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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
31ST JULY 2022



This week all the readings converge on the message of 'vanity' and how vanity and greed are not things we should allow in our lives with God or others.

We see it in business and politics. We see it in stress in the workplace. We see it in the large stores that pay low wages to financially strapped employees in order to provide bargains to the more affluent. We see it in the obscenity of heads of companies that are sometimes paid over 500 times more than their workers. We see it in the ridiculous money demanded by athletes and entertainers.

Greed is a spiritual disease that convinces many that what they have is never enough. It is addictive and draws its victims to possess the poison that is killing them.

Jesus tells the parable about a man who experienced abundance and then acted greedily. How would he manage the increased assets, his answer: build bigger barns; keep everything. Wrong! The correct answer: fill the empty barns of the poor that are already built.

Be grateful for what we have and spread the good things the Lord has provided!

PRAYER TIME AT HOLY CROSS

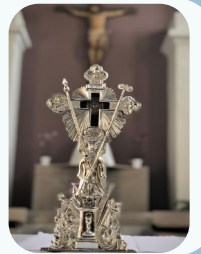
Rosary: every Mon, Tues, Thurs after 9.15am Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Wed after 9.15am Mass and Fri after 7pm Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: every Friday from 6.30pm

Confession: every Friday from 6.30pm

Night Prayer: We now have our first summer break after 20 months. We will resume it in September.



Please Note: *You may go for a **summer holiday**. Please do not worry about the school Signing In during this period as we have taken into account the holiday period. Enjoy your time away and please do not forget to go to a church closer to you on Sundays, wherever you may be.

*We will be opening the church shop [**Repository**] after all weekend Masses. Many thanks to Gracey George, Joyce Joseph and Udhaya who have come forward to help run it. If you are interested and are able to help please contact us.

***Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** We will be leaving for the Holy Land this Wednesday. We hope to offer Mass in many of the holy places there. We will remember you and your family in our prayers. Please keep us in your prayers.

*Our next **Baptism preparation course** will take place on 17th and 24th September 2022 in our parish hall at 10am for each session. If you would like to have a child or children baptized, please arrange to collect the forms from Fr Antony.

***Baptisms this week:** We are happy to welcome into the church this Sunday, at the 11:30 Mass, **Andina Mei Campbell Restrepo** and on Tuesday, 2nd August at the 9:15 Mass, **Lily Suriya Joseph-Smith**. Please keep the children, Andina's parents Jessica and Joseph and Lily's parents Maria and Gavin in your prayers at this joyous time.

***Movie Monday:** We had a relaxing and joyful time this last Monday evening. Many thanks to all who came and enjoyed the movie. We hope to screen many more religious movies in the future. Please look out for more information here in the newsletter.



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Sat 30th Jul - Fri 5th Aug

SAT	6:30pm	Stanislaus Bastampillai R.I.P.
SUN	9:00am 11:30am	Young Rosie Fenaroli O'Sullivan R.I.P. Helena, Joe & Billy O'Connor R.I.P.
MON	9:15am	<i>Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Hon Justice F F Tabai (80 th Birthday Thanksgiving)
TUE	9:15am	Hugh Ford R.I.P.
WED	9:15am	Mary Baldwin - Wellbeing
THU	9:15am	<i>Saint John Vianney, Priest</i> Hon Justice F F Tabai (80 th Birthday Thanksgiving)
FRI	6:30 pm 7:00pm	Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Available for your Intention

Please Pray for the Sick: Myra Hannon, Melanie Thomas, Pat Doyle, Florence Nosegbe, Lydia Joseph, Mary Emmanus, Bunty Kane, Kitty Wilkinson, Marian Perez, Susan Murphy, Ann Whittington, Gala Lobo Jim Eggeton, Elfrida Wacholz, Martin Flatley, Eileen Embury, Rachael Pereira Wibberley, Theresa Butler and Katie Bournier.

If you would like members of your family to be added in the newsletter, please send us an email.

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First reading**Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23**

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9**

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

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

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

Second reading**Colossians 3:1-5,9-11**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, 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, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation**Jn17:17**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

Ps 69: 2, 6**Gospel****Luke 12:13-21**

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

Communion Antiphon**Wis 16: 20**

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.



Please keep **Rose Calver** and **Joan Loughnane** in your prayers whose funeral Masses were offered last week.
May they rest in Peace.

Money Matters (Loose Collections)

Mass Offerings: £615
Apostleship of the Sea [Second Collection]: £275
Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

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