

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A Fool and His Money

There’s an old saying that goes, “A fool and his money are soon parted.” If Jesus were to re-write the saying it might read, “A fool and his money are never parted.”

In today’s gospel, a rich landowner pulls down his barns and builds bigger barns in which to store wealth for his future. “You fool!” God says, “this very night your life is being demanded of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” Yes, it’s another of those lessons that target the rich. That’s all right then because none of us are particularly rich and so surely this lesson doesn’t apply to us. Or does it?

We’ve all worried about money at some time or another. We worry about university fees, the cost of getting married and the cost of keeping a roof over our heads. We worry about paying our bills and providing for our children. We worry about providing for our old age and the cost of keeping Great Aunt Ethel in a nursing home. We even worry about the cost of dying. Today Jesus warns us that in worrying about money we allow money and material wealth to exert some kind of hold over us. Everything we own possesses a little part of us. If we have a house, we are slave to a mortgage. If we own a car, we are slaves to maintaining it. Once we have finally struggled our way towards a healthy bank balance, we suddenly become afraid to spend it, let alone share it with the needy. Without knowing it, we can become penny pinching and greedy. We don’t need to be particularly rich to become as foolish as the landowner in today’s parable.

Today’s gospel isn’t a good excuse to rush out and blow the children’s school uniform budget on a palette of beer in a ‘let’s live for today for tomorrow we die’ mentality, but it is a good excuse for liberating ourselves from life’s financial burdens and living for a better reason.

Bitesize - “Wealth is the slave of a wise man. The master of a fool.”
~Seneca Roman dramatist, philosopher, & politician (5 BC - 65 AD)



PARISH PRAYER – Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word and a new consecration to your service, that your love might grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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 Diocesan Website – <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
 Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>
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4TH AUGUST 2019 – 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C

[18th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 3 rd Aug.	6.00 pm	18 th Sunday in Ord. Time [Parish Mass Book p117]	Priest’s Int.
Sun. 4 th Aug.	9.00 am 11.00 am		Gerald & Peggy Downes Priest’s Int.
Mon. 5 th Aug.	10.00 am	Feria	Anna Easton (Pam Mealy)
Tues. 6 th Aug.	-	The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)	No Mass today – PP’s day off
Weds. 7 th Aug.	10.00 am	Feria	Roger Cook (Wilkes)
Thurs. 8 th Aug.	10.00 am	St. Dominic	Anna Easton (S & D Gleaton)
Fri. 9 th Aug.	10.00 am	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Patron of Europe	Anna Easton (C. Salter)
Sat. 10 th Aug.	6.00 pm	19 th Sunday in Ord. Time	Mark Blows
Sun. 11 th Aug.	9.00 am 11.00 am		The People of the Parish Joao Lobo & Thanks

Music for 18th Sunday in Ord. Time – Setting: Belmont Mass (Memorial Acclam. 2)

Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 965 – As the deer pants for the water ...

Psalm: (6pm & 9am said) *R.*: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

(11am sung) *R.*: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Offertory: Hymn 795 – I heard the voice of Jesus say ...

Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 810 – There’s a wideness in God’s mercy ...

Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday at 5.30pm, or by request/appointment

The parish newsletter (incl. back copies) is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week.

Anniversaries this week: Harrington Garrett, Jack Filby, Iris Reavey, Patrick Thomas Warden, Pope Paul VI, Peggy Pratt, Sybilla Hopkins, Peggy Malone, Agnes Harmer, Andrew Browne, Frederick Faulkner and Betty Evans. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Hospital Visits: If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital (NNUH) or Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, King's Lynn (QEII), and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call either St. John's Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615) for visits to NNUH, or call the NNUH Hospital Chaplaincy direct on 01603 287470 for people needing urgent spiritual attention, or for visits to QEII Hospital, call Fr. Peter Rollings on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament or Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Robert Nicol, Eileen Brocklesby, Shirley Liebenhals, Catherine Carter and Alf Charlton.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £440.78 last weekend for the maintenance of our parish.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Mon. 5 th Aug.	2.00pm	Mother Teresa's knitting circle – Emmaus Room. New members always welcome to join in for a knit and natter over a cup of tea. Beginners especially welcome - no experience necessary.
Tues. 6 th Aug.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Weds. 7 th Aug.	6.30pm	Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Saturday Club - Please note that Saturday Club is now on summer break. Classes will resume in September. NB. There is no Saturday morning Mass during this time.		

