

**13<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2025 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sun (Year C)**

**INTRODUCTION:** Moses, in today's first reading, reminds the Israelites that the Law of the Lord is not distant but placed in every person's heart. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that the heart of the law is the love of God, also made visible in our relationship with our neighbour. Through the parable of the Good Samaritan, He explains that neither religion, nor nationality can set limits to one's responsibility to come to the aid of our fellow human being. Therefore, rather than ask, 'Who is my neighbour?' we should be reflecting on, 'How can I be a good neighbour?' As we enter into this Eucharistic celebration, we ask ourselves: How will I allow the Word, I receive, to become love in action?

**READINGS:**

<b>First Reading:</b>	Deut 30:10-14
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	Ps 69: 14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36a & 37
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Col 1:15-20
<b>Gospel:</b>	Lk 10:25-37

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**CELEBRANT:** With complete trust in God, our Father, whose Word is near and whose mercy knows no bounds, we bring our petitions to Him. Our Response is: *Hear our prayer, O Lord*

- For Pope Leo, our Bishops, Priests, Religious and those who teach the Catholic faith: that they may urge the faithful to listen intently to God's Word, and allow His commandment of love to guide their words and actions ...(brief silent pause)... we ask this in faith
- For leaders of nations and those in public office: that the light of God's law may inspire their policies that uphold human dignity, protect the vulnerable and promote peace ...(brief silent pause)... we ask this in faith
- For Christians throughout the world: that, united under Christ who is 'the head of the body – the Church' and through whom all things hold together, we may be instruments of reconciliation in divided societies ...(brief silent pause)... we ask this in faith
- For each of us: that, moved by the compassion of the Good Samaritan, we may see every person in need as our neighbour and respond with generous hearts and willing hands ...(brief silent pause)... we ask this in faith
- 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:** God of endless mercy, Your Word became flesh to dwell among us and teach us the way of life. Hear the prayers Your people offer this day and shape us into living signs of Your compassion; we ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.