

## HOLY CROSS AND ALL SAINTS SUMMER HOLIDAY MISSION

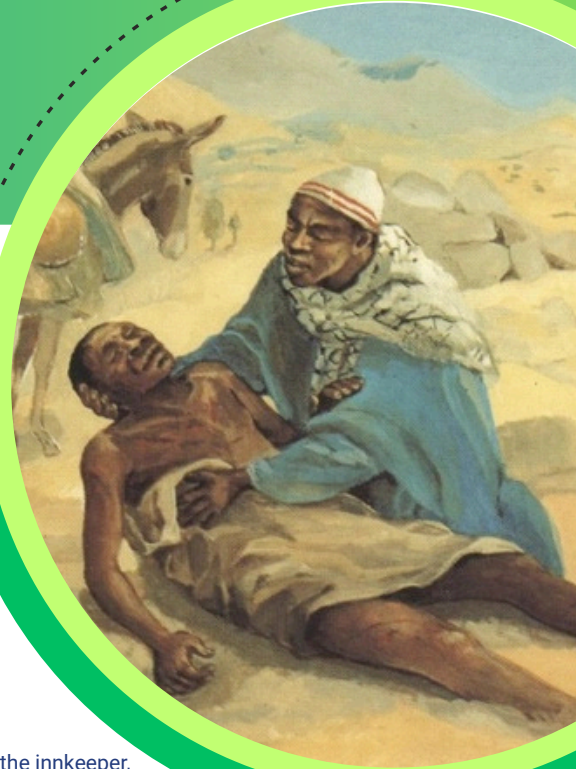
### THIS WEEK'S WORD:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

A teacher of the Law came up and tried to trap Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to receive eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "What do the Scriptures say? How do you interpret them?" The man answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind'; and 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself.'" "You are right," Jesus replied; "do this and you will live." But the teacher of the Law wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbour?"

Jesus answered, "There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead. It so happened that a priest was going down that road; but when he saw the man, he walked on by on the other side. In the same way a Levite also came there, went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by on the other side. But a Samaritan who was traveling that way came upon the man, and when he saw him, his heart was filled with pity. He went over to him, poured oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them; then he put the man on his own animal and took him to an inn, where he took care of him.

The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Take care of him,' he told the innkeeper, 'and when I come back this way, I will pay you whatever else you spend on him.'" And Jesus concluded, "In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbour toward the man attacked by the robbers?" The teacher of the Law answered, "The one who was kind to him." Jesus replied, "You go, then, and do the same."



### REFLECT

We know the story of the Good Samaritan so well it is hard for us to understand just how shocking it would have been at the time. The idea that a Samaritan would help a Jew was unthinkable. These people had been enemies for generations. This act of kindness could be seen as a complete betrayal of family, religion and race. Yet, this is how Jesus tells us we must behave.

We must help anyone in need, even if they belong to a group we might think of as our enemies or, if that seems a bit strong, the people we don't like or the people we think don't deserve of our care.

Jesus is our anchor. Knowing we are loved so much gives us the confidence to be hopeful and to keep travelling forward. Knowing that we are loved so much makes us so happy we want to share this good news with everyone else! We can share God's love if we can travel like the good Samaritan, showing love to the people we meet on the road. Doing what Jesus asks is not easy: helping the injured man takes time out of the Samaritan's day; he uses his own resources to clean and bandage the man's wounds; it takes effort to lift the wounded man onto his donkey and walk the rest of the way; it takes money to pay for the inn. But even though it's not easy, we don't need to worry - we know that Jesus will be with us, helping us every step of our way!

### LET US PRAY

Jesus, our light,

In this Jubilee year, you remind us of our call to love our neighbours and to set free those who suffer.

Help us to treat everyone with dignity; to be fair; forgiving; and kind.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Amen

### MISSION

To love your neighbour by doing small, kind, and thoughtful acts for others—just like the Good Samaritan. Your mission is to complete at least one Good Samaritan act each week of the summer holidays.

Look at the next page to find your summer holiday missions. Perhaps you could share some photos on Google Classroom.

# MISSION: BE A GOOD SAMARITAN THIS SUMMER!

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## Week 1 – Family Love

*“Love begins at home.” – Mother Teresa*

- Do something kind for your family: help cook a meal, clean a room without being asked, or make a card for someone in your house.

## Week 2 – Friends in Need

*“A friend loves at all times.” – Proverbs 17:17*

- Look out for a friend: include someone who’s lonely, share something special, or write a letter to a faraway friend.

## Week 3 – Neighbourly Kindness

*“Love your neighbour as yourself.” – Luke 10:27*

- Help a neighbour: pick up litter in your street, offer to water someone’s plants, or say hello to someone who lives alone.

## Week 4 – Care for God’s Creation

*“The Earth is the Lord’s.” – Psalm 24:1*

- Show love for nature: plant flowers, recycle, feed the birds, or go on a nature walk and thank God for His creation.

## Week 5 – Acts of Mercy

*“Blessed are the merciful.” – Matthew 5:7*

- Do a work of mercy: donate toys or clothes, raise money for charity, or pray for the sick and those who are suffering.

## Week 6 – Thankful Heart

*“Give thanks in all circumstances.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

- Make a gratitude list or thank-you cards for people who helped you this summer—family, teachers, parish members, etc.

## If you can, create a Good Samaritan Journal with:

- What you did each week
- How it made others feel
- How it made you feel
- A short prayer of thanks or intention