



**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Ecc. 35:12-14, 16-19

**Response to the Psalm:** This poor man called, the Lord heard him.

**Second reading:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 18:9-14



**Dear Parishioners**

One of the often repeated themes of sacred scripture is the special care God has for the poor, the underprivileged and the outcasts of society. We find that theme in this week's readings.

St. Luke is especially known for his sympathy for the plight of the outcasts. He tells the stories of the woman taken in adultery, the forgiveness of the paralytic; and the good thief on the cross. This week we hear the memorable story of the Pharisee and the tax collector. If ever there was an outcast of society in the time of Jesus, it was the local tax collector. He had plenty of power and plenty of money, most of it skimmed off the taxes he collected.

But in this parable, the tax collector has repented all the crimes that he committed.

He kneels at the very back of the temple, unworthy to approach the altar and confesses his sinfulness to the Lord. But the Pharisee, standing proudly in the front of the temple, trumpets his achievements.

When we read the parables, we usually identify with one of the characters depicted in the story. If I were to ask you with whom, in this story, you most easily identify, you probably say the tax collector. That means we like what he did. It also means we think we are more like him than we are like the Pharisee, and that is something we need to question. If most of us are like the tax collector, there would be no point in Jesus telling this story. He is suggesting, ever so subtly, that maybe we are sometimes very much like the Pharisee. Something to think about?

**God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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**30<sup>th</sup> Week of Year(C)**

**Week commencing Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022**

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### Masses

Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	5.00pm	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (C)	Paul McCormack RIP
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	10.30am	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (C)	People of the Parish
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct			
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct			Seamus Crawley RIP
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct			People of Ukraine
Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct			Wellbeing of the EBC
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct		SS Simon & Jude (F)	
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	5.00pm	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Year (C)	Raimondo Gemeli RIP
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.30am	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Year (C)	John O'Brien 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, 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, Anthony Woodhouse.

## Information

### 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.

### Christmas Fayre – We Need Your Help!

We will be collecting bottles – preferably full and alcoholic – for the bottle stall at this year's Christmas Fayre which will be held at St. Mary's Catholic School on ***SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER***

Please leave donations in the box at the back of church. Thank you.  
**PLEASE SUPPORT US!**

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