

Show us thy
MERCY,
O LORD,
and grant us thy
salvation.

Psalm 85:7

**ENTRANCE
ANTIPHON**

**I am the salvation
of the people, says
the Lord. Should
they cry to me in
any distress, I will
hear them, and I
will be their Lord
for ever.**

**COMMUNION
ANTIPHON**

**You have laid down
your precepts to be
carefully kept; may
my ways be firm in
keeping your
statutes.**
Psalm 118.4-5



**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C
21ST-22ND SEPTEMBER 2019**

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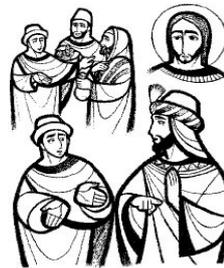
1st Reading: Amos 8.4-7:
Living in the 8th century BC, Amos lived in a time of peace and prosperity, but a prosperity which was limited to a select few. He is remembered as the prophet of social justice who took up the cause of the victims of poverty and injustice

Response to the Psalm:
**Praise the Lord, who raises
the poor.**

**2nd Reading: Paul's Letter
to Timothy 2.1-8:** Believers are urged to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. In this way they will bring knowledge of God to the surrounding world.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
**Open our heart, O Lord, to
accept the words of your Son.**
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Luke 16.1-13: Today's parable focuses on stewardship. Creation and indeed our very lives are gifted to us by God and we respond by our grateful care for them. Stewardship reminds us that all we are and have are given in trust. Our lives in this world call for prudence and wisdom in our dealing with



others and a watchfulness lest we become enslaved to material things. God is the one master whom we serve.

Please pray for the eternal rest of Catherine Daly whose Requiem Mass takes place on Wednesday at 10am. May the Lord comfort and console her family at this time of sadness.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin this Wednesday, 25th at 7.30pm. If you know of anyone who is thinking of becoming Catholic, please get in touch. RCIA is also open to any parishioner who would like to explore more deeply questions of faith.

Our Children's Liturgy restarts this Sunday. We are looking for more volunteers to help out in this beautiful but simple ministry. For more information, please contact Roisin Rea on 07754771477.

The Ladies' Group are preparing bags for *Mary's Meals* and they ask that you help them with supplies. Contact Margaret Gault or any lady from the group. Tea and coffee in the hall restarts this Friday after Mass. Your contribution will go to also to *Mary's Meals*.



The Parish Assembly will take place this Monday, 23rd September, 7.30-9pm in the church oratory. This is our opportunity to review together our parish life and to offer suggestions and comments. Please try your best to come along to this important event.

HYMNS FOR MASS Entrance 883; Communion 938 & 900; Exit 934

Living Faith booklets are now on sale in the shop.

There will be October Devotions—Rosary and Benediction— each Wednesday of the month at 7pm

Pope Francis' Prayer intention for September: The Protection of the Oceans—
That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

The Annual St Athanasius' bowling Day takes place on Sunday 29th September, 9.30am for 10am. Everyone 9 years and older is welcome. Contact John Kelly or Chic Meehan.

There will be an ABBA Night in the hall on 26th October, tickets £10 from the social committee. A Bingo Night has been arranged for Sunday 10th November. Tea ticket £1.50, doors open 6.30pm. Please donate prizes.

Welcome back to Fr Bill Harrison who will be leading our celebrations of Mass this weekend. Reassure him that he's not come to the wrong church!

Pope Francis has declared October to be an Extraordinary Mission Month. Please pick up the Missio Scotland information pack. As you leave Mass.

In the lead up to the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4th October, Pope Francis has asked us to pray for our good earth, that all of us individually and collectively will protect and respect all of God's creation and hand it on cared for and loved to the next generation.

SUNDAY TAKEAWAY: Pope Francis writes: This is *the season for letting our prayer be inspired anew* by closeness to nature, which spontaneously leads us to give thanks to God the Creator. Saint Bonaventure, that eloquent witness to Franciscan wisdom, said that creation is the first "book" that God opens before our eyes, so that, marvelling at its order, its variety and its beauty, we can come to love and praise its Creator. In this book, every creature becomes for us "a word of God". In the silence of prayer, we can hear the symphony of creation calling us to abandon our self-centredness in order to feel embraced by the tender love of the Father and to share with joy the gifts we have received. We can even say that creation, as a *network of life*, a place of encounter with the Lord and one another, is "God's own 'social network'". Nature inspires us to raise a song of cosmic praise to the Creator in the words of Scripture: "Bless the Lord, all things that grow on the earth, sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever" (*Daniel 3:76*). *Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*

Please pray for our sick and housebound.

Lord our God. For you have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick and housebound today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have recently died and whose month's mind and anniversaries occur at this time: Violet Wilson, James Ross, Querino & Elena De Angelis, James & Ann McFarlane, Janet MacDonald, Sheena McCulloch, Molly Steele, Robert McLachlan & Malcolm Black



HOLY MASS: Vigil of Sunday: Saturday, 6pm; Sunday: 11am.

Monday-Friday: 10am.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30–5.55pm and on request.

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Michael and Estelle Webster are soon to walk another 150km of the Camino de Santiago, raising funds for the church refurbishment. If you would like to sponsor them please go to

justgiving.com, type **Michael and Estelle** into **Search** and select the **photo** which will take you to their **webpage**. No internet access? Cash donations are also very welcome! If you are viewing this online, use this link https://www.justgiving.com/Michael-and-Estelle-Websterutm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=Michael-and-Estelle-Webster&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=2ZAg2A8XD.

St Athanasius' Girls' Club meets each Wednesday 7.15-8.30pm in the hall. All girls from P3-7 are welcome. £1 entry



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