

FR CHRIS' THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY

We all know about the ancient polytheistic religions such as those of Greece and Rome with the worship of many Gods and the worship of such things as the sun or the moon and we wonder how they could have been so easily deceived or fall for such superstitions. We wonder how people could confuse the finite for the infinite limited for the unlimited. We may laugh but we cannot escape so easily as our readings tell us.

Do we not create our own idols or false Gods and in effect do the same things as they did? Saint Paul warns the Colossians about various idols but most especially about falling into greed which he describes as worshipping a false idol because when we suffer from greed, we put material things in the place of God; we make things that are not God divine. What a foolish thing to do, yet we do it!

The rich man with the good harvest speaks to us. In one way he is sensible to build barns for his harvest, but it gets out of control or out of proportion and becomes avarice. He turned in on himself forgetting others and indeed that his life could end at any moment. We can all succumb to this, and avarice can present itself in a variety of ways which is wanting more of something than we need. Money is the most obvious of things but there are possessions such as fame success career and so on.

And the thing is, it starts very reasonably. We look to our security and planning is sensible as in the case of the farmer. We do not want to be a burden to others or indeed on the state and that is quite right. We want to provide for our family and legitimate needs. And yet it can get out of control and disproportionate and the legitimate becomes excessive. Some people live on the very small salary and yet I hear people saying they are struggling on 60 or £70,000 a year or even more. We put things by for our retirement but what is enough? The farmer is not sure and so he builds bigger and bigger barns. But they can never be big enough because ultimately, they cannot make us secure. It is always that we have a car but we need a better one we have a bathroom but we need a nicer one we have a television, but we need to upgrade it or a mobile phone that is not enough. These are but examples; we each need to examine ourselves. How easily do we come up with justifying reasons?

We should be aware that avarice can be at work in us like a disease almost unnoticed when we dismiss the symptoms as something else. We all suffer from the effects of original sin which we call concupiscence: the difficulty of controlling our desires or appetites or indeed passions. This leads to desires for things that are good in themselves to become excessive. This is part of the spiritual battle.

Firstly we need to be clear as St. Paul says: *you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth. He is our life. Secondly that self-denial is fundamental part of our lives when we deny ourselves things that are good in themselves and what we consider necessary is actually only what we want. And indeed many of the things which we consider necessary so many in the world have to do without. The Christian practices of penance and fasting should be part of our regular life particularly on Fridays, our day of fasting and abstinence. And then of course the sacrament of penance and the practise of thanksgiving in prayer remind us that these things in fact do not belong to us but to God who is the giver of all gifts. And not least the vital role of giving away and sharing. This is the great vaccine against the false worship of avarice. As Jesus said these are the true riches that make us help rich in the sight of God. This we take with us the rest we cannot. We are encouraged by the words of St Paul: There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.*



Our Lady of Victories

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31st July 2022
18th Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 12

Times of Services

Sunday: 18th of Ordinary Time

Sat. 6.00pm: Father Anthony Brunning RIP

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Helen & Peter Green 40th Anniv

Monday: St Alphonsus Liguori

9.00am Mass: Vic Norton Anniv (Davies)

Tuesday: Feria

10.00am Mass: Personal Int

Wednesday: Feria

10.00am Mass: Patrick Curran RIP Anniv (Family)

Thursday: St John Vianney

10.00am Mass: Erica Tierney RIP (Patrick)

Friday: Feria

10.00am Mass: Fr Phillip Willenbrock RIP

2.00pm: Funeral Liturgy – Patricia Fisher

Saturday: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

6.00pm Mass: Father Kevin Eastell

Sunday: 19th Week of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Philip Green RIP



*This hoard of yours,
whose will it be?*

CONFESSIONS

11am &
5.15 -5.45pm
Saturdays

Rosary at 4.30pm - This Week .

PLEASE NOTE: Booking is no longer needed for Masses. However, please sanitise as you enter the church and we encourage people to wear masks but please respect those who do not. Please to not come to Mass if you have any symptoms of a viral infection

FR CHRIS WRITES: Dear all I wish you a continued good holidays as we are enjoying pleasanter weather. As you may have seen on the News the Holy father has been in Canada this week on a pilgrimage of penance and reparation for how so many indigenous people were treated in many schools there. I think his words are worth reading and can be found at www.vatican.va Also belated congratulations to **Carmen Wilson** who celebrated her 100th birthday in May. She had a fall and is in a Care Home.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Tom & Rosie Mochan who lost their 2 year old baby William this week, Also Patricia Fisher from Kibworth died. Her mother was Cora Bromley. Her funeral Liturgy will be on the 5th August 2022 at 2.00pm.

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: This Pilgrimage will be held on Saturday 6th August, in Walsingham, starting with Mass celebrated by Bishop Philip Egan at 12.00 noon in the Chapel of Reconciliation at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady.

