

**Please pray for those who have recently died:** Anthony Baquiran whose funeral will take place on Tuesday 9th August at 11.30am. His body will be received the evening before at 5.30pm.

**...and for those whose anniversaries occur in July:** Donald Holifield, Billy Mundersley, Eleen McNally, Billy Munnely, Bob, Peggy Clarke, Prisca Magno Rodrigues and Teo Reynoso.

**Memorial list:** If you would like a deceased family member or friend to be remembered in the bulletin during the month of the anniversary of their death please email their name to: [stanthonypop.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stanthonypop.oxford@rcaob.org.uk). **Please contact the Parish Office with the names of those to be included whose deaths occurred in the month of August.** There is no need to do so if their names were on the list in 2021.

**Online prayer & faith resources.** A range of resources is given on our parish website [stanthonypadua.org.uk/resources/](http://stanthonypadua.org.uk/resources/).

**Keeping in touch.** We send a weekly *Bulletin* by email: please let us know if you would like to join our email list and forward the bulletin to anybody who may be interested. We have a *WhatsApp* group. Let Shalini Lalvani know (via the parish email address) if you would like to

#### Date for your diary:

**Pilgrimage to MEDJUGORJE.** 26th September –3rd October 2022. £695 half board. Flights from Gatwick. For details contact Joseph: 07748638402 or Kirsten: 07538147505 or Lisa: 07896946039

#### And thank you.....

...to Dominic for arriving extra early to his car park duty so that the contractors could paint the carpark markings.

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil reader	Ann Robson	Bill Mansell
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	May Macpherson	Rajesh Paul
10:00 am	Edmund Henry	Michael Onobhayedo
Altar Flowers	Lidia Molinska	Kit Adlington

## St Anthony of Padua, Oxford

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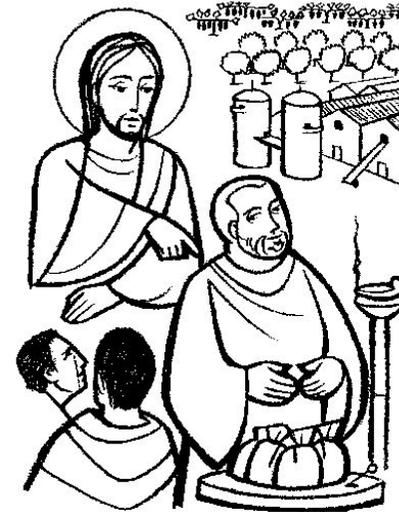
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**31st July 2022**

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**



#### REFLECTION

"Vanity of vanities, all is vanity" says the teacher. If we brought nothing into the world, in the same way we shall take nothing out of it. If everything is useless, all our labours, endeavours, wealth etc. Then, what is the value of life?. The answer is: only God can give us happiness.

Thus, this is the point Jesus is making in today's Gospel of Luke 12:13-21. Let the pursue of mundane things not block our view of the eschatological realities. Our happiness should not be "hic et nunc" (here and now) like the rich fool. Our earthly possession should be a means to achieve our end; that is to live happily with God in the next life. But greed prevent us from achieving this happiness.

Greed does not refer only to the excessive desire for wealth, but also for status and power. If money is addictive, power is more addictive. What we see today in our world of politics is

the vivid example of this. Getting hold of a position of power is the obsession of greedy persons. To have political power is the guarantee of security of one's wealth and fortune. And once power is acquired, their main preoccupation is holding on to power, by hook or by crook – mostly by crook. It is not surprising, therefore, that the most common symbol adopted by dictators is a closed hand, a clenched fist – a hand that is unwilling to give, always wants to get, to hold on to something never to let go, and all too ready to inflict harm on anyone who gets in its way. Consequently, the system of patronage, guns, cheating, vote buying, political dynasty and all kinds of crooked ways have become institutionalized in the developing countries. Their entire political system is corrupted. When monies are stolen from these countries they laundered them in the developed countries banks with no question asked. The only way to bring back sanity and moral order in our world's political system is conversion of hearts. Unless we are spiritually enlightened and morally upright, we will continue to be mundane in our actions.

