

Ordinary Time

WEEK 15

Pope's prayer intention for July

Universal: That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

BE STILL

- Take a moment to allow whatever is in your heart to rise and offer your thoughts to the loving care of the Lord today.
- Listen to '[Come, follow me](#)' by David Haas (from *We are not alone*)

This week:

- Monday 15 July: St Bonaventure (memorial)

Gathering prayer:

Loving God,
Draw near to us as we sit, think and reflect upon your Word.
Open our hearts in order that we can hear your voice.
Amen.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

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 the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

—Luke 10:25-37

The Gospel of the Lord.

Ponder:

After the first reading of the Gospel, what words or phrases struck you?

Re-read the gospel. Take a moment of silence to reflect upon how God is speaking through this text. Noting down some responses to the following may assist with reflection.

I think about my life:

- What is God asking me to listen to?
- What does God want me to pay attention to?
- What is God prompting, directing, leading and guiding me to in this reading?
- Who is my neighbour?

I think about my community and the world:

- What is God asking of us at this time?
- What is God wanting us to attend to in our community and our world?
- What is God prompting, directing, leading and guiding us towards?
- How will I accept the challenge of preaching the Good News this week?

PRAY

Loving God
Encourage us in our efforts to live as a holy people.
Give us faithful hearts that, through our works,
we may make visible your great love for the world.
Amen.