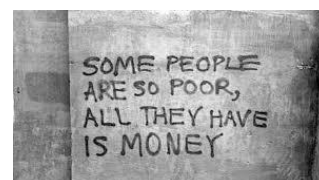




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**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**31st July 2022**

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for August:** *For small businesses* - We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

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| <b>Sun 31st</b>  | (Sat) 6 p.m.<br>9.00 a.m.<br>11.00 a.m.     | D P Rebello R.I.P.<br>P Costello R.I.P.<br>L & P Perillo R.I.P. O Obiora R.I.P. & Family Int | <b>NO EVENING MASS</b>                           |
| <b>Mon 1st</b>   | St Alphonsus Liguori                        | B Moran R.I.P.   |  |
| <b>Tues 2nd</b>  | Feria                                       | G Fernandes Thanks   |  |
| <b>Wed 3rd</b>   | Feria                                       | 7 p.m. B Alvares Int   |  |
| <b>Thurs 4th</b> | St John Vianney                             | Fr Albert Int  | <b>Exposition until 11 a.m.</b>                  |
| <b>Fri 5th</b>   | Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major | M & R Mascarenhas R.I.P.   | <b>First Friday Devotion 7 p.m.</b>              |
| <b>Sat 6th</b>   | Transfiguration of the Lord                 | J Leatham R.I.P.   | <b>Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. &amp; 5.15 p.m.</b> |

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### **Rich in whose sight?**

-- Love not wealth --

**Today's Gospel** points at how we can get caught up in what we own and what people have. It's about possessions and how they take us over- or how we react when we lack what we once had. We enjoy wealth but we have a mixed reaction to it.

Saint Ignatius mentioned three obstacles to our faith -wealth, honour, pride. He saw from his own experience that people wanted wealth so that they would be highly thought of

**- it can be the right school, - the right address, - the right bank.**

We have pride in what we have, but as we know, things can change very quickly. Shares go down; you may become ill or die.

The battle is between being rich in the sight of the world and being rich in the sight of God. The opposites of these obstacles are simplicity, integrity, and humility. Humility is pride in who we are - children of God, brothers and sisters to each other, and accepting ourselves just as we are. We need nothing outside of ourselves to make us feel good about ourselves. This too is simplicity. **What we have is a gift, given to us for the good of the world, the community, the neighbourhood, not just for the good of the self.**

**And in the end, what matters is that we are judged on love not on wealth. Or if we have had wealth, we will be judged on what we did with it. It can lead us away from God very easily. Do we live like him? Be rich in God - in mercy, love, forgiveness and justice.**

**Lord, may your kingdom of justice and peace  
 come on earth.**

- **St. John Vianney**, sometimes called the Cure of Ars where he was parish priest for many years writes in one of his sermons and instructions. *Prayer is nothing more than union with God when the heart is united with God it is consoled and filled with sweetness; it is dazzled by a marvellous light. In this intimate union God and the soul are like two pieces of wax moulded into one; they cannot be anymore separated. As for ourselves, how often we come to church without thinking what we are going to do or for what we are going to ask. And yet when we go to call on someone, we have no difficulty in remembering why it was we came. Some appear as if they were about to say to God: "I am just going to say a couple of words so I can get away quickly." I often think that when we come to adore our Lord we should get all we ask if we asked for it with a lively faith and a pure heart.*

- **Fr Albert** will not be available on Monday evenings for the month of August.

- **Friday is First Friday.** Devotion to the Sacred Heart beginning at 7 p.m. *Do you have an hour to spare to join us in prayer? All are welcome!*

- If you are planning to get married in this parish or elsewhere you will need to give the parish **at least six months' notice.** Engaged couples can find up to date information on Marriage Preparation Courses in the diocese at [www.rcdow.org.uk/pastoralaffairs/marriageandfamilylife](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/pastoralaffairs/marriageandfamilylife)



*We wish all who are going away safe Journey and a well-deserved Holiday.*

- **Can you Help?** An elderly lady from the Neasden area is looking for transport to the 11 a.m. Mass. If you can help please let us know.

- **Summer Outings:** Ramsgate 24th August booking forms are available in the porch. Please return form with payment in an envelope.

### Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify us.  
 Body of Christ, save us.  
 Blood of Christ, inebriate us.  
 Water from the side of Christ, wash us.  
 Passion of Christ, strengthen us.  
 O Good Jesus, hear us.  
 Within Thy wounds hide us.  
 Suffer us not to be separated from thee.  
 From the malicious enemy defend us.  
 In the hour of our death call us.  
 And bid us come unto Thee,  
 That with all Thy saints,  
 we may praise thee  
 Forever and ever. Amen

- **Saturday 6th** we remember **The Transfiguration of the Lord.** On his way to Jerusalem from Galilee we are told that Jesus went up a high mountain with Peter, James and John. There he was changed – his robes white as snow and his body brilliant with light. A voice was heard from heaven: this is my Son in who I delight. Jesus is our brother but more importantly God's own Son and he shares his life with those who believe in him.

- Please note there will be **no Newsletter** during the month of August.
- Mass Intentions will be on Noticeboard.



### Last Week's Collection:

Envelope: £1639 Loose Plate: £596

Contactless: £114

Building Fund: £180

**You can now donate to the Building Fund using contactless**

### The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,  
**R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**  
 Hail Mary, etc...  
 V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
**R. Be it done unto us according to Your Word.**  
 Hail Mary, etc...  
 V. And the Word was made flesh,  
**R. And dwelt among us.**  
 Hail Mary, etc...  
 V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
**R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**  
 Let us pray:  
**Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,**  
**Your Grace into our hearts;**  
**that as we have known the incarnation of Christ,**  
**your Son by the message of an angel,**  
**so by His passion and cross**  
**we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.**  
**Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.**