

Reflections

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Week commencing September 5th 2010

Luke 14.25-35

From Canon Hugh

As we have all been hearing for the past six weeks or so, next Sunday is Back-to-Church-Sunday. At each of our Sunday services we expect to welcome many people who are not normally with us for worship. For some, it will be their first time with us – perhaps their first time in worship anywhere. For others, it will be a return to a familiar setting. Perhaps, for some, it will be their last go at finding a ‘home’ in worship anywhere.

The starting point – that is, getting them along to Church – is dependent on each one of us issuing our invitation to them this coming week. Please surround that invitation with prayer and expect God to be faithful to your faithfulness. Remember, be patient and persistent in your endeavours.

In today’s Gospel passage, we are challenged by Jesus to be faithful in our following of him. We are called to put aside anything that would divert us from our task. We are invited to prepare for our ministry and to be diligent in carrying that ministry out.

The result? God will bless your preparations and your ministry. Be generous in your invitations this week and expect God to be active in the people you will encounter.