



10 July 2022
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



INTRODUCTION:

Jesus leads us to the discovery that there is only one commandment that is paramount, the commandment of love. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul; and love your neighbour as yourself. But who is the neighbour whom we are called to love? Is my neighbour the one next door, a person of my ethnic group, the one from my religious sect? We therefore dare not ask, 'Who is my neighbour?' but rather, 'How can I be a good neighbour?' The love of God cannot be separated from the love of our neighbour.

READINGS:

- First Reading : Deuteronomy 30:10-14
- Responsorial Psalm : Psalm 69: 14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36a & 37
- Second Reading : Colossians 1:15-20
- Gospel : Luke 10:25-37

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

CELEBRANT: We come before our loving Father with complete trust and confidence that He will hear us in our need and give to us what He believe is best, as we respond to each petition saying:

Response: Hear our prayer, O Lord

For Pope Francis, our Bishops, Priests, Religious and those who teach the Catholic Faith: that through their teaching, they may remind the faithful that the love of God and the love of neighbour are inseparable ...*(brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord...

For those in governance: that their policies for the wellbeing of society may always include the vulnerable, the victimised, the destitute, the marginalised and those in most need of help ...*(brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord...

For Christians the world over: that they may truly understand their mission as followers of the Lord Jesus, and without any prejudice, reach out to anyone in need ...*(brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord...

For each of us: that we may be honest to ourselves and admit that we cannot say that 'we love our God' who we cannot see, if we cannot love our neighbour who we can see ...*(brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord...

For our personal intentions and for those who have asked us to pray for them, we pray in silence ...*(longer silent pause)*... we ask this in faith....

CELEBRANT: We surrender our petitions to God, trusting in His providence, for He is a loving and merciful Father who lives and reigns with our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever ... Amen.