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31 July 2016

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Our readings today remind us of the shortness of life, and urge us to use our time and our possessions to give glory to God and to benefit others. The key message is that one day, all the stresses and anxieties of our daily life, and all that we labour for, will all come to an end; our material wealth and possessions will be left behind. The first reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes reflects on life, and acknowledges that the fruits of wise, skilful and successful labour, the cares of office and restless days of activity – all that must in the end be passed on.

Likewise in the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable of a rich man who has a good harvest and hoards his possessions, thinking he will be comfortable with them, he says, 'my soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come, take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time'. The first reading refers to this kind of behaviour as 'vanity of vanities', and in the Gospel parable, God calls this man a 'fool'. This might sound harsh, because surely it is a good thing to work to establish security in this life, for ourselves and for our families.

It is certainly true that working hard, and acquiring the material things that we need, especially in order to support those who depend on us, is very important. As Catholics we have an important role in engaging with the economy: working, trading, starting new businesses, being entrepreneurs, making profits, inventing and innovating – these are all good things. If we have particular talents we give glory to God by making use of them. But acquiring wealth is not an end in itself; it is not the basis of happiness. Wealth is to be put to work to benefit others and alleviate their sufferings and miseries; it should not be hoarded. Economic activity has a moral dimension: the ways in which we earn and spend our money are important. Our ultimate happiness is not in hoarding but in self-giving. If we fail to realise this then our life is indeed one of vanity.

In the Gospel Jesus says, 'watch and be on your guard against avarice (or greed) of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs'. Sometimes, when we have more than we need, we are lulled into a sense of false security, and that can lead to spiritual laxity.

We turn to the Lord, therefore, because only in Him can we find our ultimate security. When our economic activities are motivated by a desire to follow God's will, then our work will also benefit our neighbour. That is why there is dignity in doing our work well, because of the impact and potential that it has to help not only myself, but also others.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

NEWSLETTER: Please note that there will be no newsletters in August; this is the last edition until September.

7AM MASS: Please note that there will be no 7am morning Masses during August. There will be one weekday Mass at 9.15am.

ADORATION: There will be no Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the month of August. Adoration will resume on Monday 5th September.

RCIA (BECOMING A CATHOLIC): The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for people interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and exploring the possibility of entering the Church – or for adults who may have been baptised but never received First Communion or Confirmation. **Sessions will recommence on Thursday 15th September.** If you would like more information about the RCIA process please speak to one of the priests or contact Bernadette Wilson on 07804 611 914 or email bernadette.wilson1@ntlworld.com.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: 19th SEPTEMBER 2016: There will be a meeting for all those travelling on the above pilgrimage this Sunday 31st July at 3.30pm in the Church meeting room.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The new sets of offertory envelopes are now available. **Please collect yours if you are registered for the scheme.** Registering to donate to the parish via the envelopes allows the parish to reclaim 25p for every £1 given, at no extra cost to the giver. This makes your generous donations go further, and supports the upkeep of the Church and its buildings, and our schools. If you would like to register for the Gift Aid scheme, or have any questions about it, please call Armie on 07962 501 555.

SICK CALLS TO HOSPITAL: In light of strict data protection rules it is important that on entering hospital you tell the nurses that your details or those of your relatives be passed to the Catholic chaplain, if you wish to be visited. We visit the wards during the week and also provide a 24-hour on-call service in case of emergency.

ROTAS – AUGUST

Counting	7/8 B	14/8 E	21/8 C	28/8 F
Christian Kitchen	6/8 Nor	13/8 C	20/8 D	27/8 E
Hospital	7/8 B	14/8 D	21/8 A	28/8 B

The offertory collection last week was £1331.82. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George this month

6.00pm	Patrick Fletcher (RIP)
Sun 31 July	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
8.30am	Dejanire Talma (RIP)
10.00am	Margaret Perry (RIP)
12.00pm	Parish
Mon 1 Aug	St Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

