

## First Reading Deuteronomy 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. see 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 Colossians 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 See John 6:63. 68

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

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

**Gospel of the Lord**

# St. Mary's Parish Cowes Three Churches—One Parish

St Mary's—Cowes

Our Lady Star of the Sea—San Remo

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## Mass/Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Times

### Star of the Sea—San Remo

Tuesday 9.15am Mercy Prayer followed by the Rosary & Mass at 10am.

Mass Saturday 6pm

### St Joseph's—Bass

Mass Sunday 11 am

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion—Wed 9am

Adoration & Prayer Wed 9.30am-10am & 7-8pm

St Mary's—Cowes Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Mass 9.00 am.

Mass Sunday 9am.

**Anniversaries:** We remember and pray for Kathleen Rogan, Fr. John Allen.

**Memorial:** St. Bonaventure, Tuesday 15th July



## REFLECTION

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### The Neighbourliness of Global Citizens

The lawyer asked a self-serving question: 'Who is my neighbour?' He could then set the limits, the boundaries of those close enough to merit his concern. Jesus replies with a story to show that the better question is: 'To whom should I be neighbourly?'

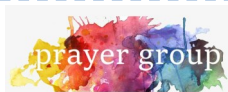
The answer is: To any person who is wounded in any way – physically, psychologically, socially, economically. And we have to do so overcoming the labelling, even bigotry, which can conveniently put a person outside the range of our concern. When we act like the Samaritan, we deserve the title 'Catholic' which means universal.

Pope Francis said that Christ is constantly inviting us, as he invited Thomas, to touch His wounds which are to be found in the wounded of our own time.

We could pause for a moment to thank God that we live in an age of technology which can enable us to be truly Catholic global citizens practising Mercy Without Borders. 'Do this and you will live.'



**Bass Prayer Group** on Monday 14th July at 7pm. Contact Wendy Power 56 782271. All Welcome



## "Stella Maris launches into the deep"

This Sunday, we join Catholics around Australia and the world in marking Sea Sunday, a day dedicated to praying for and supporting seafarers—the often unseen yet vital workers who transport over 90% of the goods we rely on daily.

Stella Maris, the Catholic Church's maritime agency, provides vital spiritual and practical care to seafarers in ports across Australia and the world.

As Bishop Tim Nortan says:

"Seafarers share stories of storms, long hours, and unjust conditions. Stella Maris exists to walk with them, offering hope and support." Please pray for seafarers and consider donating to support this mission at [stellamarisaustralia.org](http://stellamarisaustralia.org).



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### St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

Thank you for your generous response to this Annual Appeal.

The amounts received were:

Cowes: \$587.55

San Remo: \$570

Bass: \$762.60

## JUBILEE OF YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

### "Highway to Heaven"

"Highway to Heaven" Jubilee of Youth Event is a pilgrimage organised by the 'The LAMP' Parishes, the host Parish being Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren. Jubilee of Youth is for High School aged youth and Young Adults. The 6.5km Pilgrimage will start at St Michael's Parish where pilgrims will walk through a safe council approved route through Bewrick guided by volunteers and spiritually led by Jesus Youth on a journey with their peers. After a lunch and rest break at Wilson Botanic Park, the pilgrims will venture onto Our Lady Help of Christians Parish where they will encounter talks, adoration and Vigil Mass with Bishop Greg. After Mass dinner will be served before a concert in the Don Bosco School Hall headlined by the Jesus Youth Band.

For all details on the schedule on the day and updates and more importantly to **register participants** or yourself as a **volunteer**, please

visit <https://olhc.org.au/jubilee-of-youth-event/> or scan QR code. This is a free event.



We are a child safe parish. Any children, young persons and adults at risk have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Parish Safety Officer. He can be contacted through the Parish Office. Ph 03 59 525 418

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