until the Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2:30pm. Pilgrimage Mass at 3pm followed by Rosary Procession (*weather permitting*).

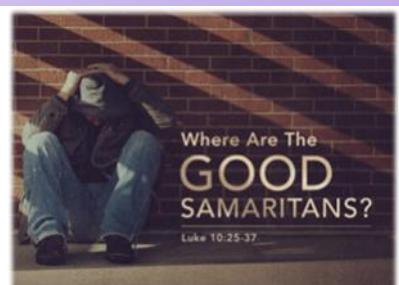
Further details at [www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie).



## A Short Thought

The question raised in today's Gospel is one that is never out of date or out of season. It is perfectly natural to think of our neighbours as literally the people next door, people "like us" as we say. But, that is to stay well within our comfort zone and, as Jesus puts it sharply elsewhere, "even the Gentiles love those who love them." Far more is demanded, especially in today's context of spiralling migration, with all its challenges of finance, housing, income, education of the young, work for the able and so forth. While bearing in mind the practical and social consequences, the whole thrust of the Gospel passage is to see my neighbour as any fellow human being in need. Not as easy as it may sound. Martin Luther King said, "The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But... the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'"

"Jesus gave us the image of the good Samaritan as the model for our compassion and our solidarity with those who find themselves vulnerable and who fear being abandoned in their final illness. The Good Samaritan is one who "crosses over", who "binds up wounds" and who, most important of all "stays with" the person for as long as is required.



If one of us were to pose Jesus the question "Who is my neighbour?" what would He answer? He would certainly remind us that our neighbour is not only our fellow compatriots but also those outside our community, even those who our community shuns or excludes! Not only Christians but Muslims also, not only Catholics but Protestants also, not only those with faith, but those with none also. But He would immediately add that this is not the most important thing. The most important thing is not to know who my neighbour is but to see whose neighbour I can be - here and now! For whom can I be the Good Samaritan? Am I ready and willing to take up the challenge?

**JOB  
OPENING**

## THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBLIN IS SEEKING TO APPOINT A PROPERTY ASSET MANAGER

The Archdiocese wishes to appoint an experienced Property Asset Manager to devise and deliver a comprehensive property strategy. The Property Asset Manager will assist parishes to:

- Develop an asset management strategy, in collaboration with all stakeholders, to reflect emerging requirements.
- Develop efficient and effective property management tools to deliver appropriate support and quality service to parishes and other end users.
- Manage all property related stakeholder relationships.

Full details can be found at <https://dublindiocese.ie/vacancies/>  
Contact [ide.finnegan@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:ide.finnegan@dublindiocese.ie) with enquiries.

## PRO-CATHEDRAL SEEKS TO APPOINT CHOIRS MANAGER

The Manager of the Pro-Cathedral Choirs has responsibility for the planning and management of both long term and day to day non music related activities, of the Choirs in consultation with the Administrator of the Pro-Cathedral and the Director of the Choirs. The job description outlines the key responsibilities for the Choir Manager. This role includes responsibilities for and support of the two choirs, the boys and men of the Palestrina Choir and St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Girls' Choir.

**Closing date July 15 - Click here for full job description and application details.**



### KNOCKADOON MUSIC AND LITURGY COURSE

The Knockadoon Music and Liturgy course takes place from August 14 to 20.

Book and find out more at  
[www.knockadoonml.com](http://www.knockadoonml.com)



## POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AT

ST PATRICK'S PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY,  
MAYNOOTH

### Diploma in Arts (Church Music)

The Diploma in Arts (Church Music), awarded by Maynooth University in association with St Patrick's Pontifical University, provides students with a unique opportunity to develop relevant musical skills and deepen their liturgical knowledge.

**Interested?** Find out more online at  
[maynoothcollege.ie/courses/diploma-in-arts-church-music](http://maynoothcollege.ie/courses/diploma-in-arts-church-music)

#### Key information

**Qualification**  
Diploma - This two-year, weekend-based, Level 7, 30 ECTS credits programme gives participants a foundation in church music in the Christian tradition.

