

Fifteenth Sunday of the Year – Sea Sunday

11 July 2010

A Tale of three Pities

It was late on Sunday evening when Paddy Walsh was knocked into the gutter by a hit and run driver.

It happened on Baker Row and there weren't many people about. But perhaps help was at hand when Wayne Thompson came down the road and saw Paddy lying in a pool of blood. Wayne had recently been made redundant and was off to his weekly drinking session with his mates in the Rose and Crown. As he approached Paddy, he noticed his wallet in the inside pocket of his jacket. It contained more than enough for a good night's drinking and a few extras during the week. Wayne took it and left Paddy lying there, unconscious.

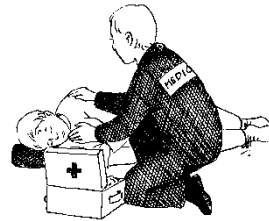
On the opposite side of the road was St Luke's Church and Canon Smith had just put on his slippers after the last service of the day and was looking forward to a relaxing evening by the fire with a good book. As he glanced out of the window he noticed Paddy on the other side of the street. He did nothing because he knew someone



else would be along soon and, after all, Sunday was his most tiring day and he was entitled to a

bit of rest after looking after people for the other six days of the week. Yes, someone would be along soon.

Baker Row Shelter for the Homeless would shortly be opening its doors for the night, and John Grime was hoping to be first in the queue and get one of the beds closest to the radiators and a bowl of soup while it was still hot. He saw Paddy, by now groaning in the gutter, and was moved to pity. Opposite was a public phone box and John went and called 999. Within a short time the ambulance arrived and took Paddy off to hospital. He wanted to go with the ambulance but the police needed to interview him and take a statement from him down at the Police Station. It meant that he ended up last in the queue for the shelter.



For Wayne Thompson, Paddy was prey, fair game. For Canon Smith he was a nuisance and an inconvenience. For John Grime he was not only someone in need but someone who offered him a chance to serve and minister to his needs.

When you are faced with vulnerable people, which of the three attitudes do you take? But, more importantly, why?

Mass Intentions this week

Day	Church	Time	Intention
15th Sunday of the Year	Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands? (Luke 10:36)		
Saturday	St Bernadette's	5.30 pm	Annie Baybutt
	St Marie's	7.00 pm	Arthur Thompson
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	Irene Kelly
	St Marie's	11.00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	St Marie's	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	St Bernadette's	9.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	St Marie's	7.00 pm	James Turner
Thursday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Bernadette & Chris Eccles
Friday	St Marie's	9.15 am	Frank Cheetham
16th Sunday of the Year	Martha, it is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her. (Luke 10:42)		
Saturday	St Bernadette's	5.30 pm	Mary Hall
	St Marie's	7.00 pm	Carole Almond
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	Ellen Ann Ball
	St Marie's	11.00 am	Allan Garner

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Parish Office at St Marie's:

Open 9.00 am to 12 noon

Monday - Friday

jointparishes@gmail.com

Baptisms: By prior arrangement. Information available from Fr John after weekend Masses. All baptisms take place during Mass. St Bernadette's first Sunday and St Marie's third Sunday of the month.

Confessions:

St Bernadette's: Sun 9.10-9.20 am.

St Marie's: Wed 6.30 - 6.50 pm.

Or by request.

Funerals and Marriages: By arrangement.

Mass Requests: Please place in an envelope and hand in to the Sacristy or to the Parish Office at St Marie's. Please indicate which church you would prefer, if any. If you would like a particular day please request early.

Visits to sick and housebound: Please inform Fr John if you know of parishioners who are sick or housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion.

Hospital Visits: If you wish to see a priest please let the hospital staff know.

Repository: Open at the back of church after each weekend Mass for greeting cards for most occasions, small gifts, prayer books, etc.

Newsletter Notices: Please e-mail to jointparishes@gmail.com or hand in to the Parish Office by Thursday morning.

The Grapevine: If anyone has any ideas or items for submission to the magazine please e-mail

stbernadettesgrapevine@gmail.com

St Marie's Hall: All bookings for hall usage should be made in advance with the Parish Office during office hours.

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This weekend:

Fr John is attending the Episcopal Ordination of Fr Ralph Heskett as the new bishop of Gibraltar. We welcome Bishop Vincent Malone who will be saying all Masses.

Second collection at all Masses to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea.

Sunday after 11.00 am Mass: **Tea and coffee** in the Church Hall.

