

## Lenten Reflection Week 4, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### THE LOST COIN

“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’” Luke 15:8-9

Do you remember the last time you lost something important like your glasses, phone, or passport and what it felt like as you searched everywhere looking for it? Then the feeling you had when you actually found it, do you remember?

The woman in this parable has lost something that is really precious to her, one of the ten silver coins that she owns which may have been part of her dowry. She does what any woman in her situation would do, she lights the lamp, she sweeps the floor carefully until she finds it. She cannot dismiss the loss and say, “it doesn’t matter”! To be true to herself, she needs to search and search until what is lost is restored. When that wonderful moment happens, she calls in her friends and neighbours to celebrate and rejoice with her because she is delighted to possess once again what is valuable to her.

- What is the lost coin in your life?
- Take time to search for that lost coin? How will you begin to search? What lamp do you need? What brush? Take your time – the road to integrity begins by walking. Begin the walk – begin the search.
- Don’t forget to celebrate the findings! With whom will you celebrate? When?