9.15am	Caesar and Yasmin Sanches (Ints)
Tue 2 Aug	Feria
9.15am	Special Ints
Wed 3 Aug	Feria
9.15am	Special Ints
Thu 4 Aug	St John Vianney (Curé of Ars)
9.15am	Steven Rodrigues (Ints)
Fri 5 Aug	Feria
9.15am	Bernadette Obika (Ints)
Sat 6 Aug	Transfiguration of the Lord (C) Feast
10.00am	Jean (Ints)
6.00pm	Michael Charles (Ints)
Sun 7 Aug	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
8.30am	Romeo Rodrigues (RIP)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Annie Fahey (Ints)
Mon 8 Aug	St Dominic, Priest
9.15am	Cyrus & Ana Paula Sanches (Ints)
Tue 9 Aug	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Patroness of Europe
9.15am	Jack Cullen (RIP)
Wed 10 Aug	St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr
9.15am	Benny Tully (Anniv)
Thu 11 Aug	St Clare, Virgin
9.15am	Mary & Jim Gordon (Anniv)
Fri 12 Aug	Feria
9.15am	Special Ints
Sat 13 Aug	Feria
10.00am	Theresa Kalpee (Ints)
6.00pm	Kitty Kelly (RIP)
Sun 14 Aug	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)
8.30am	Andre Uzice (RIP)
10.00am	Angelina Hoareau (Thanksgiving)
12.00pm	Bridget Walsh (RIP)
Mon 15 Aug	Feria
9.15am	Agnelo, Louella, Darren & Steven Rodrigues (Ints)
Tue 16 Aug	Feria
9.15am	Margaret Perry (RIP)
Wed 17 Aug	Feria
9.15am	Holy Souls
Thu 18 Aug	St Helena, Widow
9.15am	Anne Hutton (Ints)
Fri 19 Aug	Feria
9.15am	Louella Rodrigues (Thanksgiving)
Sat 20 Aug	St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church
10.00am	Special Ints
6.00pm	Alice D'Arcy (RIP)
Sun 21 Aug	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
8.30am	Frank Murphy (RIP)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Paul & Sylvia Yamson (Ints)
Mon 22 Aug	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9.15am	Special Ints
Tue 23 Aug	St Rose of Lima
9.15am	Rosemary Abraham (Ints)

Wed 24 Aug	St Bartholomew, Apostle
9.15am	Fr Maurice Gordon (Ints)
Thu 25 Aug	Feria
9.15am	Special Ints
Fri 26 Aug	Feria
9.15am	Margaret Perry (RIP)
Sat 27 Aug	St Monica
10.00am	Special Ints
6.00pm	John English (RIP)
Sun 28 Aug	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
8.30am	Parish
10.00am	Natasha, Robin and family (Ints)
12.00pm	Guy Ambury (RIP) and Patricia Brooks (RIP)
Mon 29 Aug	The Passion of St John the Baptist
10.00am	Special Ints
Tue 30 Aug	Feria
9.15am	Erica Rodriguez (RIP)
Wed 31 Aug	Feria
9.15am	Margaret Perry (RIP)
Thu 1 Sept	St Sebba, King of the East Saxons (Diocesan Memorial)
9.15am	Sr Anne Marie (Ints)
Fri 2 Sept	Feria
9.15am	Padraig Hester (Ints)
Sat 3 Sept	St Gregory the Great, Priest, Doctor of the Church
10.00am	Marie-Noelle & Jimmy Coeur-de-Lion (Thanksgiving)
6.00pm	Fr Joe Dias (RIP)
Sun 4 Sept	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
8.30am	Michael Fitzgerald (RIP)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Abbas Saifi & Ahmad Faraz (Ints)

We pray for those in our parish community who are ill:

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Victoria Wyndham, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr & Mrs Charles, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Angelina Hoareau, Archie Garrod, Martin Keane, Masangela Tardioli, Alix Charlery, Natalie Rosario, Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati, Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, Anthony O'Boyle, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bill Walsh, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George & Issac, Luis & Lukas, Anne Hutton, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Padraig Hester, Regina Jose, Tony Keane

Morning Prayer:

Rosary:

Reconciliation (Confessions):

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45am

Weekdays after morning Mass

Sat. 10.30am – 11.00am. 5.00pm – 5.30pm. During these times the priest is in the Reconciliation Room, inside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left. Confessions are also available at other times on request; please call at the house.