**Programme content**

**Year 1**  
Cantor Skills 1  
• Choral Conducting 1 • Introduction To Liturgy • Liturgical Composition 1 • Organ Studies 1 • The Liturgical Assembly & Ministry

**Year 2**  
Cantor Skills 2  
• Choral Conducting 2 • Liturgical Composition • Liturgy & Time • Organ Studies 2 • The Eucharist

**Application deadline**

July 31 2022

**Commencement Date**

September 2022

**Duration**

2 year part-time (Classes scheduled on Friday evenings /Saturday mornings – 12 sessions per year)

## Master's Degree in Liturgical Music

#### Key information

This Masters programme is offered in association with the National Centre for Liturgy. It consists of theological and theoretical study of the Church's liturgy, with specific attention to the area of liturgical music.

**Qualification**

MLM - The programme qualifies holders to undertake the post of Organist, Cantor, or Director of Liturgical Music at parish, diocesan or national level.

**Programme content**

**Year One**  
Core Academic Modules  
• Liturgy: Ritual, Theological and Historical Approaches • Sacramental Theology: Liturgical and Systematic Aspects • Introduction to Liturgy and the Sacraments of Christian Initiation • The Eucharist / Liturgical Time • Music in Christian Worship • Aspects of Liturgical Music

**Practical Modules**

• Liturgical Composition  
• Organ Skills 1  
• Cantor Skills 1

**Application deadline**

EU - 24 June 2022

Non-EU - 20 May 2022

**Commencement Date**

September 2022.

If you have any queries please contact our Admissions Team:

E: [cmmadmissions@spcm.ie](mailto:cmmadmissions@spcm.ie) T: +353 (0)1 708 4772

**LAUDATE RETURNS!!** - Schools, family Mass groups and parish choirs are invited to engage in Laudate 2023 so that together we may raise our voices in songs of praise to God in January during Catholic Schools Week.

Let's build a common repertoire together!!



Letters of invitation will issue to every parish school of the diocese. A repertoire of easy-to-sing hymns will be made available in September along with audio and PowerPoint materials to support easy engagement of all. If you wish to talk with anyone in the meantime, if considering participating, please email [communications@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:communications@dublindiocese.ie) and your query will be forwarded to the relevant person.

## GARDINER STREET SEEKS PARISH MANAGER

Gardiner Street Parish is seeking to employ a Parish Manager, a dynamic person with a passion for parish life who can take on many of the organisational and administrative responsibilities that typically fall to the Parish Priest. They will manage daily operations, develop and manage the parish's communications, be responsible for organising and running events, and be a key person of contact for priests, staff and volunteers.

There may also be some scope for pastoral work.

For a full job description and details of how to apply, see the [parish website](#), ask at reception or call 01 8363411

## Carrying on our Hospitality reflections from the last newsletter ...

### So what is a Welcoming Parish?

"The Welcoming Parish" can be described in terms of four basic characteristics:  
*Community, Worship, Word, and Service.*

#### 1. Community

More than just a gathering of individual believers, the parish is a community where evangelization is a way of life for each member. Evangelization underlies all the activities of the parish. It begins within the family where disciples are developed to the benefit and strength of our parishes.

Evangelization develops further through small group communities which provide support both in times of crisis and in the everyday struggle to live the Gospel. However, those in small communities need to balance their experience with active participation in the larger parish liturgy and life.

Community must be open to cultural diversity. Each culture has a role to play in the plan of salvation. Individuals of all cultures should feel welcome.



#### 2. Worship

Basic to the faith life of the parish community is the act of worship. Liturgy is at the very core of parish life. Individuals are called to join the liturgy with an active and conscious participation.

#### 3. The Word

Following the mission of evangelization, the parish responds to the call to make disciples following the commandment of Jesus Christ, the direction of the Gospel, and the teaching of the magisterium. This Christian formation is a life-long process whose ultimate goal is mature faith.

One important context for this discipleship formation is the family. To assist families in their responsibility, the Church developed a variety of structures and ministries. (e.g. *religious education for youth and adults and Catholic institutions for learning.*) These structures should work together to assist families in their faith development. Through this faith formation, members of the Church will be more aware of their responsibility for justice, the development of moral judgements and Christian decision making.

#### 4. Service

The parish gathers disciples who are good stewards of the gifts of God. These gifts include the gift of creation -- time and life itself; the gift of redemption -- the Gospel and the Church; the gifts of empowerment -- gifts of grace and ministry.

This call to service brings action in social ministry, responding to human needs, whatever and wherever they may be. Our response as parishes may range from direct service that meets individual needs, to broad group action which addresses the root causes. This includes appropriate participation in civil and political affairs.

