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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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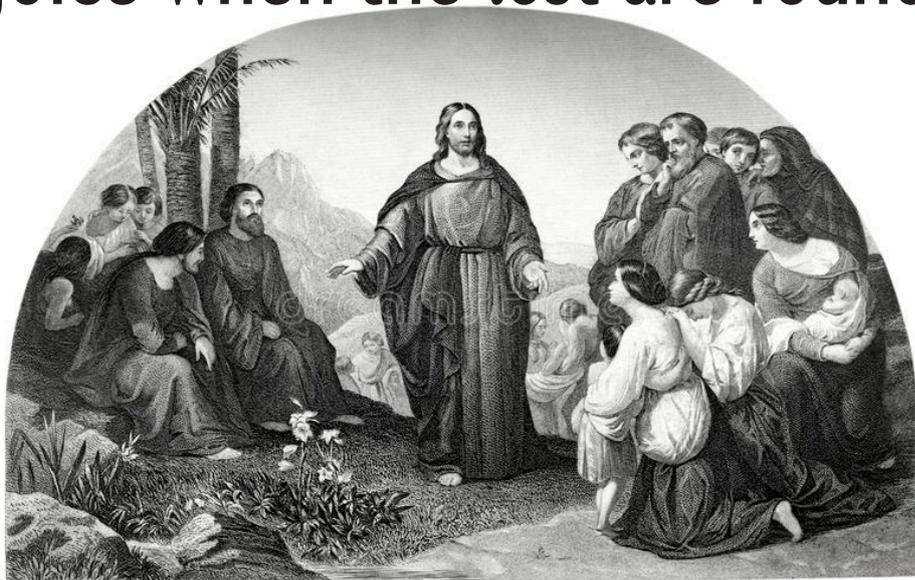
## 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

15th September 2019

# They should rejoice when the lost are found

In chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the taxpayers, and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what he has to say. In Luke's Gospel, hearing is a sign of conversion. The Pharisees and scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about him associating with sinners. So he tells them these three parables.

In the first story, the parable of The Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the one lost sheep. When he finds it, the shepherd rejoices not alone as in Matthew's version, but with friends and neighbors. In the same way, God rejoices more over one sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus—than over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and scribes.



The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found.

Finally we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story (found only in Luke) is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the centre of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him

before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

I will leave this place  
and go to my father.

#### Gospel Acclamation

May the Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes  
of our mind,  
so that we can see  
what hope  
his call holds for us.



JOURNEY  
OF  
FAITH

All are welcome - especially those who are joining the Church at Easter - indeed everyone who is searching to gain a deeper insight into scriptures and the liturgy. The talks will often draw on Scripture readings for Sunday Masses and so will be helpful to readers and cantors wishing to enrich their ministry

Led by Canon Kevin Golden  
the popular adult formation series

Wednesdays at 7.30pm,  
at the Pastoral Centre,  
24-28 Lawside Road,  
Dundee, DD3 6XY

Contact Canon Kevin (01382 225228)

## AROUND PERTH

Mass in

**St Mary Magdalene's, Craigie**

10am - Sunday

8am - Weekdays

(except Wednesday and Saturday)

7am - Wednesday; 10am - Saturday

**Sunday Mass in**

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Letham**

5.30pm (vigil); 11am

**Sunday Mass in**

**St Mary's, Kinnoull**

10am

**Sunday Mass in St John's**

4pm (anticipated Mass); 9am; 11am,

5pm (Polish) & 6.30pm

## PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose  
of the soul of

Lawrence Ciantar

who died recently and for  
Ralph and Annetta Giulianotti  
and the souls  
of all the faithful  
departed

**Eternal rest grant  
unto their souls, O Lord.  
May they rest in peace.**

## FEASTDAYS

**Monday 16th September**

**St Ninian**

*8am Mass*

**Friday 20th September**

**Memorial of**

**St Andrew Kim Taegon,  
Paul Chong Ha-sang Martyrs**

*7am Mass*

**Saturday 21st September**

**St Matthew**

*10am Mass*

## Collection

Last Sunday's collection amounted to £401.02 - thank you for your generosity.

## Italian classes

Italian Classes for learners of all stages continue in the Small Hall at St John's on Saturdays (apart from a short break on 21st and 28th September - new members welcome).

## Italian Association

The next meeting of the Italian Association will take place on Saturday 28th September, at 1pm, in St John's - starting with Holy Mass in Italian.

## Menopause Cafe

Menopause Cafe hosted by UCM and led by Rachel Weiss, Tuesday 17th September, to be held in the parish rooms of Our Lady of Lourdes church, Struan Road, 7.30pm. At a menopause cafe people drink tea/coffee, eat cake and chat about the menopause.

All interested parties invited to attend. Anyone who cannot attend can find out more; contact [www.menopausecafe.net](http://www.menopausecafe.net)

# Justice and Peace

Peace is principally the attainment of the common good in society at its different levels, primary and intermediary, national, international and global. Precisely for this reason it can be said that the paths which lead to the attainment of the common good are also the paths that must be followed in the pursuit of peace.

**Pope Benedict XVI,  
Message for World Day of Peace**

# Laudato Si

**Caring For Our Common Home**

For Justice and Peace Scotland, the publication last year of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report on the environment was a watershed moment.

The report established that we have just 11 years to drastically reduce carbon emissions currently damaging our precious planet. If we don't, by the year 2030 we face catastrophic and irreversible climate change with all its devastating realities: food shortages, water shortages and even shortage of the very air we need to breathe.

## Time is running out

Justice and Peace Scotland determined that 2019, our 40th anniversary year, would be spent campaigning for the environment. And a key event as we come to the end of that anniversary year is our Laudato Si day of reflection.

**On Saturday 21st September 2019, the Blythswood Hall in Renfield St Stephen's Church, Bath Street, Glasgow, will be the venue for people looking to join the campaign to save our common home.**

There was no better place to start than with Pope Francis' Laudato Si encyclical, which reaches across all barriers of religion and culture. It is acknowledged worldwide as a ground-breaking document pointing the way to a safer, more just and sustainable future for everyone. Dr Lorna Gold, a keynote speaker at the conference, is the author of the crucial publication 'Climate Generation'.

**To hear Dr Gold, and the other expert speakers, book your place at the Laudato Si conference, on Eventbrite - [www.justiceandpeace-scotland.org.uk/](http://www.justiceandpeace-scotland.org.uk/) or call 0141 333 0238 (Monday-Thursday)**

**ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hospital** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ward** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Mgr Hendry after Mass*