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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Amos 8:4-7

**Response to the Psalm:** Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

**Second reading:** Timothy 2:1-8

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

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

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**Dear Parishioners**

Often the other-worldly, those who believe in God, attend church and try to live morally, but don't give anywhere near as much attention to donating their services to God's work as the worldly give to making more money, living in the right neighbourhood and hob-nobbing with the right people. Why is that? Is religion truly the "opium of the people" that provides an escape into a dream like trance? Or do the "children of light" have phlegmatic personalities? Or are they lazy? Or without courage? Or smug? Or do they fail to see the wisdom of the axiom that "the only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing?" Perhaps they don't see that evil people hate the light because it reveals themselves to themselves. They hate goodness because it reveals their badness; they hate love because it reveals their laziness. They will destroy the light, the goodness, the love in order to avoid the pain of their own awareness of their state.

The Lord wants us to be even shrewder than the children of this world. He wants of us day by day fidelity, and he wants total dedication, telling us we can't serve two masters, both God and mammon. Like fire, money can be a good servant, but a bad boss!

Though we cannot escape the economic and political world in which we live, we must apply Christian principles to the world. Living well and lavishly may be the best revenge in some people's minds but living well lovingly pays greater dividends in the long run. People remember Francis of Assisi, the "*poverello*" far better than they do his money-centred father!

**God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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25<sup>th</sup> Week of Year(C)

Week commencing Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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### Masses

Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	5.00pm	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (C)	Margaret Ward RIP
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30am	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (C)	Pamela Young RIP
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept			
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept			People of Ukraine
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept		St. Matthew (Feast)	
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept			Queen Elizabeth II RIP
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept		St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Mem)	
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	5.00pm	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (C)	Patricia Levens RIP
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30am	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (C)	Doleen Evans 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

### Second Collection 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> September

The second collection **next** weekend will be for the 120<sup>th</sup> 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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