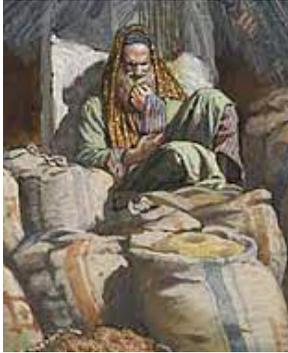


St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

18th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER



The Deadly Sin of Avarice

Our Lord teaches us in today's Gospel (Luke 12:13-21) that it is the height of folly to put all our efforts into gaining the things of this world while making no preparations for Heaven. If we are wise we won't place all our trust in earthly vain things because we don't know how long we will have to enjoy them. The rich man in today's **Parable of the Rich Fool** did not use the goods God had put his way to accumulate true and lasting wealth in Heaven. His foolishness lay in the fact that he was to die that very night, leaving all his earthly goods for someone else, while he himself would be left with nothing. As the Book of Ecclesiastes says in the First Reading (2:21-23), a man who has nothing but money to show at the end of his life is a fool, because he can't take his wealth with him when he dies. Someone else is going to get it. That's why St Paul says in the Second Reading, "*Let your thoughts be on **heavenly** things, not on the things that are on the earth*" (Colossians 3:2).

Avarice, also called greed or covetousness, is one of the Seven Deadly Sins and is an inordinate love of riches. Of course, we need money and material goods to live in this world, but when they become our main focus they can lead us into trouble. No matter how much money a person might have, avarice can lead to **sins of omission**. God commands us to practice **charity**, but the avaricious person will give away only the smallest part of his or her goods with great difficulty, and the more avaricious a person is, the more goods they seek to acquire. Charity can be left to others they think. St Paul says, "*the love of money is the root of all evils*" (1 Tim 6:10) because it can so easily result in many other sins such as cheating, stealing and even murder. And on some occasions acquiring riches can cause great suffering to others. But most of the time the desire to acquire or possess goods is not a mortal sin, but left unchecked, it could lead to it.

To rid ourselves of a vice we practice the opposite virtue. So in the case of avarice we neutralise it by practising **generosity**. While money and certain possessions are essential to live, we must always

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St John Vianney

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Derek Whymark
May he rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Norman Boyce
Andy T Tchorzewski
Pina Stanyard
Ruby Campbell
Bertie Bryne
Mary Comery-Lange
June Gibson
Antonietta Alibiniano
Heather Saunders
Editha Castillo

PLEASE NOTE

Due to government regulations regarding personal data (UK-GDPR), we are not able to publish name details of Mass intentions for the living in this online version of the newsletter.

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat 30th Vigil Mass
6.00pm For the Parish

Sun 31st Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am Deceased members of the Galvin & Thurland families
11.15am Derek Whymark (RIP)
4.00pm **No Italian Mass**

Mon 1st St Alphonsus Liguori (Memoria)
9.15am Pinchbeck & Knudsen families (RIP)

Tues 2nd St Peter Julian Eymard (Memoria)
9.15am Greg O'Connor (RIP)

Weds 3rd Feria
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary (in church)*
6.30pm Betty Faulks (RIP) **NO PUBLIC MASS**

Thurs 4th St John Vianney (Memoria)
9.15am Greg O'Connor (RIP)

Fri 5th Dedication of St Mary Major (Memoria) (First Friday)
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm For our Deceased Relatives & Friends

Sat 6th The Transfiguration (Feast) (Five First Saturdays devotion)
10.00am Editha Castillo (RIP, Anniversary) **PUBLIC MASS**
10.30am *Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions*
-11.30pm *Wedding*
6.00pm **Vigil Mass:** Heather Saunders (RIP, Anniversary)

Sun 7th Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am Antonia Padalino (RIP)
11.15am For the Parish
4.00pm **No Italian Mass**

This week at St Mary's

Tues 2nd Bible Study: A Letter from Prison - 7.00pm, Library

Weds 3rd No Latin Mass this week.

Sat 6th Benediction will be at 11.30am and not 12.30pm due to a wedding at 1pm.