March for Life: This year marks the sad milestone of 10 million abortions in the UK since the 1967 Abortion Act. It is more important than ever that all people of goodwill, and especially Catholics, give public witness to the inalienable dignity of human life. We can do so at the annual March for Life held on Saturday 3rd September. Bishop John Sherrington will celebrate Mass at 11.00am in Saint George's Cathedral, Southwark, LifeFest22 is a pro-life, family friendly festival held from 10.30am until 1.30pm at the Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street SW1P 3DW. The March itself starts at the Emmanuel Centre at 2.00pm, proceeding to Parliament Square, where there will be testimony and speeches, with the day concluding at 4.30pm. Our witness is vital; please do encourage parishioners to attend this event, or to join in prayer on that day. More information can be found at: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk>.

HOLIDAY AT HOME is being run again this year from Monday 1st to Friday 5th August at the Methodist Church from 9.30 to 1.00pm. This is for senior citizens of all faiths and none. Transport can be arranged. The cost is £5 per person including lunch and coffee on arrival. To book a place phone Christine on 01858 410878. If no reply, leave your name and phone number so we can ring you back"

IRELAND PILGRIMAGES REUNION: Thursday 8th September in Lutterworth. 10.30am Parish mass followed by coffee. Catch up and buffet lunch, parking at the church which is right next to Father John Joe's house at 28 Bitteswell road, Lutterworth, LE174EY. please tell any former pilgrims who you think might be able to come. Some people may need a lift if you can offer one. See poster in the porch.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY - New admissions 2023: We are delighted to be holding an Open Morning on Friday the 16th of September to welcome parents / guardians and children who are looking for school places for August 2023. Please come along to see our wonderful school.

Refreshments 9 - 9:30am, Welcome from Mrs. Dabbs, Headteacher 9:30, Tours of school 9:45 - 11am

No bookings are necessary; please contact Mrs Liddle at the school office if you have any questions or would like to arrange an alternative time. 01858 465359 office@stjosephs.leics.sch.uk

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 to appoint a new **Director of Youth Services** to drive their work forward and to ensure the service delivery meets the needs of young people. Your skill, experience and vision will be crucial to the success of the service and you'll have the privilege of leading and caring for a team of skilled, passionate and talented staff. For more information visit www.ndcys.com

CLERGY CHANGES: There are various appointments this summer: *From 16th August 2022: **Father Andrew Harding**, as Parish Priest of the parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes, Ashby-de-la-Zouch; and Saint Charles Borromeo, Measham. **Father Joby John**, as Assistant Priest of the parishes of Our Lady and Saint Thomas of Hereford, Ilkeston; Saint John the Evangelist, Stapleford; and Our Lady of Good Counsel, Eastwood; continuing as Chaplain to the Syro-Malabar community in Nottingham. **Father Paul Newman**, as Parish Priest of the parishes of Our Lady and Saint Thomas of Hereford, Ilkeston; and Saint John the Evangelist, Stapleford; continuing as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Eastwood, Chaplain to the Nottingham Catholic Diocesan Youth Service, and Episcopal Vicar for the Lay Apostolate. From 31st August 2022: **Father Matthew Jakes**, as the clergy member of the Diocesan Safeguarding Panel, in succession to Canon Joe Wheat.*

*From 1st September: **Father Liam Carpenter**, as Assistant Priest of the parishes of the Holy Spirit, West Bridgford; Our Lady of Grace, Cotgrave; Saint Anne, Radcliffe on Trent; and Saint Margaret Clitherow, Keyworth. **Father John Martin**, as Parish Priest of the parishes of the Holy Spirit, West Bridgford; Our Lady of Grace, Cotgrave; Saint Anne, Radcliffe on Trent; and Saint Margaret Clitherow, Keyworth. **Father John McCay**, as Assistant Priest of the parish of Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham, in addition to his duties as Prison Chaplain. From September 2022: **Father Patrick Bassey**, as Parish Priest of the parish of Saint Winefride, Shepshed.*

KEY HOLDERS: We need to establish a list of key holders to Parish Property. I do not have one. Could those who hold keys to the Church Hall or Presbytery let me know what keys they hold. Many thanks

THE SOCIETY OF VINCENT de PAUL (SVP) are fundraising to redevelop their camp site and building in Mablethorpe, Lincs. The site provides holidays for up to 200 children from the diocese of Nottingham every summer. If you would like more information on the project or if you would like to donate to this appeal or are able to provide materials or resources for the project please contact Dom Merrison by email at mablethorpe@svp.org.uk.

CATHOLIC VOICES and WORD ON FIRE are hosting a conference called **Sharing the Church's Story**. Join Catholics who are passionate about the renewal of the Church in the UK, and a host of dynamic speakers including Bishop Robert Barron. This conference is for all: volunteers, parents, catechists, clergy, and religious. The Conference is being held on Saturday 17th September, 10.00am – 6.00pm, at Friends House, Euston Road, London; more details at: www.sharingthechurchsstory.com

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| Readers | 30/31 July | E. Andrews | S. Acton | M. Lewin |
| | 6/7 August | J. Rowland | D. Chappell | R van der Liet |