Next Weekend:

Sunday after 11.00 am Mass: **Tea and coffee** in the Church Hall.

Departure Mass for the **Lourdes Pilgrimage** at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King at 3.00 pm. All welcome.

Thank you for your offerings

St Marie's	£873.26
St Bernadette's	£745.78

Peter's Pence

St Marie's	£89.70
St Bernadette's	£56.02

Bonus Ball

No.14 - Joe Spicer - £20.

At the back of Church.....

- Living Faith booklets for adults and children, July to September 2010.

Abortion advertising

If you consider that Marie Stopes abortion advertisements on Channel 4 should not be allowed, please write to The Right Hon Lord Smith of Finsbury, The Advertising Authority, Mid City Place, 771 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6QT.

Pilgrimage to Krakow

Pastoral Area Pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland led by Father James Preston will take place from 9 to 16 October. Cost £765 (based on 30 people). Contact: 0151 422 1772, Weekdays 9.00 am to 3.30 pm. See also notice in Church porch.

Picnic and walk

Standish Churches Together picnic and country walk will not now take place on Sunday 11 July as previously arranged. It has been rescheduled and has provisionally been booked for Sunday 5 September. More details to follow.

Sea Sunday

Today is being observed as Sea Sunday, when we are asked to remember and pray for seafarers, who spend up to nine months of the year away from home and family to bring to our shores so many of the goods we use every day. The second collection at all Masses will be to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea, whose team of chaplains and ship visitors welcome and support the seafarers while they are in port.

Please give generously and help AoS make a real difference to the lives of seafarers; their ministry cannot continue without you.

Marriage congratulations

Congratulations to Catherine Anne Shiel and Robert David Morris whose wedding will take place at St Marie's on Saturday 17 July.

Crown Green Bowling

If you would like to learn how to play and enjoy bowls, meet other people like yourself and keep fit and active, try crown green bowling at St Marie's Bowling Green, Standish. Free sessions run by a qualified coach weekly on Wednesdays from 10.30 am until 11.30 am. For more information, contact John Fowler (423550), Dave Woods (400621) or Steve Ashcroft (422690).

Marriage preparation survey

Are you or someone you know getting married in the Catholic Church this year? The Bishops' Committee for Marriage and Family Life is gathering information on marriage preparation in 2010 and want to hear from anyone involved and especially couples to learn more about their experiences. If you can help, please visit www.catholicmarriage.org.uk

Knights of St Columba

The Knights of St Columba (KSC) has donated £2,500 from national funds to each of the following charities this year - 'Church In Need', 'Holy Ghost Fathers', and the 'Haiti Orphanage'. KSC is still collecting spectacles for 'Vision Aid Overseas' and will be making a major cash donation in October. The next KSC meeting will be held at St Marie's presbytery on Monday 12 July commencing at 8.00 pm.

Questions of faith and liturgy

Q. Why does the priest kiss the stole he wears before and after saying Mass?

A. It is a sign of respect for the Priesthood.

CAFOD

Last weekend's collection at St Marie's totalled £172.50, plus £29.68 from 12 gift aid declarations. The 2010 total is now £3918.57 plus £391.16 from gift aid declarations. Thank you.

Thank you to all those Parishioners who took part in the July self-denial at St Bernadette's, which raised £133.51, of which £85 was gift aided.

Thanks to your continued support, St Bernadette's Cafod Group has sent a cheque this week to CAFOD for £1,000 for its ongoing projects around the world.

The Group would be grateful if any outstanding sponsorship money from the Cafod walk could be brought to Church by next weekend so that we can publish the final total.

St Marie's Church Hall

A new lock has been fitted to the outer door to St Marie's Church Hall. A number of keys have been cut for use by Leaders of the various Groups and Organisations which use the Hall on a regular basis. To enable the Parish to keep a record of the number of keys issued, would Leaders please contact the Parish office to obtain a key. On no account must keys be cut other than as authorised by Father John. Thank you.

Car Boot Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported the car boot sale, whether through donations of items, helping on the day or attending to browse or buy. We will let you know next weekend how well we did.

Dates for your diary

Monday to Friday, 26 to 30 July: **2010 Living Theology** summer school at Liverpool Hope University. Contact tel. 0151 298 1911 or e-mail: d.reynolds@sfxchuchliverpool.com.

Monday to Friday, 16 to 20 August: **Holiday Club** for children aged 5-11 years, during mornings at St Anne's parish centre, Shevington.