The call to service of parish leadership is a challenge to all parishioners to recognize and accept their responsibility as members of a welcoming community. Clear leadership is essential to the development of the parish. The parish team is the point of unity between the parish community and its activities, between the specific character of the parish, and the mission of the larger church.

### Community: The First Basic - Walk in Love . . .



#### A. Evangelizing as Community

We remember that the Second Vatican Council teaches: "God has willed to make [people] holy and save them, not as individuals without any bond or link between them, but rather to make them into a people who might acknowledge him and serve him in holiness." For the disciple, faith is not a private affair acted upon in isolation; it is a call to holiness within a community of people.

#### Reflection Questions:

- How does my parish challenge me to deepen my relationship with Jesus?
- What resources does my parish offer me to deepen this relationship?
- How do we encourage the "Sunday" Catholics to grow in their faith?
- How do we reach out to Catholics who are not coming to church?
- How do we invite those with no religion to come and join us?
- How do we make people from other countries feel welcome and accepted in our parish?
- How do we make people with disabilities feel welcome and accepted in our parish?
- Do I feel connected to and known by others in this parish?
- What activities or programs would I like to see happening in my parish to continue building up our community?
- How are we inviting the youth of our parish to participate in the life of the parish? In programs?  
In ministries?
- How are we encouraging families to encourage their children to consider vocations to the priesthood and religious life?
- What could we do to help everyone who comes through our doors feel part of this parish community?
- What could we do to build a more vibrant faith community in our parish?

Each of these areas contributes to the life of the parish as an evangelizing, welcoming community.



## B. The Family as Basic to Community

"The Christian family is so important and its role so basic in transforming the world, that the Council called it the domestic church." The family has the primary responsibility for the faith development of children. Pope Francis upholds the mission of the family guarding, revealing, and communicating love

### Reflection Questions:

- What family oriented programs do we have in our parish?*
- How do we help families grow stronger so they can deal with the stresses that might weaken their family life?*
- What are some of the strains on families in our parish?*
- What difficulties do parents face in trying to share their faith with their children? How do we help parents to share their faith with their children?*
- What problems do single parents have? How do we show our concern for the challenges single parents face?*
- What could we do to better help parents cope with the challenges of family life today?*

## C. A Community of Small Groups

The growing conviction is that evangelization can benefit greatly from the opportunities present in small communities. We also hear today's Catholics who tell us small communities are a great support both in times of crisis and in the everyday struggle to live the Gospel.

Undoubtedly, small communities will not engage all members of a parish. Those in small communities need to balance their experience with active participation in the larger, more inclusive parish liturgy and life.

### Reflection Questions:

- What small groups exist in my parish? Which ones do I belong too? Do we welcome new members? How many members did we have 5 years ago? Today?*
- How does the parish provide opportunities and help for small groups to grow in faith?*
- What could we do to help all our parish small groups see themselves as part of the whole parish?*

## D. Culture and the Community of Faith

The Gospel is intended to be fundamental to our experience of nature, of the passage of time, of work and rest, of other people, of the purpose of life, and the meaning of death. These are the experiences that characterize a culture. The Gospel lived out in the Church touches the foundation of all cultures and also creates a culture.

### Reflection Questions:

- What cultures are represented among our parishioners?*
- Does our parish include some of their cultural practices in our worship? In what ways?*
- How do we welcome those from other countries to participate in parish life? In ministries? In programs?*
- What help do we provide people from other countries to better understand Irish culture? To find employment? To learn English?*
- What could we do to better include people from various cultures in our parish life?*



### How do we experience, encourage, understand or grow community in our Parishes?

We will continue this theme in the next few newsletters and would welcome your thoughts!!

## PRIORY INSTITUTE SUMMER SCHOOL

The Priory Institute two-week online summer school will run from July 18 to 29 and again from August 15 to 26. The subject is *Mysticism in an Age of Calamity: Meister Eckhart, John Tauler and Henry Suso*. The course includes eight recorded presentations and two online zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register at [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com).

**We need volunteers to help us with our Newsletter, website and social media pages**

Can you lend a bit of your time? Can you help update, add content, help shape our Ministry of Communication for our parish?

Please contact  
[SNRBparishnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:SNRBparishnewsletter@gmail.com)  
or Frank on [frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie)  
for more info.

