



Parish of Blessed Hugh Faringdon
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Parish Clergy

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass 9am (Confessions from 8:40am)
Rosary and Refreshments follow Sunday Mass
No weekday Masses at present

Weekly Notices

Offertory Collections - August

Offertory Collection – Weekly (4 Sundays) £550.05

Monthly Bank Standing Orders £1402.00

Tax Reclaim on Offertory Gift Aided £393.50.

Food Bank

The Faringdon Food Bank is now located at the Town Council Offices, Market Place Faringdon, and has changed to a "Walk In" model. Open 2 days a week, Mondays, and Wednesdays 10.00 am until Noon.

The referral policy remains the same, donations of goods can now be taken on the days the Food Bank is open only please. It would be a great help if you could do this, but should this not be possible please leave in the church as before.

Please continue with your support, and again our thanks for supporting this project. Any questions please speak with Maureen Courtney or Mairead.

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER AD 2019
24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Mass Setting: Ivory Coast Mass with Swahili Gloria

Entrance: 131 My Amazing Grace

Children's Liturgy: 545

Psalm: *We have sinn'd Lord be merciful;
We have sinn'd Lord be merciful.*

Offertory: 194 Christ be beside me

Communion: 892 Ubi Caritas

Recessional: 239 Dona Nobis Pacem

Readings

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14

The Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-32.

There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.

Churches together in Faringdon

The **Earth and Faith Group** have organized a visit to Farmer Gow's near Fernham.

Date: Saturday 23rd September 2019

SMART GREENS UK

Come and see how we grow food, no soil, no chemicals, and 95% less water.

Booking essential.

Contact: Pam de Wit

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Car sharing from Faringdon.

Visit includes - 90 minutes guided tour.

Tea and a chat if you wish to stay longer.

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases:

Go after the lost one, Rejoice with me, got up and went back, let us celebrate with a feast, refused to enter the house, has come to life again

To the point:

What the shepherd, the woman, and the father all have in common is having lost something dear to them. When they find what they have lost, they rejoice extravagantly. In the parable of the prodigal son, he is found because he chooses to return to his father's house: he chooses life. By contrast, the older son—in his anger, resentment, and jealousy—is truly the one who is lost because he refuses to rejoice in his father's mercy and goodness: he chooses death. The extravagant mercy and goodness of our divine Father urges us to choose life over death.

Connecting the Gospel ...

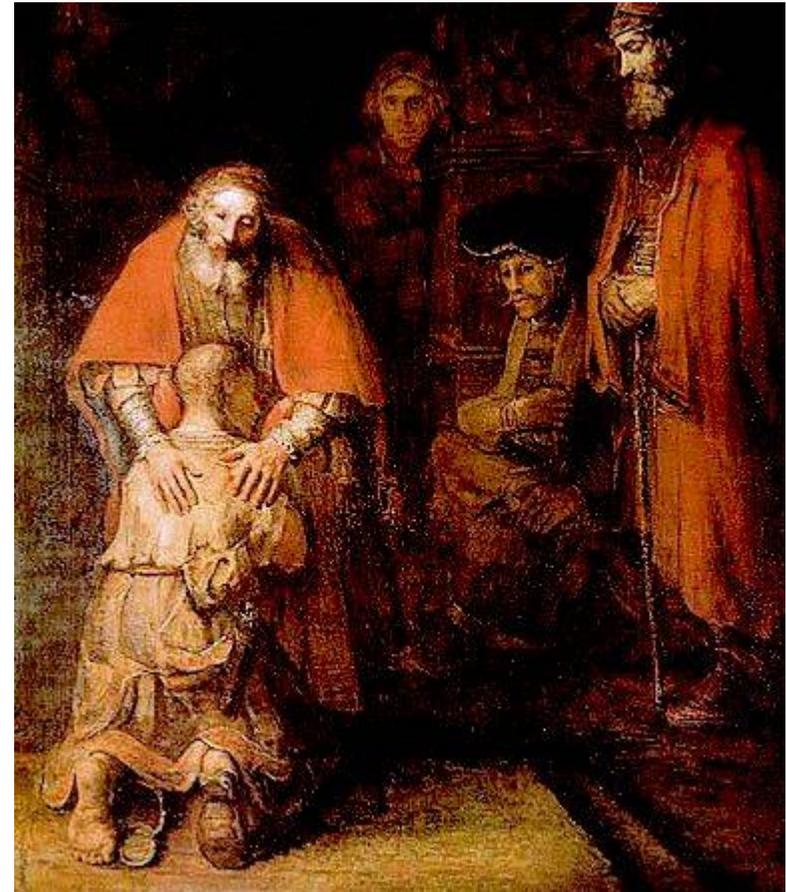
... to the First Reading:

Both readings describe the mercy God extends to sinners, whether the sin is idolatry (First Reading); dissolute living (younger son); or anger, resentment, and jealousy (older son). Such divine mercy begets new life.

... to experience:

Many parents anguish as they watch a son or daughter go astray in life. They will do anything to help their children come to their senses and turn their life around. Parents only want life for their children, although sometimes children seem to choose death for themselves.

**Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
I no longer deserve to be called your son.
(Gospel)**



**Rembrandt
The Return of the Prodigal Son**