

The week ahead...

Saturday 30 July Saturday of Ordinary Time 17	5:00pm	Mass: Arthur Crooks and pro populo
Sunday 31 July 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Monday 01 August <i>St Alphonsus de Liguori Bishop, Doctor</i>	10:45am	Requiem Mass for Sally Thompson
Tuesday 02 August Tuesday of Ordinary Time 18		
Wednesday 03 August <i>St Oswald, King, Martyr</i>	9:30am	Mass: Jack Wilkinson
Thursday 04 August <i>St John Vianney, Priest</i>	9:30am	Mass: McGough and Duffy Families
Friday 05 August Friday of Ordinary Time 18	7:00am	Mass: Private Intention
Saturday 06 August <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	5:00pm	Mass: Anne Keenan and pro populo



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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

31 July, 2016

"A man's life is not made secure by what he owns..."

AS WORLD YOUTH DAY in Krakow, Poland comes to an end I have been reflecting on the experience I had in 2013 when I travelled to World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro with several hundred young people from my home diocese of Parramatta. What a trip! World Youth Day (WYD) was certainly a moving experience and there were many highlights of the experience in Rio de Janeiro: the Opening Mass, the catechesis sessions, the Stations of the Cross, the Vigil and Final Mass to name just a few. For the youth in attendance, it was an experience which deepened their faith and their oneness with God and God's people.

But it is often the activities which occur before the main WYD events which provide insight, substance and meaning to the experience as a whole. Such was the case for the pilgrims in the few days we spent working in a poor area of Lima, Peru. In fact, whilst the pilgrims enjoyed the WYD time in Rio and wouldn't have missed it for the world, many I spoke to said their time in Lima was the highlight of their time away.

What made it such a powerful experience? In a word: people. For the vast majority of our Parramatta pilgrims, this was the first time they had connected in a real way with people who live in poverty. Some of our pilgrims worked on painting and putting the final touches to ten houses our diocese had donated and organised to be constructed in readiness for our arrival whilst other pilgrims worked in schools in the area attended by children drawn primarily from this poor area of Lima. Yet what surprised our pilgrims the most was the fact that despite a lack of material wealth and the basic resources we take for granted, nothing could dampen the sheer happiness radiated by these people, a happiness which was clearly inherent in these people and not something manufactured for our visit.

I think this was a true revelation for us as pilgrims. Most of us have more than enough modern conveniences and luxuries, many of which can only be imagined by the people we met. For them, clean running water, a sewerage system, reliable electricity and modern communications are either non-existent or sporadic, resources we take for granted. Yet the people radiated a joy which made us reflect on what makes us truly happy. As a result of our visit, we had to conclude that the source of true happiness and fulfilment is to be found not in material wealth but in community and the gift of God we are to each other. It is a lesson none of us will forget.

This weekend's Gospel illustrates this for us beautifully. As we hear the parable of the rich man who put his faith in his wealth, let us heed the words of Jesus to make ourselves rich in the eyes of God, a lesson which our fortunate pilgrims learned from the illustration given us by the beautiful poor of Lima.

Blessings and prayers in the week ahead,

Fr Robert



Ministries for this week Saturday 30 July

Eucharistic Ministers:
Gordon & Angela Tosley
Angela Harmston

Readers:
Judith Bulmer
Marie Pailey

Children's Liturgy:
No Children's Liturgy until school resumes in Sept.

Welcomers:
Janet Harrigan
Halina Holman

Ministries for next week Saturday 06 August

Eucharistic Ministers:
Andrew Aberdeen
Malcolm and Teresa Wass

Readers:
Angela Tosley
Ann Canavan

Children's Liturgy:
No Children's Liturgy until school resumes in Sept.

Welcomers:
Janet Harrigan
Pat Middleton

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £251 Loose Plate: £209

Total: £460

Mass Attendance: 149

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Have you an item for the parish bulletin? Please contact Judith Bulmer on 0191 378 3544 or 07980 481 858 or send an email to her at judithbulmer@rocketmail.com.

Please remember in your prayers people who are sick and housebound in the parish....

Tom Taylorson, Sylvia Kelly, Marie Carey, Mary Spears, Rose Crick, Maureen McCrann, Teresa Parkin, Doreen Carroll, Marie Wilson, Dorothy Dowdle, Jean O'Donoghue, Margaret Pouton, Betty Allison, Michael Kane, Pat Harrison, Ohwyn Morris and Tom Tracey.

Thank you...to our cleaning team of Irene, Mary and Geraldine who have so faithfully kept our church looking its best for so long and who have recently decided to "hang up their dusters". A new team will be starting this week and I thank them too for their willingness to serve. Thank you all!

Emailed Bulletin – If you would like to have the parish bulletin emailed to you each week please email Judith (details opposite) and you will be added to the mailing list. Parish Council minutes are also available electronically.

What's going on...?

Sally Thompson RIP: The Requiem Mass for Sally Thompson will be celebrated here at St Patrick's on Monday, 01 August, at 10:45am. Burial to follow at Meadowfield Cemetery. Please continue to keep the family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

Marisa Oudnie RIP: The Requiem Mass for Marisa Oudnie of Meadowfield, will be celebrated here at St Patrick's on Thursday, 04 August, at 1:30pm. Burial to follow at Meadowfield Cemetery. As with Sally Thompson, please continue to keep the family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

Changes to Mass times: Please keep a close eye on the back of the bulletin over the coming weeks for changes to Mass times. These changes begin next week and will continue through to mid-September whilst I am on leave. The Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm will remain unaffected.