Welcome to all our visitors during Summer months. It is always lovely to see and hear from our visitors during the Summer. You are very welcome here at Sacred Heart and I hope that you have a truly enjoyable time in Mid Norfolk. So much to see and enjoy!

Retreat at Ampleforth Abbey – Fr. Michael Johnstone will again be taking a group on a Retreat to Ampleforth, to be conducted by a Monk, from Monday, 16th to Friday 20th September. Cost £260-£275. Transport to be co-ordinated between those going. For further information contact Fr. Michael on 01603 664118 (late afternoons/evenings best).

Feast of the Transfiguration, 6th August: Vision and Motivation - Life without vision is like a ship without a rudder. As Christians we might have a vision of a world without poverty or war ... or simply the vision to improve the life of one other person. Vision is important if we want to stay motivated through life's 'lows'. The Feast of the Transfiguration invites us to stay motivated as disciples in the belief that we will one day enjoy the place God has prepared for each of us.

St Lawrence, 10th August - Saint Lawrence was martyred for outwitting a Roman prefect and for standing firm in the face of persecution. A saint with a modern-day message, from St Lawrence we learn to always stand against those who seek to destroy us and persecute us for our beliefs in Jesus Christ and His Church. With great confidence and fortitude, we too can overcome the challenges that stand before us. Throughout the world, many of us are being faced with a threat against our religious freedom. We must stand against such tyranny and battle for our freedoms. The feast of his martyrdom falls at the time of the Perseid Meteor shower. This spectacular astronomical phenomenon was known in past times as the "burning tears of St Lawrence". This year the best nights to view St Lawrence's Tears are on the 12th and 13th August.

Volunteers needed on-call to local Police Investigation Centres – The **Anglia Care Trust** is a local charity focused on supporting vulnerable young people and adults across Norfolk & Suffolk. The Trust is currently in the process of recruiting Appropriate Adults (AAs) based at local Police Investigation Centres in Aylsham and Kings Lynn. AAs support young people or vulnerable adults who have been detained in custody. AAs are independent of the Police, social care or solicitors. Full training is given. For anyone who is interested, there is an information sheet and application form at the back of church or you can find more information on the National Appropriate Adult Network (NAAN) website: <http://www.appropriateadult.org.uk>, or contact Lisa Miles on 01473 622888 or email LisaMiles@angliacaretrust.org.uk.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August 2019: Schools of True Human Growth - August is the best month for taking your foot of the 'work pedal' a bit and concentrating on family. Older member families won't be around forever, and if we are not careful, we will be left with regrets that we left things un-said. All too quickly our children grown up and leave the nest, and if we are not careful, we will have missed out on things we wished we had shared. The 'here and now' is the best time to celebrate family life. Family life is important. It's within our own families that we build each other's sense of value. It's within our own families that we grow stronger. It's within the family that our children learn what is important and what isn't. This month we are invited to share Pope Francis' prayer intention, "... *That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly 'schools of true human growth'.* "

The Angelus	
☩. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.	℟. <i>And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.</i> <i>Hail Mary ...</i>
☩. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.	℟. <i>Be it done unto me according to thy word.</i> <i>Hail Mary ...</i>
☩. And the Word was made flesh.	℟. <i>And dwelt among us.</i> <i>Hail Mary ...</i>
☩. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.	℟. <i>That we may be made worth of the promises of Christ.</i>
Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.	