## A few of the Retreats coming up in The Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght

### Sat 16th-Fri 22nd July - Fr Peter O'Kane - "Buen Camino! A reflection on life's journey"

For more than 1,000 years people have walked the *Camino de Santiago*. This retreat, while not involving walking, is a reflection on the *Camino* as a parable of our life: walking the road with others, resting at times, sharing and praying....

Cost: Residential €525.00; non-residential €350.00 Booking 01-4048189 or email [dominicanretreats@gmail.com](mailto:dominicanretreats@gmail.com)

### Sat 6th-Fri 12<sup>th</sup> August - Donagh O'Shea OP - 'The love of Christ that surpasses all knowledge.'

"The spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words" (Rom 8:26). In this retreat we will explore the mystery of prayer through the words of St Paul and other Christian mystics.

Cost: Residential €525 non-residential €350 Booking 01-4048189 or email [dominicanretreats@gmail.com](mailto:dominicanretreats@gmail.com)



YOU ARE INVITED TO A WEBINAR IN PREPARATION FOR THE LAUNCH OF REDEMPTORISTS IRELAND NEW DIGITAL EVANGELISATION PLATFORM (MOBILE PHONE APP) CALLED:

## The Preached Word

Monday 27th June 2022, 7.30pm (Zoom)

Register by email: [hconnolly@cssr.ie](mailto:hconnolly@cssr.ie)



*Evangelisation in a Post Pandemic Church*



*Being a prophetic voice for our Time*

Rev. Prof. Michael Conway  
Professor in Faith and Culture  
University of Maynooth

Fr. Ed Hone CSsR  
Dean of St Edmund's College  
University of Cambridge

**CHILDREN'S SHORT STORY COMPETITION**

Write a story of 250 words or less.  
Your story can be about anything,  
but it must begin with the line:

**"IT BEGAN AS SOON AS  
I OPENED THE LIBRARY  
BOOK..."**

email your entry\* to  
[countylibrarytal@gmail.com](mailto:countylibrarytal@gmail.com)  
by Saturday 20th August.

**FOR AGES 7 - 12**

\*Please include your name, age and contact details.

As part of **#SummerStars** Tallaght library are running a short story competition for children aged 7-12.

Write a story about anything you like, starting with the words "It began as soon as I opened the library book..."

Send your entry, with your name, age and contact details to [countylibrarytal@gmail.com](mailto:countylibrarytal@gmail.com)

Closing date for entries is Saturday 20th August.

The Redemptorists are launching a new online platform called The Preached Word. It will include a variety of preachers on the Sunday Gospels and accessible via mobile phone app. There is a webinar next Monday to explore more about this, being a prophetic voice for our time and anyone who is interested in breaking open the Word for people or hearing more about this initiative are welcome to attend.

Registration for this webinar is at

<https://bit.ly/registration-webinar-June27>

If you or someone you know is experiencing food poverty please call us on **016269151**

If you would like to support the food bank please use the same number.

<https://www.facebook.com/Clondalkin-Cares-Food-Bank-101084335368561>

Let go of expectations for LIFE to be different from the miracle it already is. See how peace & happiness arise naturally when we cultivate mindfulness, kindness & gratitude.



## VRAI Virtual Reality Workshop

in the Think Big Space  
beside Tallaght library

Tuesday 12th of July 1pm to 3pm

Booking essential on  
[talib.eventbrite.ie](https://talib.eventbrite.ie)



VRAI Virtual Reality Workshop in the Think Big Space beside Tallaght library. The virtual reality (VR) workshop is a 2-hour introduction to VR delivered by VRAI expert Chris McHugh - Suitable for ages 12+

Book a place here: <https://buff.ly/3nGoUWM>



Have a look at [The National Heritage](#) website for more details



**Rathcoole Community Newsletter** for June/July is available to download and view from

[https://rathcoolecc.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/June\\_July\\_20221\\_compressed.pdf](https://rathcoolecc.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/June_July_20221_compressed.pdf)

Look out for an interview with our Parish Pastoral Worker - Frank Brown

National Heritage Week will take place from 13th to 21st August. This year will see the return of in-person events around the country, as well as continuing to showcase digital heritage projects which proved so popular over the last two years.



The HSE have healthcare information for people arriving into Ireland from Ukraine on their website. The information is available in English, Ukrainian and Russian.