Noticeboards: The noticeboards at the entrance to the church are always worthwhile viewing for news and events. Plenty of activity is happening around the diocese - so much that it cannot always find space here in the bulletin! Also, if you have something to place on the noticeboard, please do not place it there without seeing me first. This will ensure that we use the noticeboard space most effectively.

Weekday Mass Intentions: I will be returning home to Australia for a few weeks from mid-August to mid-September. During this time all weekday Masses will be replaced by services of the Word with communion. Saturday evening Mass will still be celebrated. This means that weekday Mass intentions cannot be offered during this time, though persons can, of course, be prayed for during these weekday services in the bidding prayers. Applies from 19 August to 14 September (inclusive).

Ushaw Moor Catholic Club: The Catholic Club is available for birthday parties and wedding anniversaries as well as receptions after weddings and funerals. For more information, phone 07519 672 570 and, if need be, leave a message.

Ushaw College: During the summer the college is open every Saturday from 12:00noon until 5:00pm.

Celebrating the Mercy of God: In this Jubilee Year of Mercy there is to be an interfaith gathering with short talks by Mrs Hengameh Ashraf Emami, Professor Karen Kilby and Rabbi Aaron Lipsey. These talks will be at the Cardinal Hume School, Gateshead NE9 6RZ, on Wednesday, 21 September, 7:00 – 8:30pm. For further information please contact the Department for Spirituality (0191) 243 3302 or spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk.

Pope Francis' Mission Statement for August: "True mercy, the mercy God gives to us, demands justice; it demands that the poor find the way to be poor no longer."

The Kids' Bulletin

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 31st, 2016

Use the code at the bottom to find out what the rich farmer in today's Gospel wasn't thinking about.



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Jesus teaches us not to be greedy



In today's Gospel reading, a man tells Jesus that his brother is being unfair to him. But Jesus knows that the man is just being greedy, so He tells him the parable of the rich farmer. One year he had such a good harvest that he couldn't fit it all into his barns. He tore down his old barns and built new ones, so that he could store his food for many years. But just when he thought he would be able to rest and enjoy his food, God told him that he would die.

This parable is a warning against being greedy. Jesus is not saying that we should not save some food or that we shouldn't save our money. He is just telling us to remember that we are going to die one day, and then everything we saved is going to be useless for us. He wants us to use the things we have wisely, but not be too attached to them.



Think of something that is really special to you. How would you feel if you lost it or it was taken away? Do your feelings show that you care too much about things? Try to think of your belongings in such a way that if you lost them you wouldn't be too upset. After all, none of your stuff is going to matter to you when you die!

Answer to Puzzle on front page: Blessed are the poor in spirit.
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SAINT OF THE WEEK

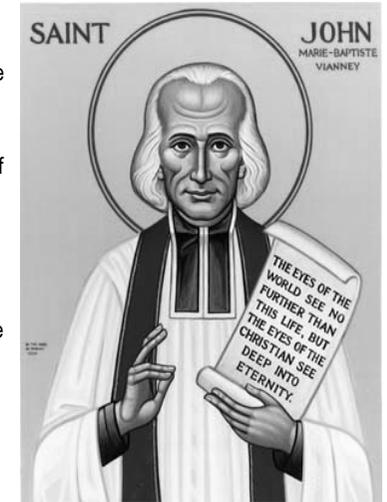
St John Mary Vianney - 04 August

St John Vianney is the patron of priests. Universally known as the "Curé of Ars", John Mary Vianney was born in 1786 and ordained a priest in 1815. He was the son of a peasant farmer. He was not a good student and struggled with his studies, but he persisted and was ordained more on account of his devoutness rather than any achievement or promise. Three years after ordination he was made parish priest of Ars, a remote French village, where his reputation as a confessor and director of souls made him known throughout the Christian world. He stayed in this parish for the remainder of his life.

His life was one of extreme mortification. Accustomed to the most severe austerities, beleaguered by swarms of penitents, and besieged by the devil, this great mystic manifested an imperturbable patience. He was a wonderworker loved by the crowds, but he retained a childlike simplicity, and he remains to this day the living image of the priest after the heart of Christ. He heard confessions of people from all over the world for sixteen hours each day. His life was filled with works of charity and love. It is recorded that even the staunchest of sinners were converted at his mere word.

The French State recognised his eminence by awarding him the Légion d'Honneur in 1848, and he sold it and gave the money to the poor.

He died 04 August, 1859, and was canonised 31 May, 1925.



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DID YOU KNOW...?

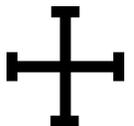
...that there are seven petitions in the Lord's Prayer which we pray each time we attend Mass?

These seven petitions are outlined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (s.2803-2806). The first three petitions carries us towards God (thy name, thy kingdom, thy will) whilst the second series offers up our own expectations ("give us...forgive us...lead us not...deliver us"). These petitions go up from us and concern us at this present time in the present world, in recognition of our need for the loving mercy of God.

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"All rational creatures, whether angels or men, have within them the capacity to love. In the exercise of the power of knowledge God must ever remain incomprehensible. Whereas in the exercise of love he may be fully comprehended."

From "The Cloud of Unknowing", an anonymous spiritual work written in the late 14th century.



PLEASE PRAY FOR...two couples who were married here at St Patrick's last weekend: Daniel Twinn and Alison Rowland, and Martin Bonner and Alexandra Crowe. May their marriages be strong and fruitful. Please pray too for Jacob Clough, baptised here earlier today.