

**July 10th 2022 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year C – Luke 10: 25 - 37**

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup>He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” <sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” <sup>37</sup>He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”..

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</li> <li>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition</li> <li>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do)</li> </ul>
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In this gospel Jesus calls on us to be loving and compassionate people. We all know this in our head and heart but how good are we at putting this into practice? In the media every day we are brought face to face with great suffering, poverty and hunger which is so vast it can cause us to feel helpless and hopeless. We are not called on to be super human, but to simply use and discover the gifts we have that can help others to live their lives. What are the things that prevent us from being a good neighbour at all times? What are the thoughts and feelings that prevent us from acting as the Good Samaritan?

**Prayer:**

**Lord thank you** for the people you sent our way when we felt half dead and unable to continue. They restored our energy and gave us new life with their gift of time and compassion like you requested us to do.

**Forgive us Lord** for the times we remained wrapped up in our own concerns instead of reaching out to those who were lonely or needed a little help in their lives.

**Help us Lord** not to be caught up in the many minor concerns as a Christian Community but reach out to those who have fallen on the road when their worries and hurts got too heavy for them to carry.

