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|  **~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~*****Immaculate Conception Parish*** P O BOX 600 Tumut Catholic Community Collection amounts for January 2016 ~PARISH NEWS~ ~ PARISH NEWS ~ |

**This Parable of the Two Sons proclaims God’s mercy to sinners and justifies Jesus’ own ministry of forgiving and accepting them. Addressed to the chief priests and elders of Israel (21:23), this parable exposes their guilt. Among the two sons mentioned in the parable, one responded negatively, one positively. The first son changed from bad to good, but the second one did not change at all! Jesus likened the second son to the religious leaders of Israel (chief priests, scribes, Pharisees and the elders) who originally agreed to the terms of God’s covenant with them but were rejecting it now. They had said ‘yes’ to God initially as his chosen people (21:30), but said ’no’ to not only John the Baptist’s call for conversion or a change of heart but also to Jesus’ call. They knew the way of**[**God**](http://www.cgg.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/library.topic/ID/1036/Nature-God.htm) **very well, because they had the revelation of God and the Law of Moses. But they never felt the desire or need for a change, since they thought they were already righteous. Saying ‘no’ to Jesus was equal to saying ‘no’ to God with all the obstinacy or stubbornness. The first son was like the outcasts of Jewish society, namely the tax-collectors and prostitutes; because they accepted “the way of righteousness” (21:32) preached by John the Baptist. Initially they said ‘no’ to  God’s command (represented by the father in this story, 21:29) and were disobedient to the Law by living sinful lives, but later obeyed God by changing their mind (that is, by** [**repent**](http://www.truegospel.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Basics.tour/ID/7/Repentance-Belief-and-Gospel.htm)**ing and reforming their lives, 22:29). Thus, the so-called outcasts who were despised by the religious leaders believed and repented (21:32), while the latter (the “religious-minded" people) did not. The latter turned out to be faithless, and the outcasts faithful, though sinful. Therefore, Jesus makes a shocking and highly bold statement that the tax collectors and prostitutes who admit their sins and need for repentance will enter into God’s Kingdom ahead of the self-righteous Pharisees who think they have no need of repentance (21:31). Later in Matthew’s Church the Gentile Christians were considered as faithful in contrast to the faithless chosen people (Israelites), as the vast majority of them rejected Jesus’ message. After witnessing the conversion of tax-collectors and prostitutes, the religious leaders should have been better motivated to accept their need of reform or change. Even after seeing it, they obstinately refused to repent and be converted (21:32), because they thought they were ‘religious.’ But their religiosity meant considering themselves righteous (hence needing no repentance) and despising sinners as outcasts. *An excerpt by Fr. Freddie Santhumayor SVD***



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**‘WEEKEND MASS TIMES’**

 **Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**

 **Sunday: 10am (Children’s Liturgy)**

 **Talbingo Sunday: 8.00am**

 **‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm**

**Wednesday: 10am**

**Thursday & Friday: 8am**

**Saturday: 9am (every fortnight - Thursday: 11am BUPA Liturgy**

**Saturday: 9.40am BLAKENEY LODGE Liturgy)**

 **‘ROSARY’**

**Saturday at 8.45am**

**Exposition at 8.30am (1st Sat of month)**

 **‘RECONCILIATION’**

 **Saturday at 5.15pm**

 **‘LITURGY MEETING’**

 **Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

 **‘PRAYER GROUP’**

 **(Rosary & Divine Mercy)**

 **Wednesday: 2pm in Chapel**

  **‘CONTACTS’**

 **Care Group: Anne Huebner 0406490415**

***Gospel Acclamation***

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

***Responsorial Psalm***

Remember your mercies , O Lord.

 ***Entrance Antiphon***

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

 **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

 **Year A**

 **October 1st 2017**

 ***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 30th September & 1st October   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Barry Madigan |  Christine Kelly |
| Reader |  Trish Matthews |  Cathy Shanahan |
| Commentator |  Maureen Cook |  Anne Huebner |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  School holidays |
| Musicians |  Maureen Norman  |  Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers | Annabelle Sturgess & Genevieve Mason-Elliott | Xavier Henderson & Riley Hotham |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Bev Piper | Group 5: Sandra, Maria & Margaret Dean |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 7th & 8th October  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Anita Mason  |  Dave Shedden |
| Reader |  Kirsty Beavan |  Rodney Little |
| Commentator |  Maureen Cook |  Joanne Little |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  School holidays |
| Musicians |  Maureen Norman |  Patricia & Monica  |
| Altar Servers |  New servers | Dana Parry & Jessie Raftery |
| Church Care | Group 1: Claire, Anne Hickson, Maureen & Bev  |

Feast Day**Wishing all our**

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**COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017**

 **1st: $2045.50 2nd: $2062.95 D/D: $1775.00**

 **Expression of Interest**

**Would you like to be involved in the Parish Ministries by being a Reader, Commentator, Children’s Liturgy, Church Care or Linen volunteer, if so, please contact the Presbytery on 69474599 or call in and see Anna on Wednesday or Friday mornings.**

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**2017 MARIAN PROCESSION** will take place next Sunday 8th October at St. Clement’s Monastery, Galong with Mass starting at 11.30am followed by lunch at 12.30pm. Contact 02 62019800 for more information.  **DYE FAMILY REUNION** we welcome members of the Dye family this weekend to our community. If you have a connection with the Dye family please make yourselves know to them after the 10amMass on Sunday 1st October. **SONGS OF PRAISE** will be hosted by the Tumut Valley Community Church on Sunday 29th October 2017 at 7pm. We invite people interested in being part of our catholic choir group to join us for practice each Tuesday afternoon in October at 5.15pm in the Parish Chapel. **CLERGY RETIREMENT FOUNDATION (FATHERS DAY APPEAL)** our Parish has forwarded a cheque for $485.00 in support of this appeal. We generously thank all parishioners for their kind donations. **SPECIAL THANKS** to our faithful volunteer this weekend **~ Maureen Cook ~**

**Feasts Days** 2nd October: The Holy Guardian Angels 4th October: Saint Francis of Assisi 7th October: Our Lady of the Rosary

**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:**

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Timothy Blakeney, Madeline Fenn, Jan Salan, Chris Ballard, Maude Kelly, Hector, Annie & Kevin Turner, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Norma Leyden, Russell Breward, Maria & Hans Van deBrug, Reg Millgate, Joan Liddell, Lois Shallow, Helen Corbett, Frank, Eileen & Marie Malone, Edward, Marcy & Clem Malone, Frank Stanfield, John Callister, Imelda, Bede & Francis McInerney, Teresa Butler, Joan Stockwell, Emmet Donovan, Rudi & Filomena Comai, Hassel McGrath, Noel Cook, Leo & Elvie Holt, Lionel & Tereasa Holt, Hugh Oliver, Pat Malone, Jim Whitaker, Matt & Edith Downing, Con & Ennis Twomey, Pauline Shedden, Bob & Sheila Wortes, Robert & Gertrude Tuncks, Ron & Pauline Hamilton, John Hourigan, Brian Gee, Alan & Angela Guthrie, Artie & Dulcie Piper, Tom, Kevin, Ruben & Harriett Arentz, Kevin Hawthorn, Kevin, Marie & Ray Cowan, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, Anna Do, Stan Kenny, Tom & Dorothy French and James Kelly.

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