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remember they are a means to an end. There are a number of famous stories about the saints and their generosity. For example, **St Nicholas** (270-342) helped a poor man provide dowries for his three daughters who would otherwise have gone into prostitution to support themselves, by throwing bags of gold into the man's house on three separate occasions. And then there was **St Martin of Tours** (316-397) who saw a beggar shivering in the snow, cut his cloak in two and gave him the one half. That night Christ appeared to him wearing the cloak he had given away and praised him for his generosity.

So let us always remember that **nothing we possess is really ours but is given by God to benefit us and others**. **St Basil** (330-379), writing on this Parable of the Rich Fool says we must consider ourselves stewards of everything God has given us. The man in the parable treats his wealth as if it's all for him. He never even stops to consider whether God has blessed him so that he could bless others. Of course, generosity to the poor is not the only thing upon which we will be judged, but it will certainly help on that day when we stand before the Judgement seat of Our Lord. Every act of charity we perform **in a state of grace** during our earthly life will testify on our behalf when we stand before His Throne.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Grub Club is open! Three days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday **until 11th August**. 11am to 2pm at the United Reformed Church, Frederick Street. Lunch and activities for families with young children. For more information call Eileen Smith: 07855 456375.

The New Dawn in the Church, a Catholic Family Pilgrimage Conference, is taking place from **Monday 1st until Friday 5th August** at the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. More information can be found in the video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BHK2b6mqeI or at www.newdawn.org.uk.

Talking Philosophy: a Carmelite Perspective – Reading & Discussion Zoom Group open to all meets on **Wednesday 3rd August**, at 8.00pm until 10.00pm. More information is available on the noticeboard.

St Anthony of Padua: You may have noticed he is missing from the church. He is neither damaged nor stolen. He's gone on holiday to Liverpool for a repaint. We hope to have him back within 6 to 8 weeks.

Fr Paul

VACANCIES

The NDCYS (Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service) continues to push the boundaries and explore new ways of delivering engaging and accessible Catholic Youth Ministry to the young people it serves. From October they are seeking a new **Director of Youth Services** to drive their work forward and to ensure the service delivery meets the needs of young people. For more information visit www.ndcys.com. A full job description is available on the parish website ('news' section).

A vacancy has arisen for a **Prison Chaplain at HMP Stocken**, just off the A1 in Rutland (Stamford parish). More details can be found by following the link: : <https://justicejobs.tal.net/vx/mobile-0/appcentre-1/brand-13/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/3/opp/61887-61887-Roman-Catholic-Priest-or-Deacon-or-Brother-Sister-Lay-Person/en-GB>



St Anthony of Padua

Prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Leader: Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.

All: O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved.

Leader: Bless our families. Bless our children.

All: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.

Leader: Mary, Queen of the Clergy!

All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

St Bernadette Relic Tour: In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will be visiting England, Scotland and Wales for the very first time. The relics will be visiting Nottingham diocese on **6th October** at St Bernadettes, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe, between 8am and 5pm, and at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham **from 6.30pm on 6th October until 10.30am on 7th October**. You are advised to make a reservation as demand will likely be high. See the website stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/. There is a poster on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

Becoming a Catholic: If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic, or if you are already Catholic and would like to learn more about the Faith, a new RCIA group will commence in September. We usually meet on alternate Thursday evenings in the library. This course would also be suitable for adults preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact Fr Paul.

Please note that the office will be open on Friday mornings only during August.



From the Saints

"Death will rob you of all your earthly possessions; your works good and bad, will alone accompany you beyond the tomb."

(Venerable Louis of Granada, 1504-1588)

Synod: Further to the National Synthesis Document (circulated on 29th June), the Bishops of England and Wales have now issued their Bishops' Reflection on the Synodal National Synthesis Document, a copy of which is available on the parish website.

Parish Census: If you have not already done so, please return your completed census form to the presbytery without delay. The details you provide are for parish purposes only: they will be held securely and only the priests and authorised staff will have access to them.

Marie Brookes will be selling her cakes, jams etc after both Masses **this Sunday** with the proceeds going to Aid to the Church in Need.

Derek Whymark's Funeral Mass will be held at St Mary's on Thursday **11th August** at 11am.

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £675 (of which £193 was gift-aided)

Standing orders: £800 @30/06 (of which £664 was gift-aided)

Attendance: 287

Thank you
