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WEEKEND MASSES: Sunday 8th September 2019
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5:00pm to 5:30pm
BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS Contact Office

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:

Year C - Ordinary Time
Monday 9:30am LOW Liturgy of the Word
Tuesday 6:00pm MASS
Wednesday 9:30am MASS
Thursday 9:30am MASS
Friday 9:30am MASS St John Chrysostom, b. d.

The safety of Parishioners is everyone's responsibility. With ongoing repairs within the church & it surrounds it is important that everyone stays safe. Please be careful of any areas that are cordoned off. Care & Concern also extends to the carpark. Please note no parking marking & do not park in areas that block entrances & exits. Please also pull forward to allow everyone the possibility to park correctly.

The Sacristy Leak. The Leak was in the foyer, it has been stopped & the water is back on. Thank you all for your patience. The plumbers dug up the affected pipe in the foyer, they capped it, this stopped the leak. They then filled the hole & re-concreted. Once the hole out the front is filled this concludes the insurance plumbing works. **For your own safety please stay away from areas that are cordoned off.** Water will need to be restored to the sink at the back of the church at our own cost, we are in the process of getting quotes. **The Slate Man** replaced the tiles & fixed the cracking in other tiles. Restoration to the water affected areas in the sacristy by insurance will begin soon. **The roof leak:** The repair of the roof & ceiling is complete.

Costs: The Cost to the Parish includes Insurance excess 2 x \$500, roof make safe \$500, roof repair \$6,800 & pipe diversion allowance \$1,700. Insurance covered the cost of repair of ceiling, leak investigations & restoration of fixtures & fitting & is estimated to be in excess of \$20,000.

Church Repair Fund. Many thanks to a generous parishioners for their \$150 donation.

Parish Luncheon will be held, 12pm Monday 9th September at the Labor Club Strirling.

St Thomas has a Quest Payment System. There is an EFTPOS tap & go machine in the foyer preloaded with \$5 to enable parishioners to donate \$5 by tapping your EFTPOS card to the machine. Want to donate more simply tap your card again. All money goes to St Thomas to help with the run the Parish (including repair costs). Last weekend **\$125** was collected, a great effort.

Many thanks to those who tried the machine. Machine will be back this weekend. Have a go. **Vatican City (CNS)** Pope Francis, Mass is the highest form of prayer & not an appropriate moment for small talk. At church, Catholics should spend their time in silence before Mass, preparing "to meet with Jesus" instead of engaging in "chitchat". Silence is so important.

In response to this message from Pope Francis it is imperative that we observe silence in our Church especially before & after Mass. It is a **MUST** that we should have respect for all those who enter the Church to spend time praying & preparing themselves for Mass & time for reflection after Mass. Most importantly the reverence of being silent in the presence of the Lord in the tabernacle is a form of prayer in itself & helps us to receptive to hearing God's word.

VINNIES NEWS

There is a battlefront right here in our Canberra community. It is a battlefront for social justice & affordable housing for those people without a voice. SVDP Society advocates strongly on behalf of those suffering inequality & against the raw cynicism of politicians & bureaucrats who are blinded by the failure of their policies. You can make a difference. Become a "voice for the voiceless" by joining Vinnies today.

FEITE NEWS. Nov 9th. - Only 9 weeks to go.

Spring is here. We need your help, we need plants for the plant stall at our fete. Can you help. Pop in some seedling & nurture them, every little bit helps. Trash n Treasure drop off days are coming up. Watch this space for dates.

We also Need

Empty Pots Please leave at Parish Centre
Volunteers Sign up will be available soon
Scratchies For the Lucky Tree
Next fete meeting Mon 16 Sep. All welcome.

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14 Sep. Social Media – The Good, the Bad & the Ugly. Interested parishioners are invited to a free workshop on this year's Social Justice Statement, *Making It Real: genuine human encounter in our digital world* from 10am-12noon in the Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, Franklin St, Manuka. Mike Cassidy will facilitate discussion of the Statement. RSVP by Tue, 10 Sep 0412 145 088 or e-mail: Social.Justice@cq.org.au.

27 Oct. 2019 Marian Procession will be a festival of celebration, prayer & fun with African music, children's activities and more. All welcome at St Clements, Galong. www.marianprocession.org.au

2019/20 PG Envelopes & 2018/19 Tax Receipts are available in the foyer. Haven't got an envelope & want one? Please contact Office.

