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31 JULY 2022:
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23
Resp. Psalm: 89 (90): 3-6, 12-14, 17
2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11
Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 31 July	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 1033 – Year C)	Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 2 August	Tuesday of Week 18 in Ordinary Time	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 4 August	St. John Vianney, Priest	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 6 August	The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 7 August	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 1037 – Year C)	Holy Mass	9.30 am

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Fool's Vanity

Trust in God—as the Rock of our salvation, as the Lord who made us His chosen people, as our shepherd and guide. This should be the mark of our following of Jesus.

Like the Israelites we recall in this week's Psalm Response, we have made an exodus, passing through the waters of Baptism, freeing us from our bondage to sin. We too are on a pilgrimage to a promised homeland, the Lord in our midst, feeding us heavenly bread, giving us living waters to drink (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-4).

We must take care to guard against the folly that befell the Israelites, that led them to quarrel and test God's goodness at Meribah and Massah.

We can harden our hearts in ways more subtle but no less ruinous. We can put our trust in possessions, squabble over earthly inheritances, kid ourselves that what we have we deserve, store up treasures and think they'll afford us security and rest.

All this is "vanity of vanities," a false and deadly way of living, as this week's First Reading tells us.

This is the greed that Jesus warns against in this week's Gospel. The rich man's anxiety and toil expose his lack of faith in God's care and provision.

That's why Paul calls greed "idolatry" in the Second Reading this week. Mistaking having for being, possession for existence, we forget that God is the giver of all that we have, we exalt the things we can make or buy over our Maker (see Romans 1:25).

Jesus calls the rich man a "fool"—a word used in the Old Testament for someone who rebels against God or has forgotten Him (see Psalm 14:1).

We should treasure most the new life we have been given in Christ and seek what is above, the promised inheritance of heaven. We have to see all things in the light of eternity, mindful that He who gives us the breath of life could at any moment—this night even—demand it back from us. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

Material goods are necessary — they are goods! — but they are a means to live honestly and in sharing with the neediest. Today, Jesus invites us to consider that wealth can enslave the heart and distract it from the true treasure which is in heaven. (*Angelus*, 4 August 2019).

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TODAY'S LITURGY (CTS Missal): 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C (pp. 1033 ff.)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 1033: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 541: The Creed

p. 571: Preface VI of Sundays
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) – this is available after Saturday morning Mass, and at any other mutually convenient time. Simply get in touch with Fr. Domenico to make an appointment.

Would you like to become an Altar Server? – Any child who has made his or her First Holy Communion is eligible to apply to become an Altar Server. Would you like to join our small team? Full training will be given! If you are interested, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

Holy Land Pilgrimage, 2-9 March 2023: Fr. Domenico is leading an 8-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land, following the footsteps of Jesus: from Jerusalem and Bethlehem to Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee. There is a special 'early bird' price **until 15 July** for this 8-day / 7-night pilgrimage of **£1,169**. The price includes: a non-stop return flight from the UK to Tel Aviv airport, an air-conditioned luxury touring coach and professional local guide, and en-suite half-board hotel accommodation in Tiberias and Bethlehem. For further details, together with online booking, please go to this link: www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/hl0768/

Hospital Visits – if you or a loved one is being admitted to Raigmore Hospital, please do let Fr. Domenico know. The official Catholic Chaplain is Fr. Laurence Gambella, who is based at St. Mary's in Huntly Street.

90 CLUB: DRAW TODAY! – Good luck to all who have a ticket. Would you like to take part, too? You too could be a winner! Only £2 monthly, with three prizes to be won! See Fr. Domenico.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Winnie Ferrari, Colin MacMillan, Angus Cumming, Godfrey Herman, Eileen Anne Millar

RIP: Marianna Davis

Anniversaries: Alice Keeler, Jean Storey, Margaret Smith