15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



His Word is Near

The man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus: "And who is my neighbour?" The story of the Good Samaritan is one of the best-known stories of the Gospels. One of the points of it is that Jesus is telling us there should be no limits set by us as to who our neighbour is. For a married person the neighbour is a wife or husband who is to be loved and cared for with great affection. For parents, their family is their neighbour and every day they are called to love with great care. In our faith community our neighbour is the person we are with at any given point of time and our responsibility is to love to such an extent that the family of God becomes visible. And the surest sign that we are taking Christ's word to heart is when we are growing in a deep reverence for every human person and expressing that reverence in action in our daily lives. Fr. Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greenlough Mass Times this Week Monday 15th - Thursday 18th July: 9.00am Friday 19th - Evening Mass: 7.30pm Saturday 20th: 10.00am; Vigil: 7.30pm Sunday 21st July: 9.00am & 11.00am



Anniversary Masses: July 26th to August 9th 2019 Friday 26th July at 7.30pm - Edward & Rosetta Kearney Saturday 3rd August at 7.30pm - Joe Reid Friday 9th August at 7.30pm - Maura Clarke May they rest in peace.

Lavey Mass Schedule: 15th - 21st July Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9.15am - Mayogall Hall. Adoration on Friday: 9.30am to 5.00pm. Weekend Masses - Lavey GAA Hall, Saturday 20th: 7.00pm Sunday 21st: 9.00am & 11.00am

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August Visitation of the Sick & Housebound Fr. Harkin will attend the Greenlough Sick & housebound on Monday 5th August.

PARISH NEWSLETTER Please note: This will be the last The newsletter will recommence on the weekend of August 17th/18th.



Newsletter printed for the Summer.



Please leave any notices in the Sacristy by 7.00pm on Saturday evening each week. Thank You.

Please note - the Parish Office will be closed from August 5th - August 9th.

What is Gift Aid? Gift Aid is the government's scheme that enables charities and donors to reclaim tax on charitable giving. The Parish of Greenlough is a registered charity so we are able to claim tax back from HM Revenue & Customs.

So what does it mean? Gift Aid works by allowing charities to reclaim tax on the 'gross' equivalent of the donation (i.e. it's value before tax was deducted) at the basic rate, which is currently 20%. To put £1 into the collection, you will have earned £1.25 and paid 25p (this is 20% of £1.25) in tax before you had it to spend, or donate.

In practice, this means that every $\pounds 1$ you donate using Gift Aid, the Church can claim an additional 25p from HMRC, and so get $\pounds 1.25$ from your donation without it costing you any more than $\pounds 1$.

How does it work? You make a 'Gift Aid declaration' to the Church, in writing, and the Church can then reclaim the tax you have paid. There has to be a record of what you give, so we ask you to use the Parish envelopes for cash & cheques, or give by direct debit. The declaration will cover everything you give. Tel: 028 2582 1190 or email greenloughparish @gmail.com

What does it cost me? It costs you absolutely nothing! You are giving to the Church anyway, this simply asks the Government to redirect to the Church some of the tax you have paid to them.

What if you pay the tax at the higher rate? If you pay tax at the higher rate, you can inform HMRC - on your tax return, usually - and they will pay you the difference between the higher rate tax and that which the Parish has reclaimed. The idea is that you can then pass this over to the Parish, but that is entirely up to your conscience. The Parish will not know whether or how much has been refunded and HMRC will not know what you do with it. If you are a higher rate tax payer, contact your tax advisor or HMRC.

What happens if I stop paying enough tax? Simply ask the Parish office to cancel your declaration. If you don't, then you could be sent a bill by the Inland Revenue for any tax claimed by the Church that you have not paid. If in future you start paying sufficient tax again, you can make a new declaration.