**Today's Readings:** Eccles1:2;2:21-23; Ps 89; Colossians3:1-5,9-11; Luke 12:13-21

**Responsorial Psalm:** O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

**Next Sunday:** Wisdom 18:6-9; Ps 32; Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19; Luke 12:32-48.

#### Mass Times:

Mon—Fri 9.00am.

Saturday: 9am; Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday: 8.30am; 10am

Adoration & Confession

Saturday 5.30—6.15p.m.

## NOTICES:

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection next weekend for the Mission Appeal. We welcome Fr Samuel Agbeme, SMA, of the Society of African Mission who will be making the appeal.

**PARISH FINANCES:** The Parish Annual Finance Report for 2021 is now available and will be discussed briefly after the notices this weekend.

**PART TIME POSITION IN PARISH OFFICE:** We need part time help in the parish office (6 flexible hours/week). £11/hour. General admin work. Job description available from parish office and more details from Fr Emmanuel.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH CAR PARK:** If you could spare some time to help monitor the correct use of the carpark for an hour or so a week please contact one of the priests for more information. The volunteers are needed during the working day, but the exact timings would be flexible. At the moment this duty is being fulfilled by a single individual and so please help if you can.

**RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults):** If you are discerning to become Catholic: maybe you have not been baptised at all or baptised in Church of England (Anglican) or already baptised in the Catholic church but has not received the sacrament of confirmation, you may want to join our RCIA programme. Please contact Fr Emmanuel.

**Please pray for the sick and housebound of the parish:** Fr John Baggley, Elizabeth Johnson, Frank and Helen Kennedy, Margaret Wipp, Maureen O'Sullivan, Gordon Robson and Pat Hodson.

**Offertory Contribution:** In addition to the weekly envelope offerings and the card reader there are other ways to contribute to the parish. If you do online banking, consider a monthly gift by Standing Order. You can set it up yourself or request for a Bank Standing Order form for you to complete and return to us or send directly to your bank.

**MASS INTENTIONS** or the names of those for whom you would like us to pray should be sent to the Parish Office address by email or phone (01865 762964 or 07484 271876) by 10am Sunday one full week in advance for guaranteed inclusion.

## Last Sunday Collection

First collection	Total
Loose Collection	£295.03
Gift Aid Envelopes	£30.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£20.00
Online giving via website	£80.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£425.03</b>
Votive candles	£42.35

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 30th July	Weekday Feria	9:00am	Aldreena D'Couta, INT
	Vigil Mass	6:30pm	Heldgald Basiima, Pulikeria, RIP
Sunday 31st July	18th Sunday Ordinary Time	8:30pm	Julia Taylor RIP
		10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 1st August	St Alphonsus Mary	9:00am	Collette Logan, RIP
Tuesday 2nd August	Weekday Feria	9:00am	Bridget Donnellan, RIP
Wednesday 3rd August	Weekday Feria	9:00am	Betty Hedderman, RIP
		1.00pm	John Radcliffe Hospital Chapel
Thursday 4th August	St John Mary Vianney	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory
Friday 5th August	Weekday Feria	9:00am	Maureen Largey, RIP
Saturday 6th August	The Transfiguration of	9:00am	Deidre Flynn
	Vigil Mass	6:30pm	Donor's INT
Sunday 7th August	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Rev Michael O'Flynn, C SSR

**Gift-Aid:** If you pay Income Tax in the UK, please consider Gift-Aiding your donation to the parish. In this scheme the government give the church extra 25p on every pound you give. Example: if any tax-payer gives the church £100 donation for the year, the church will claim from the government extra £25 without any extra cost to the person. It's like giving £125 by that person. Help the Church to get the extra cash from the government. Please ask for the gift-aid form or bank standing order form. Forms are available at the back of the Church.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT OFFERINGS:** A reminder that an offering can be made for the sanctuary light to be dedicated to your intention for a week, which would be noted in the bulletin. Forms are available at the back of church.