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16th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time (A) 23rd July 2023

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12.30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am

CONFESSIONS: *(on request)*

SUMMER

- This summer we welcome two visiting priests, both of them from Italy, both of them biblical scholars: Father Marco and Father Luigi. They are known to us. Thanks to them the Mass timetable (during the week and on Sundays) will not change and I will be able to take some time of rest. I am very grateful to them both. Do make them welcome and offer them your help if needed.
- The Weekly Parish Newsletter is also going on holiday till September!
- During August the Parish Office will be open only on Tuesday 8th & 22nd.
- Sunday 6th August we will celebrate the TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD
Tuesday 15th at 12:30pm we will celebrate the ASSUMPTION of the B.V. MARY

Note: No 12:30pm Mass on Monday 24th July. Apologies.



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Thank you.

Misericordia

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Non basta dire: Dio è Amore, Dio ha amato il mondo; biso-
gna aggiungere: Dio è Misericordia, Dio ha amato un mondo colpe-
vole. Non figli, ma semplici creature, ma ribelli, ma in-
grati, ma perduti. Solo esseri ha amato. Esseri che non
erano degni, né utili, né piacerdi, né in sé, né a lui
broni.

E quelli più lontani e più miseri, quelli più avversi e
più colpevoli, quelli ha amato.

Ne quest'amore è stato prodigioso solo in sé e per l'in-
tima felicità di Dio; ma lo è stato anche per gli esseri
inmeritandi che ne sono l'oggetto inexplicabile. È stato
un amore salvatore.

"MERCY. It is not enough to say: God is Love, God loved the world;
we need to say: God is Mercy, God loved a culpable world.

It is not children, or mere creatures, that He loved, but the
rebels, the ungrateful, the lost ones. Those not worthy, nor
useful, nor pleasant, nor good to Him, those most distant and
most wretched, most adverse and most evil, those ones He loved.

This love has been prodigious not just in itself because of the
intimate happiness of God; it has been prodigious for those who
did not deserve it and have been its inexplicable object. It has
been a **saving love**.

By loving the sinner God gives an example of supreme mercy and
saves him at the same time. Mercy bends down over evil, not so
that evil may remain such and justice be overcome, but rather so
that justice may be restored and may have its vindication. God
loves evil men not because they are evil, but to make them good;
and while pushing tolerance to the point of erasing the fatal
consequences of sin, He restores the absolute of the moral law
bringing the sinner back within it."

This brief handwritten text, not signed, not dated, is of Blessed
Pope Paul VI. Prior or posterior to the beginning of his Petrine
ministry, we do not know for sure. What a clarity! What a relief!

How God loves, what is unique to God's love: a 'dynamic' love, a
love that 'sees' evil as a possible good, a love that saves while
loving, a love that has the capacity to bend over evil so much so
to transform it into a new good.

Do you want some of this love for yourself? And to give to others?
Listen to today's Gospel...

In mano.

Father Ivano