

**Masses and Intentions
Week 18 in Ordinary Time**

Saturday	3 rd August	10.00	Bernadette Ward & Kathleen Maughan RIP
	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	13.00	Wedding service—F. Nutt & J. Norris

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	3 rd August	17.30	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
Sunday	4 th August	10:00	Jan Sprlak RIP
		18:30	Pamela Thompson
Monday	5 th August	12.15	Requiem Mass—Teresa O’Loghlin
	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
Tuesday	6 th August	09.15	Michael & Pat Murray
	<i>Feast: Transfiguration of the Lord</i>		
Wednesday	7 th August	09.15	Josephine Hamley RIP
	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
Thursday	8 th August	08.00	Maureen Clehane RIP
	<i>Memorial: St Dominic</i>		
Friday	9 th August	12.30	Denis Crowley RIP
	<i>Feast: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)</i>		
Saturday	10 th August	10.00	Abba Paris RIP
	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	10 th August	17.30	Christine Gaughan RIP
Sunday	11 th August	10.00	Christine Francis RIP
		18.30	People of the parish

Confessions:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30 16.45 - 17.15
Exposition & Benediction:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30
Evening prayer, Rosary:	Saturday	16.45

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 3-4 August 2019

“Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man’s life is not made secure by what he owns.”

Luke 12, 15

ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Sunday 4 August is the Feast of St. John Marie Vianney, the curé of Ars and the patron saint of the parochial/diocesan clergy. It is a wonderful coincidence that the Archdiocese of Birmingham has designated Our Lady & St. Anne as the location for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in intercession for Vocations to the Priesthood on that day. Exposition will commence at 15.00 hrs. and close with Benediction at 17.50 hrs. We will print a rota sheet so that parishioners can inscribe their names and a time at which they will come to the church for adoration. The rota sheet will be on the notice board in the narthex. Ideally 2 people for each half hour.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Teresa O'Loughlin who died recently.

Her funeral will take place here at Our Lady & St Anne's on Monday 5th August at 12.15pm.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid £114.12 Loose £505.07
Standing Orders £459.00

POPE'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST

Families, Schools of

Human Growth

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".

JOINING THE CLEAN TEAM

Each weekend the church is beautifully clean which is down to a small team of dedicated cleaners to whom we are very grateful. Would you like to make your own contribution by sparing an hour or two to help with hoovering, polishing etc. on either a **Monday or Wednesday morning from 10am onwards?** Not necessarily a weekly commitment, if there are enough people we could build up teams to spread the load. Knock on the sacristy door after Mass on Mon/Wed or ring the office for info. Families more than welcome .

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to Royal Berkshire Hospital all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Communion or see a Priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led". Hospital Chaplain - Fr JP Lyttle
Mobile: 07391 896559 / RBH: 0118 322 7105

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C – Luke): We live in a world of consumption: society as a whole consumes, we as individuals too are consumers. We consume energy, food, and much of the hardware we buy eventually ends up in recycling or simply discarded. Nothing in our culture, not even the dire warnings about climate change and environmental degradation, encourages restraint in the area of consumption. We upgrade our TV, we exchange a family car for an SUV, we sometimes move to a bigger house and we like to put yesterday's wardrobe in mothballs or off-load it in a charity shop so that we can purchase the latest model off the spring or autumn cat walks. The desire to possess quickly slips into greed or avarice. And the scripture readings at this weekend's Mass issue a pretty stark warning against the accumulation of goods and property and calls all of us to account when we allow avarice to take possession of us. If the Church has any message to contemporary society it is the exercise of restraint. In Lent each year we deliberately deny ourselves food, we turn our backs on other pleasures which involve expenditure, and we frequently give what we have in excess to the poor and needy. So, the Church has always condemned avarice and praised restraint. This weekend, in the light of the scripture readings, we are invited to reflect on the spiritual significance of restraint and self-denial, and we are warned too of how avarice can endanger the salvation of our souls.

First Reading (OT): Ecclesiastes 1, 2; 2, 21 – 23: The celebrated medieval spiritual classic *The Imitation of Christ* by the Dutch priest Tomas a Kempis (a chapter of which Agatha Christie read every night before going to sleep) opens with the first lines of the OT Book of Ecclesiastes: *Vanity of vanities, all is vanity!* Quoeth, author of the OT book, is always considered a pessimist and spoil-sport. Everything is transitory, everything we aim to possess slips through our fingers like sand. We all know that instinctively and perhaps we do not like to be reminded. But what Koeth is encouraging us to do is, while admitting that fact, to pursue the goods that last for ever, those treasures that will still be ours in heaven.

Second Reading (NT): Colossians 3, 1 – 5. 9 – 11: Paul continues with the theme of the new life into which we are born through Baptism which we saw last week. This new life is something which we all share in equal measure, it includes all of us and makes us equal in God's sight. There are no more distinctions, class and race means nothing any more. When we worship and celebrate the Eucharist we are doing it with one mind and one heart.

Gospel: Luke 12, 13 – 21: The great novels of the 19th century, especially Balzac, focus on the family turmoil that results from a disputed inheritance of legacy. Without getting into deciding on the inheritance question addressed to him, Jesus tells a parable to underline how fragile a hold any of us has on earthy possessions. The financial crash precipitated by the collapse of Lehman Brothers and the RBS back in 2008 is a modern version of the parable of Jesus Luke records for us. In fact, hardly a day goes by that similar stories are not to be found in our newspapers.

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[Sunday's readings](#)