



**24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME YEAR C**

**11 September 2022**

**LITURGY AND BULLETIN**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

*Almighty God, our creator and guide,  
may we serve you with all our heart  
and know your forgiveness in our lives.  
Amen.*

**FIRST READING:** A reading from the book of Exodus

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 his people the disaster he had threatened.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Response: 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:** A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me 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.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 15:1-10

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.'



### **REFLECTION on the Gospel of Luke 15:1-10 by GPBS 6/9/2022**

#### **The Church of Mercy**

Lost sheep, lost coins, lost sons. In the parables of Jesus, things and people get lost and found a lot. In our own experience, a lot gets lost along the way of life. Everything from socks and keys, to health and love. And some things stay lost.

The value of what gets lost in our lives varies incalculably, just as it does in Jesus' stories. Sometimes we lose money or a job, and that can have serious consequences. But those losses are not even in the same category as losing someone you love to death or losing your independence as your body fails. As we suffer the great losses in our lives, even when someone or something seems hopelessly and irretrievably lost, Jesus assures us he's on the other end, retrieving and rescuing. That's God's job in a nutshell, according to the Christian tradition: to save what was lost. To redeem a world. To make sure that everything lost gets found.

#### ***Which kinds of losses have you faced? Do you trust God to find and restore the rest?***

When friends lose their faith, encourage them. When people you know lose heart, support them. When strangers lose their homes in disaster, contribute toward their rescue. When members of your community lose a loved one, mourn with them. And when those around you experience restoration of a loss, celebrate with them.

***“Count on it - there’s more joy in heaven over one sinner’s rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue”.***

## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

For Pope Francis, that his visit to Kazakhstan for the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions will bear fruit in peace and unity. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For peoples around the world afflicted by heatwaves or floods, that the international community will give them immediate relief and take long-term climate action. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For our children preparing for their reception of their First Holy Communion; that they may have the support of their family and parish communities. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For leaders in Catholic education, healthcare and social service, that they will be outstanding practitioners of Jesus’ embrace of outsiders. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For young people in detention, especially Indigenous youth, that they will get the support they need to make a new life for themselves. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For our families, friends and fellow parishioners, that together we will bear witness to the good news of our reconciliation in Christ. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Anne McDougall, Bruce Feehan, Ross Lawless, those on our prayer list and all who need our prayers; that they will be cared for by loving family, friends and community (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the recently deceased Queen Elizabeth II, Gladys Williams, Zelma McKie, Ron Corby. . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that Christ the good shepherd will lead them safely to their heavenly home. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

*Lord, may the teaching you have given us influence our lives and actions.  
Amen.*

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9am – 3pm; Fridays: 9am – 12pm**

**Next weekend Mass time: 6pm in the church.**

**Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 10am in the church.**

**Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.**

**Social Justice Group: Tuesday 4 October 2022 at 10.30am, at the Presbytery**

**First Communion Mass: 17 September at 6.00pm**

**Vinnies meeting: changed to 9 September at 1.30pm.**

**Dear Parishioners,**

**Vinnies Ozanam Sunday Appeal** this Saturday evening, 10<sup>th</sup> September. Some of the international work we do is through what we call Twinning, which is where one conference directly supports another somewhere in the world. The Society in Canberra Goulburn has approximately 70 twin conferences in Indonesia, India, Thailand, and the Solomon Islands. Through Twinning, our members seek to support our fellow members in developing countries spiritually, financially

and through mutual encouragement. Our Conference is currently Twinned with one in India. You might remember we had a special appeal many years ago to enable the purchase of treadle sewing machines. We hope for some support from our fellow parishioners when we open the appeal on Ozanam Sunday.

**Safeguarding Sunday:**

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported. You can find out more about the Church’s work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

**Last chance to buy tickets in the “Help Ukrainians” raffle**, being conducted by the Goldsmith Street Surgery in Goulburn. Wendy Hart has the tickets if you are interested. Wendy will be selling tickets before and after Mass during September to mid October It is being drawn in November.

**September calendar: we are restarting our monthly calendar** so that everyone is kept up to date on happenings. If you have anything you would like added, please let me know. It is included with this newsletter.

**News from the pews:** If you have any news or photos to share, please email me. Sharing our news (happy and sometimes sad) is part of “Walking Together” as the Archbishop is asking.

Ted pictured with Wendy, Scott and Michelle at his birthday celebrations last Saturday.

Bronnie is attending the Caring for Creation conference in Gungahlin. If anyone is interested in going, please speak with Bronnie after Mass.

Radio Church Sundays 6pm, 88.9 FM.



**17 September Caring for Creation 10am – 5pm**

The Social Justice Group of Holy Spirit Parish are holding a one-day conference on Caring for Creation. Keynote speaker is Jacqui Remond, a member of the Vatican Ecology Taskforce. This conference will enable parishes, schools and families to forge practical plans to protect the environment. The event will be held at John Paul II College, Nichols. Tickets available at [www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/care-for-creation](http://www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/care-for-creation)

**Readings for Mass** 1<sup>st</sup>: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 1 Tim. 1:12-17. Gospel: Luke 15:1-32.

**Readings for next week:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Amos 8:4-7. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 1Tim. 2:1-8. Gospel: Luke 16:1-13.

**Ministry Rosters for our Masses**

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	Music/PP
10 Sept	Felix	Geraldine	Bobbie/Tommy	Helen H
17 Sept		Cathy F	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
24 Sept	Felix	Helen P	Wendy M-B/Ann	Helen H
1 Oct		Geraldine	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
<b>Ministries of service:</b>				
	<b>9 Sept</b>	<b>16 Sept</b>	<b>23 Sept.</b>	<b>30 September</b>
Altar Decorating:	Cathy F	Margaret	Joy	Helen P
Cleaning:		Bunny & Ella		Pauline & Bobbie
Counters: 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday:	Pauline & Bobbie.	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Sunday:	Wendy H	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday:	Gabrielle K	4 <sup>th</sup> :	Phil Owen	

Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.

Spring is here, not that you could tell by this morning's frost.  
Helen Hart