



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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31st July 2022

18th Sunday Year C

Regular Mass Times

Sunday	10.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07:30
Friday	09.00
Saturday (vigil)	18.00

Homily Notes

It would be easy to make the parable of the rich fool into a play. We would need only one actor, to take the role of the rich man. And we would need a second person, who does not need to appear, but who could speak from behind a screen, being the voice of God.

Now, imagine, if you were watching this play. What emotion would it leave you with?

For myself, I imagine it would leave me with a feeling of sadness. Because here we have a rich man, who has been blessed with a good harvest. But there is no gratitude, no recognition of the goods received, but only hectic activity to store and keep the harvest for himself.

There is no thought for God, no thought of sharing with his fellows, it is all about I and me.

Yes, it would be sad to watch this man, with all his riches, but totally alone, separated from God and his fellows.

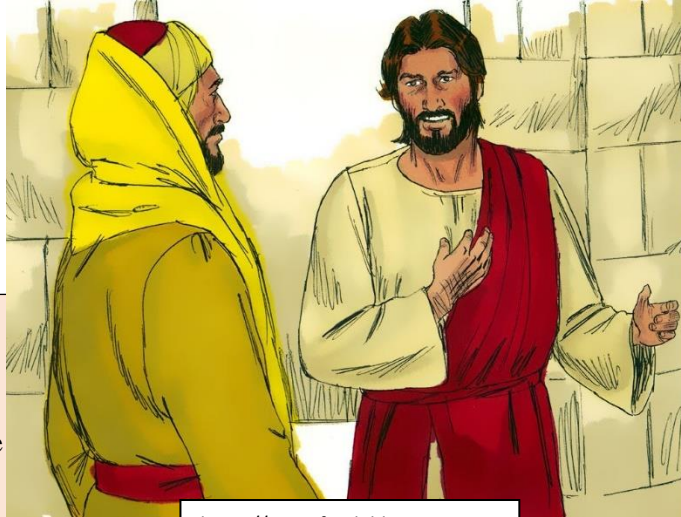
In the second part we will hear the voice of God, who calls him a 'fool', a word which is used in the Psalms for those who deny God. God reminds the rich fool that all his wealth does not offer him any security, he will die all the same, and of all his wealth he will take nothing.

Jesus is telling this parable as an illustration of his words: *'Watch and be on your guard against greed of any kind'*.

Greed is the desire to have more and more and never be satisfied. Greed is a serious issue.

Today's readings are inviting us to a change of heart: to be grateful for all that we have, and to be able to enjoy the little things, not to be obsessed with the latest gadgets, but to appreciate and enjoy what we have.

Ferdinand



<https://www.freebibleimages.org>

Mass Intentions

- Sa 30 : Mary Thompson
- Su 31 : George Duffy
- Mon 01: Parish
- Tue 02: Christopher Johnston
- Wed 03: Ann McNicholas
- Thur 04: Joan Graham
- Fri 05: Emma Dolan
- Sa 06: Nancy Farrell
- Su 31: Phillip Battle

Holiday Thoughts

Many of us are going on Holidays these days. I thought it might be opportune to share these thoughts by NT Wright, a

well-respected professor of the Bible. I

found them in Premier Christianity on line at

<https://www.premierchristianity.com/ask-nt-wright-anything/should-christians-go-on-expensive-holidays/13377.article>

It's worth reading. I would put them on this page but I am wary of copyright rules.

Terry

Deanery Synodal Council

Barbara Tolmie has generously accepted the mission to represent the parish on this new deanery council.

🙏🌸 Thank you, Barbara. 🌸🙏

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

With availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 11.00am to Noon

SVP Justice & Peace Group

Meeting at 6pm
Tuesday 2nd August
In the church .
All Welcome

Priestly Holidays

During the month of August, some members of the Hardy Street Community will be taking a well-earned rest with their families.

Fr. Ferdinand will be absent from 1st to 22nd August.

Cardinal Michael will be mostly absent for the whole month.

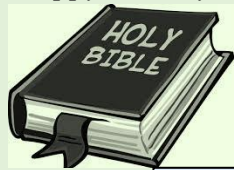
Silvesta will also be absent, on retreat and on holiday.

Charles and Terry will assure a permanence in their absence.

GOSPEL SHARING

With so many people being away for the month of August, the Gospel Sharing Group will take a break until the 7th September.

Happy Holidays



Lottery Results

17th July

01 04 06 08 10 13

(No winner)

Jackpot £1,550

Plastic Free July

Sunday is the last day of Plastic-Free July. I'm wondering how many of us took any notice. I can't say that I am happy with my own efforts at cleaning up the environment and cutting down on the use of plastic.

One thing I did do, however, is I bought 3 net bags at the supermarket. You know; the ones in which you can place your loose fruit and veg and avoid buying them in plastic bags which do not disappear before a thousand years in landfills!

The only problem is – **you have to remember to take them with you when you go shopping!!** It's like water bottles or flasks – non-plastic refills that you buy to avoid buying water in plastic bottles – and then leave them at home. How can an oldie like me save the planet?

At least, I can encourage people with good memories to make the change!

OFFERINGS

24th July

Envelopes £23.00

Plate £154.20

*Many thanks for
all your
contributions*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Annabel, Sheila & Mike, Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Kitty BAXTER, John BRAGGER, Christopher BROWNE, Lloyd CHUNG, Emma DLAN, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNNE, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Baby FRANKIE, Irene GREEN, Mary HASTIE, Mary HOWARD, Raymond JOYCE, Helen MARTLEY, Eddie McKENNA, Mary MELODY, Margaret MUCHMORE Cathy MURRAY, Ava RUDZINSKI, Eileen SALTERS, Jean TAYLOR, Camila WILD, John TAGUE, Mary THOMPSON

Also, for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Marian DAVIES, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Helen HARTLEY, Theresa HASTIE, Sarah Jane, Frances KERWIN, Madeleine McCANN & Family, Ian McNICHOLAS, Ann MOORE, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS, Cath WILSON

And for those who have died recently: Anita DELA CRUZ, Phillip BATTLE