



The Year of Mercy in the Liturgical Year of Luke – Some significant Sunday Gospel stories

- 24th January 2016:** **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Luke 4: 14 - 21**
 Jesus announces a Year of the Lord’s favour in the synagogue in Nazareth. Resonates with the purpose of Pope Francis in calling the Jubilee Year of Mercy – ‘to bring a word and gesture of consolation to the poor, to proclaim liberty to those bound by new forms of slavery in modern society, to restore sight to those who can see no more because they are caught up in themselves, to restore dignity to all those from whom it has been robbed.’ (Pope Francis: *The Face of Mercy*, No.16)
- Lent 2016** “The season of Lent during the Jubilee Year should be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy.”
 (Pope Francis: *The Face of Mercy*, No 17 ff.)
- 6th of March 2016** **4th Sunday of Lent** **Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32**
 Invitation to look on the face of the Merciful Father, the icon of God’s Mercy.
 The Sunday follows the celebration of the 24 hours of Mercy which Pope Francis has called for Friday and Saturday 4th & 5th of March.
 ‘Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy.’ (Pope Francis, *The Face of Mercy*, No. 9)
- 5th June 2016** **10th Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Luke 7: 11- 17**
 The son of the widow at Naim is restored to life.
 ‘When the Lord saw her, he felt sorry for her.’ ‘Being seen’ or ‘looked upon’ by God is a repeated theme in Luke’s Gospel and in the writings of Pope Francis. (See for example Pope Francis on the calling of Matthew in *The Face of Mercy*, No 8)

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12th June 2016	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Luke 7:36 – 8:3
	Healing of the Woman in the house of the Pharisee. In Jesus we see a God in whom there is no condemnation. (See Pope Francis: <i>The Face of Mercy</i> , No 14).	
15th June 2016	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Luke 10: 25-37
	Parable of the Good Samaritan Mercy is the foundation of the Church's life. 'the old story of the Good Samaritan has been the model of the spirituality of the Council.' (Pope Francis, <i>The Face of Mercy</i> , No.4 & No 10)	
11th Sept 2016	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Luke 15: 1-32
	The three great parables of God's Mercy – the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, the Lost Son. "In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through pardon". (Pope Francis, <i>The Face of Mercy</i> , No. 9)	
25th Sept 2016	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Luke 16: 19- 31
	The Rich Man and Lazarus Pope Francis consistently speaks about indifference to the plight of the poor as the great sin of Western Society. (see <i>The Face of Mercy</i> , No. 15)	
23rd October 2016	30th Sunday of the Year (Mission Sunday)	Luke 18: 9-14
	The Pharisee and the Tax-Collector The Pharisee comes before God trusting in his own virtue. The tax-collector knowing his need threw himself on God's mercy.	
30th October 2016	31st Sunday of the Year	Luke 19: 1-10
	Zacchaeus encounters the mercy of Jesus	

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