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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 31st July 2022

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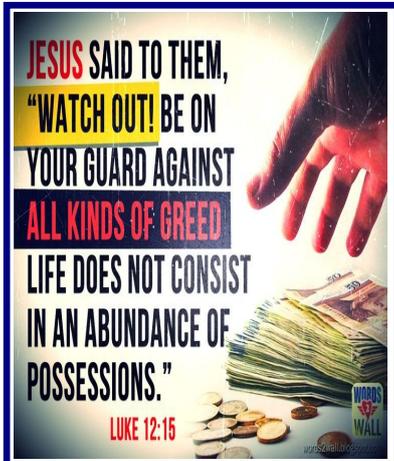
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Saturday 30th July

MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil: 18th Sunday

6.00pm

Sheila Hulme RIP

Sunday 31st July

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am

People of the Parish

10.30am

Harry Foley

Tuesday 2nd August

Feria

7.00pm

Pam Harris

Wednesday 3rd August

Feria

9.15am

Ralph Brown

Thursday 4th August

St John Vianney

9.15am

Mary Linehan

Friday 5th August

Feria

9.15am

Jeremy Catto

Saturday 6th August

Vigil: 19th Sunday

6.00pm

Paul Tissington RIP

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John

Mass Intentions: Please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Liturgy of the Word: 31st July 2022

Entrance Antiphon:

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm:

O Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to the next.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

Next week's Readings:

Wisdom 18:6-9, Psalm 32, Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12, Luke 12:35-40

Gospel Reflection

Our readings this week challenge the idea that success can only be measured by wealth and possessions. The gospel story of the foolish rich man makes clear what becomes of those who store up treasure for themselves rather than making themselves rich in what matters to God. The rich man, looking forward to years of plenty and taking things easy, does not know that he is going to die that very night, leaving everything behind him.

Jesus is telling us that we should not prioritise the accumulation of wealth during our lives but he is also teaching us that we should look to become rich "*in the sight of God*". We are called to move away from the accumulation of material wealth and towards fuller trust in God who made us in his image and likeness and renews us in that image through Jesus Christ. This is a process which St. Paul in our second reading refers to as putting on "*the new self*", which progresses towards the truth the more "*it is renewed in the image of its creator*".

With many people struggling to make ends meet at this time, those of us who have more will be invited to reflect on what we might be able to do to help those who are in serious need. We are challenged not to be like the man in the gospel who thinks only of building bigger and bigger barns to store his goods, without even considering sharing some of his wealth with the less fortunate.

This does not mean that prosperity is necessarily bad: on the contrary it is a blessing. However, it must never become our main aim in life, lest in our attachment to material things we turn away from the one who is the source of all prosperity and goodness.

"I ask you to ensure that humanity is served by wealth and not ruled by it". (Pope Francis)

Walsingham Pilgrimage

Bishop Philip Egan is leading a pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham on **Saturday 6th August**. There are coaches going from various points. See the poster at the back of church for further details or <https://prolifepilgrimage.org/>



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Led by Cardinal Vincent, this year's pilgrimage takes place on the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, **24th September**. The theme for this year's pilgrimage is *'Mary, Mother of Sorrows, Mother of Joy'*.



St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage across England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near them. For further details on when the relics will be in the Diocese of Westminster visit <http://www.stbernadette.org.uk/> or see the poster at the back of church.

It is worth noting the dates/times for Westminster Cathedral

The relics will arrive on Saturday 3rd September at 11am, and depart on Monday 5th September at 9:30am

Also, the dates/times for St Joseph's Church, Stevenage

The relics will arrive on Monday 17th October at 1pm, and depart on Tuesday 18th 8.15am

StreetWise Holiday Club-will be running this year at South Oxhey Baptist Church on **8th-12th August**.

Monday to Friday 10am-12:30pm. £4 for the week. Suitable for 6-11 years old. It is based on stories of Jesus from Luke's gospel. Call Linda on 020 8421 1542 to book. See poster at the back of the church. for further details.

Vincentian Volunteers are Catholic young people aged 18-35, from all over the world, who commit a year of their lives to the service of vulnerable people. During their year with us, they live in a community of three or four people and engage in voluntary work in partnership with other, well known charity organisations in order to help the impoverished, the homeless, the disabled, refugees and those suffering with addictions within the local community.

We are still recruiting for 2022/23 (September 2022 to July 2023) for more details

visit <https://www.vincentianvolunteers.org.uk>

Will You take the first Step? **CAFOD's Gap year programme**, Step into the Gap is a great opportunity for Young Adults aged between 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meeting new people. This is a chance to reflect on your role in global society while spending a year inspiring others to act for the poor and most marginalised. Based in the UK in a retreat centre or Catholic Secondary school with accommodation, travel and stipend included. Take the first step and find out more information and how to **apply for September 2022** go to cafod.org.uk/gapyear



Live saving cancer treatment for Jorge

The family of Jorge Varela have set up a gofundme page to help finance alternative treatments for Jorge's stage 3 pancreatic cancer. If you would like to support this cause then further details can be found in the link:

<https://gofund.me/90f93918>

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially

Helen Birch, Tom O'Connor, Bebe Ryan and Bernadette Cruickshank.

Offertory for Sunday 24th July

Envelopes £ 227.00
Loose Plate £ 204.56
Total £ 431.56

Monthly Standing orders for June 2022- £1,827.50

Many thanks