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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

**Response to the Psalm:** I will leave this place and go to my father.

**Second reading:** Timothy 1:12-17

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-32

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Dear Parishioners

The scribes and pharisees think that eating and drinking with sinners would wipe out their holiness. Holiness can be so easily destroyed, and it is their duty to avoid whatever threatens it!

Jesus, however, thinks that the holiness of God is quite different from that. God is open to the outcast; his merciful holiness reaches out to the sinner. Jesus explains why he himself acts towards sinners as he does. Jesus acts just as *God* acts towards them; his holiness reaches out to them in mercy and love. The merciful holiness of Jesus is the merciful holiness of God.

Jesus explains further with some parables; a lost sheep found by the shepherd, a lost coin found by a woman, a lost son found by his father. These explain what Jesus has been doing. He has been doing the work of God by finding what has been lost. When he ate with sinners, he was eating with the lost. To judge something lost, however, is to judge it precious! We don't describe something as lost and so go searching for it, unless we judge it to be something worth finding, something precious. Therefore, if sinners are the lost, then they are precious to God and therefore precious to Jesus. So off he goes in search of them, and when he finds them, he calls on others to rejoice with him. It is for us to rejoice with the angels, to celebrate with Jesus, to share the divine joy.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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24th Week of Year(C)

Week commencing Sunday 11th September 2022

Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse

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Masses

Sat 10 th Sept	5.00pm	24 th Sunday Year (C)	Margaret Ward RIP
Sun 11 th Sept	10.30am	24 th Sunday Year (C)	Lin and Steve Rea
Mon 12 th Sept			
Tues 13 th Sept		St. John Chrysostom (m)	People of Ukraine
Wed 14 th Sept	9.45am	School Mass	
Thur 15 th Sept		Our Lady of Sorrows (m)	Private Intention
Fri 16 th Sept		Ss Cornelius and Cyprian (m)	
Sat 17 th Sept	5.00pm	25 th Sunday Year (C)	Margaret Ward RIP
Sun 18 th Sept	10.30am	25 th Sunday Year (C)	Pamela Young RIP

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell,

Those who have recently died: .

Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath, Nell Bridge. Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli.

Information

Weekly Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority. Here are a few of the expenses for the coming year:

- Diocesan Levy £5,500 p.a.
- Building's upkeep £36,000.00
- Insurance £3,744.77 p.a.

At times the second collection will be for other charities and the details of these will be placed in the bulletin.

Second Collection 24th/25th September

The second collection this weekend will be for the 120th Anniversary of Father Hudson Care. Please give as generously as you are able. Many thanks.

Mary Cross

A big thank you to Steve Cross and Mary's family for the generous donation they have made to the parish in memory of Mary. God Bless you.

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