Our Gospel Value this week is Forgiveness

Our Virtue this week is Love



We gather together to love, value and respect each other within our Catholic family, to nurture each individual's talents and skills as Jesus taught us.

Peace be with you and with your Spirit

Jesus Christ light of the world

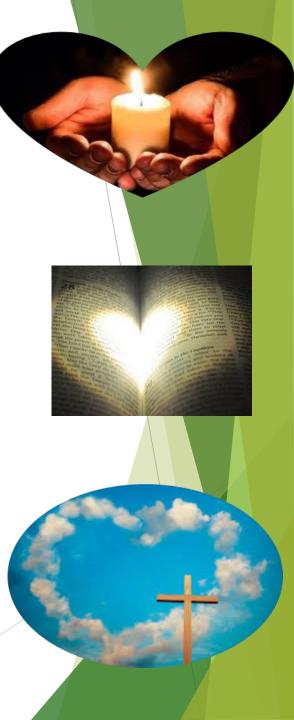
... shine brightly in our lives

Jesus Christ God's living Word

... speak to us your truth

Jesus Christ God's love revealed

... dwell among us



Our lit candle reminds us that we are in God's presence as we mark ourselves with the sign of the cross

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen

We Say Sorry

You call us to follow you Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You call us to trust in you Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You open your arms to all of us Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

In today's reading Jesus tells us three stories to show us how God cares for us, loves us and forgives us all.



Let's think a bit about what this can mean for our lives...

Forgiving God, sometimes we forget you or do things we know are wrong. Yet you never stop loving us, and so we thank you for never giving up on us.

Amen

Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus is the Lord, He's the Lord of all my heart.

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He's the way, he's the truth, he's the life.
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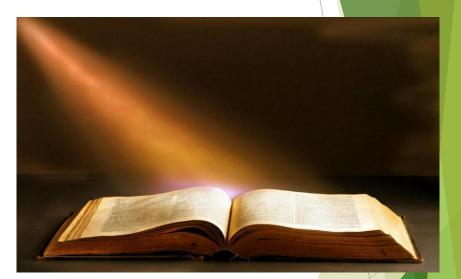
We listen to the word

Gospel according to Luke 15:1-32

May the words of Jesus be
On my mind
On my lips and
In my heart

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

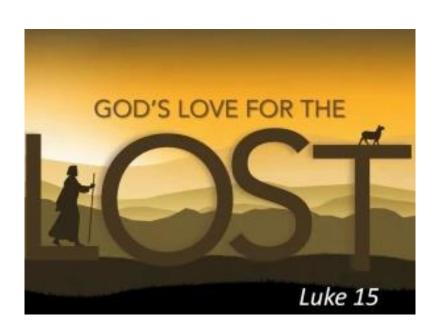


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We are still and silent as we reflect on God's word for us in the Gospel.



What do you remember from today's reading?



Have you ever lost something that was very important to you?
How did you feel when you lost it, what did you do to try to find it?
Did you manage to find it, if so how did you feel?

In the reading we heard, why do you think the shepherd was so concerned when he lost one sheep out of a hundred?

And why was the woman so worried about losing one coin out of ten?



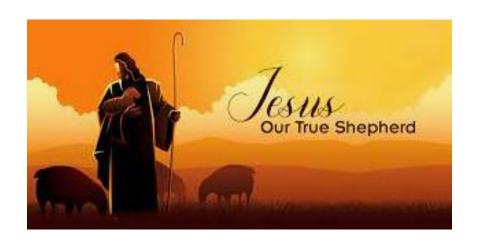
What did the shepherd do with the lost sheep when he found it?

How did his actions show he loved the sheep?

Who do you think the shepherd in Jesus' story is meant to be?

And who are the sheep?

Jesus is our shepherd, and we, his followers, are the sheep.

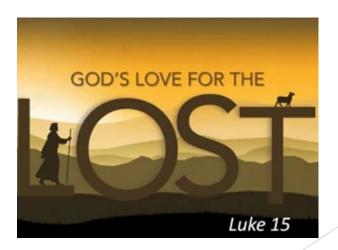


In the same way as in the stories, all people are valuable to God, because God made us and loves us.

We are all different.
We are all special.
God cares for us and loves us.
God wants us to do what is right.

But sometimes we do not listen, we are not very generous, and we can be mean to others, or we do things we know are wrong.

At these times we're a bit like the sheep or the coin that is lost, because we are turning away from God.



But this doesn't mean that God loves and cares for us any less. God cares for us and watches over us always.

When we see that we have done something wrong, when we ask for forgiveness and turn back to God, then God is happy and welcomes us back and celebrates because we are no longer lost.

In Jesus' last story today we heard about a father's forgiveness for his son.

Although the son went far away and wasted the father's money, he realised he had done something wrong and he came back to his father, saying sorry.

How did the father feel when his son came home? What did he do for his son?



So what do the stories we've heard today show us about God's love and forgiveness?



And what do you think they mean for how we should treat other people?

We should try to make sure that everyone feels welcome. We can try to recognise everyone's special gifts and talents and help everyone to feel safe and happy.

We can also look outwards - seeing how we can spread God's love and mercy to others. How do you think we can share God's love with one another?

In silence, pray for each other - that God will be with all of us.



God loves us all and so we pray together:

We pray for the Church throughout the world: that she may show us God's love and forgiveness for all people.

Lord in Your mercy Hear our prayer We pray for our brothers and sisters in every country: that we may not turn away anyone who comes to us for help and that we may welcome everyone in our communities.

Lord in Your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for our school, parish, families and friends: that we may be loving and forgiving towards all people.

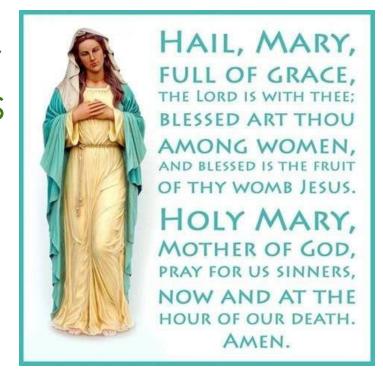
Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer Bless those who mourn, eternal God, with the comfort of your love that they may face each new day with hope and the certainty that nothing can destroy the good that has been given.

May their memories become joyful, their days enriched with friendship, and their lives encircled by your love.

Amen.

We take a moment now to pray for our own intentions

We ask Our Lady to intercede on our behalf as we say together



God of lost sheep, coins and all people, help us to remember you are with us in love and forgiveness every day. Guide us to share your love with others through all that we do.

Amen.

St Anthony

Pray for us

St Mark

Pray for us

St Francis

Pray for us

St Alban

Pray for us

How will you follow Jesus this Meeks

In the week ahead let's try to...

do what is right and to share God's love for everyone with all the people that you meet, particularly those people who seem lonely or sad

Jesus, I offer my day to you Jesus, I offer my day to you Jesus, I offer my day to you

Let us go in peace Thanks be to God

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