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/3LEoQRr>



The Council has re-established the South Dublin Community Response Forum to coordinate the community-led response to support Ukrainian refugees as they arrive in the County.

More info here:  
<https://buff.ly/39qnMCN>

## LANGUAGE SKILLS FOR REFUGEES

The Third Age charity's 'Fáilte Isteach' service is now available in most counties across the State in order to facilitate, in an informal setting, improved English language skills for refugees. This service is free and run by local volunteers. In order to locate the nearest English language class in your location, please see

<https://www.thirdageireland.ie/falte-isteach/locations/>

A poster titled 'Information for people who have arrived in Ireland from Ukraine (under EU Temporary Protection Directive)'. It features a QR code and the website [www.gov.ie/Ukraine](http://www.gov.ie/Ukraine). The text includes: 'The Irish Government's website has information for you about: • Welfare supports • Employment • Education options • Healthcare • English language training'. It also says 'For detailed information go to [www.gov.ie/Ukraine](http://www.gov.ie/Ukraine)'.

**APPLYING FOR LEGAL STATUS?**  
Are you living in Ireland undocumented? Do you know someone who may be an undocumented migrant?

Undocumented people can apply for a legal status now. Applications for the new government undocumented scheme are open until 31 July. Don't miss this life-changing opportunity. To check your eligibility and get support to apply visit the Migrants Rights Centre Ireland website [www.mrci.ie](http://www.mrci.ie) or email [info@mrci.ie](mailto:info@mrci.ie) or contact 083 0755387.

The Government have developed some posters in English/Russian/Ukrainian to direct people who have recently arrived from Ukraine to relevant information. See <https://buff.ly/3J9YKE6>



We love animals! Big ones, smalls ones, domestic ones, farm ones, wild ones, all of them! All animals

have their own role to play in our lives, the lives of farmers and the ecosystem, and it's important that we keep them ALL safe. As a dog owner, we have responsibilities. We should avoid any contact between our dogs and farm animals, especially cattle and sheep. It is estimated that 4,000 sheep are injured or killed by dogs every year. With this in mind, it is important for dog owners to understand the genuine concerns that farmers have for their animals near unsupervised or free-roaming dogs.

#LoveThisPlace and keep all animals safe - including your dog! Ensure you, and your dog, have permission to access land before your visit. In the outdoors, respect signage and always keep your dog on a lead. Visit <https://buff.ly/3hb8kM0> to find out more on how to #LoveThisPlace



Communities around the globe are concerned about plastic ending up in landfill and polluting the oceans ... that's why hundreds of millions of people worldwide are choosing to be part of Plastic Free July



Please join our effort to help the environment

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single-use cups:  
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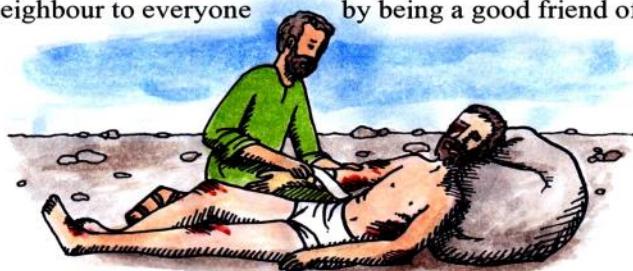
# Loving God and Our Neighbour

In today's Gospel reading we learn that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart and soul and strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

The most important thing you do in your life is loving God. If you really love God then you will do what is right and love other people as well. The Samaritan in the story loved God even though he didn't worship Him in the proper way like the Jews did. But because he loved God he wanted to please Him by being kind to his enemy.

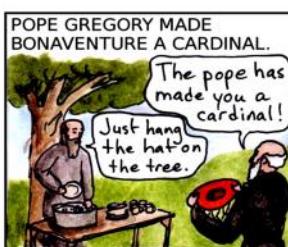
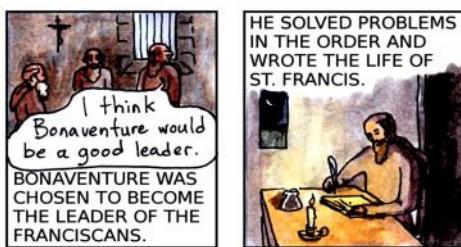
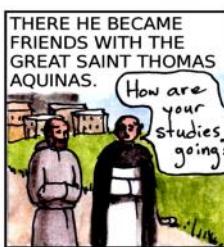
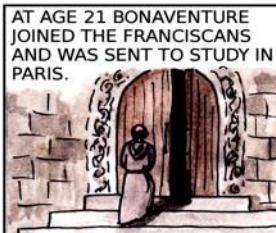
If you don't love God then you will not be able to make good decisions about other things either. You can't even love other people properly if you don't love God the most. The priest and Levite in the parable probably cared more about themselves than about God. That is why when they saw their own countryman injured and lying by the roadside they just walked past.