Church Plant Drive. Fr Peter would like to ask for donations of indoor flowering plants, bonsai, etc for the Church to decorate our altar. You might notice the lovely new "prayer plants" in front of the altar. If you are able to help with indoor plants to decorate our church or cash donations, please contact Elizabeth in the office.

Upcoming Events & Other Info

Please see notice board for more info, & don't forget previously advertised events.

Archdiocesan website: www.cgcatholic.org.au

St Thomas the Apostle Upcoming Events

St Vincent de Paul Meets Mon 7:30pm - Parish C

Becoming a Catholic - RCIA Mon 7:30pm Parish C

FYI Contact Murray on 0400 009 923

Office Closed Parish Secretaries Day Wed 11 Sep

Bible Study / Prayer Groups

Wed's 10am - Parish C Annette 6231 9357.

Thu's 10am - Moy's Home 6231 6015

Parish Council Meeting 6pm Wed 11 Sep.

Fete Meeting All welcome 6pm Mon 16 Sep.

Other Information in the Diocese

Buy a Brick for Marymead - marymead.org.au

Evenings for the Engaged marriage preparation program, Contact Mark & Kathy Haseler, 6166 7634.

2020 Plenary Council plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Due to limited numbers of helpers, Children's Liturgy will not be held every Sunday. Please contact office or Mary Hyland urgently if you are able to help for 10am Masses.

AMICUS Lunch - 12pm Sun 15 Sep at the Bushranger Hotel Collector. Table booked in the name of AMICUS. Contact PAUL 0419 411 691

8-10 Nov. Marriage Enrichment Weekend.

Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW.

Book online at www.wmne.org.au

Alternatively contact Adrian or Janet Sullivan: 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

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Weekly Collection: Weekend 31 Aug -1 Sep 19

1st Collection: \$ 992 **2nd Collection:** \$ 2,008

Required / wk: \$ 950 **Required / wk:** \$ 1,200

Roof & Pipe Repair Fund

Target: \$ 10,000 **Raised so far** \$ 5,079

Pope Francis (4 Sep) The Holy Spirit, when we invite Him into our wounds, anoints our painful memories with the balm of hope, because the Spirit restores hope.

Roster for 3rd Weekend of Month (14-15 Sep)

	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Acolyte	Ken Rose	John Jarvis	Phil Nolen
Altar Servers	Pip & Rachael Niven	Lara Kirk	Dominique Buss
Readers	Silvana P Kathy S	Angela Devlin Margaret F	Ethel Lee Grace Taylor
Music	Trish J	Ringrose-Voase Family	Bruna Strmota
Counters	Andrew	And	Cecily
Cleaning	Margaret Pooley		

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends, and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.
Longer form Lk 15:1-32

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Reflections on the Gospel

RECLAIMING THE LOST

The Gospel for today (if the longer version is read) contains all three 'Parables of the Lost' from Luke 15. Each focuses upon a person who loses something personally precious and who then responds in what seems a foolish and extravagant way: leaving ninety-nine sheep to fend for themselves while going after the one who is lost; turning the house upside-down to find a small coin; running out to welcome home a son who has ruined and disgraced the family. The final act in each case is a summons to a joyful communal celebration.

Jesus tells the parables to defend the welcome he is giving to 'tax collectors (social outcasts) and sinners' and his festive celebration of their being 'found' or 're-found' by God. What he is doing is simply an earthly reflection of a much greater celebration going on in heaven.

Taken together, the parables show that, as far as God is concerned, the chief issue is not so much sin and its forgiveness but the loss and then the recovery of human beings, who are so precious in God's sight.

The third parable, commonly but somewhat inadequately known as 'the Prodigal Son,' introduces a further character, the older brother. His behaviour shows the difficulty human beings have in coming to terms with such a vision of God.

True conversion is not just a matter of turning from overt sinfulness (like that of the younger brother). It can also mean confronting resentment at God's generosity to others. What human beings might be thought to 'deserve' does not control the action of God.

Brendan Byrne, SJ



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

15 SEPTEMBER 2019

FIRST READING

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus
The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants; and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on the people the disaster he had threatened.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19. R. Lk 15:18

R. I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

3. O Lord, open my lips / and my mouth shall declare your praise. / My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; / a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Tim 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!