



**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

**Response to the Psalm:** O Lord, you have been my refuge from one generation to the next.

**Second reading:** Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 12:13-21



**Dear Parishioners**

What is life all about? What's the meaning of it all. This is the underlying and perennial question for everyone. It is a question raised insistently by the readings at Mass this week. The rich landowner in today's Gospel parable is simply concerned to make the most of the exceptional harvest for his own comfort. He is totally self-centred. 'I' and 'me' form the refrain of his soliloquy. He does not consider anyone else, nor reflect that death, whenever it comes, will deprive him of his wealth and pass it to others.

This attitude is familiar enough today. Our global market economy sees us all as producers and consumers, linked together simply by money, and the prevailing culture regards all truths as relative and the affirmation of spiritual realities as a quaint personal fad. It is easy to be seduced by all this. True, there is a widespread hunger for religion, expressed in New Age cults and the somewhat brittle certainties of exclusive sects. And these witness to the abiding human need, but too often these 'faiths' depend on vague legends or fashions of spirituality, or on strong personalities whose 'gospels' turn out to be fraudulent.

One recurring theme in Saint Luke's Gospel is Jesus' practical compassion for all, especially the poor. 'Be on your guard against all kinds of greed,' he says, because this destroys human companionship. Remember Dives, who did not even notice poor Lazarus at his door.

Our life, the truly human life, 'does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Instead, it is found in those whose 'life is hidden with Christ in God,' and who can consequently share something of his all-embracing love.

**God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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**18<sup>th</sup> Week of Year(C)**

**Week commencing Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

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## Masses

Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> July	5.00pm	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (C)	Anthony Kilburn RIP
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> July	10.30am	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (C)	Richard Flynn RIP
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug			
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug			People of Ukraine
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug			
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug		St. John Vianney (m)	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug			Private Intention
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	5.00pm	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (C)	Sarah Lamb RIP
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.30am	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (C)	Marcello Manca RIP

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

### Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell,

### Those who have recently died: .

Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath, Nell Bridge.

Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli.

## Information

### Weekly Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority. Here are a few of the expenses for the coming year:

- Diocesan Levy     £5,500 p.a.
- Building's upkeep     £36,000.00
- Insurance     £3,744.77 p.a.

At times the second collection will be for other charities and the details of these will be placed in the bulletin.

### Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass said on a particular date please note that currently we are booked up at least a month in advance so please can you give us plenty of notice. Many thanks.

### Graveyard Water Tap

Unfortunately, we have had to disconnect the water tap in the graveyard due to leaks. We hope to get this repaired as soon as finances allow. In the meantime, please remember to bring water with you when changing flowers etc. on graves. We apologise for any inconvenience.

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