Is God the most important person in your life? Talk to Him every day and you will grow to love Him. You can be a good neighbour to everyone by being a good friend of God.

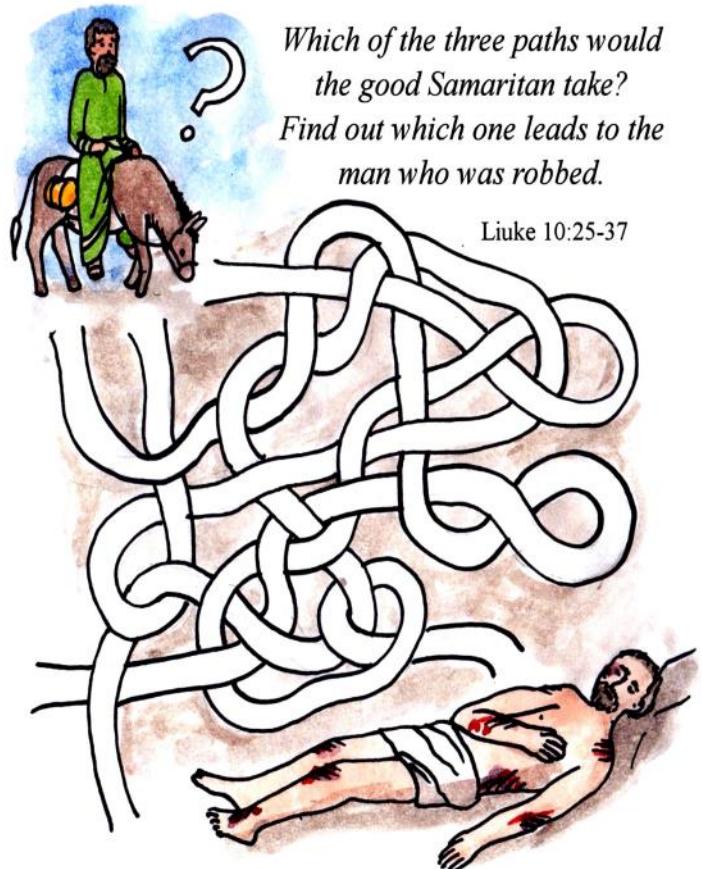


## SAINT BONAVENTURE JULY 15

BONAVENTURE WAS BORN IN ITALY AROUND THE YEAR 1221. WHEN HE WAS A BABY HE WAS VERY SICK AND WAS CURED BY THE INTERCESSION OF ST. FRANCIS.



ST. BONAVENTURE DID MUCH WORK TO BRING PEACE AMONG THE FRANCISCANS, WHO WERE BECOMING DIVIDED. DIFFERENT GROUPS WANTED DIFFERENT RULES, SO HE SHOWED THEM HOW THEY WERE WRONG TO FIGHT AMONGST THEMSELVES. CAN YOU HELP PEOPLE TO MAKE PEACE WITH EACH OTHER?



*Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan to show the people what it means to love your neighbour after someone asked Him "Who is my neighbour?"*

## True or False? The Story of the Good Samaritan

*Jesus told the people a parable to show them how to be a good neighbour. At that time the Samaritans were enemies of the Jews.*

*How well do you know the story?*

*See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.*

1. In the parable, a man was walking from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he came across a group of people who had been robbed. True or False?
2. The robbers beat the man and took all he had. True or False?
3. A priest walked past the man and ignored him. True or False?
4. A Levite saw the man and left him some money. True or False?
5. A Samaritan saw the man, bandaged his wounds, and took him to an inn. True or False?
6. The Samaritan told the innkeeper that he had done his job and he didn't care what happened to the man. True or False?
7. In the parable, the Samaritan, who was normally the man's enemy, was his best neighbour. True or False?

