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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

4th August 2019

Today we contemplate a great truth about our life: you can't take it with you. The old phrase "There are no pockets in a shroud" is what we confront today, in the preaching of both Ecclesiastes and the Lord Jesus.

What Jesus makes us think about, however, is not just this truth, but the consequences of it: if we are not to build up treasure here on earth, what are we to do? The answer is simple: by our way of living we make ourselves rich in the sight of God!



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

Faith Formation Group - First meeting on August 14th at 7:30 pm and then on the **2nd Wednesday of the each Month**. Topics will be advertised before each session.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - The dates are now 12th - 19th March 2020. Booking forms and itineraries are available at the back of church. These should be sent directly to Northern Star Travel agent. Booking and deposits should be paid by **15th August** to secure your place.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15th August - The Vigil Mass for this Solemnity will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday 14th with Mass on the 15th at 9:15 am and in the evening at 6:30 pm.

Margaret Clitherow Book Launch. Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. - Theodore House, Stonyhurst, BB7 9PZ.. **Friday 30th August 2019, 19:30** Authors John and Wendy Rayne-Davis are launching a new book on one of our local saints: Margaret Clitherow. The evening's presentation will give an overview of the various themes covered in the book which give fresh context to Margaret's life. Questions and refreshments as part of the evening, and attendees can enjoy an overnight stay at reduced cost and join us for Mass and a talk at Stydd chapel the next morning. To book your place, email bookings@christianheritagecentre.com

The next Baptism course will be in September, part 1 on **Tuesday 10th September** 7pm and Part 2 on **Tuesday 17th September** 7pm in the church porch Presentations – Sunday 15th September at 10am Mass. Enrolment forms for the Course are available from Father Joe and Sister Louise and can be collected after a weekend Mass in Church. Enrolment forms must be completed and returned to the Church prior to attending the course.

The Holy Land - Insight evenings. Starting on **18th September** and then every month for the following 6 months we will be holding information evenings for those going on the Pilgrimage or anyone else who would like to learn more about the Holy Land. Further details nearer the time.

Hope in the Future Training Opportunity - Thornleigh Salesian College, **Saturday 14th September, 10am-3pm**. As part of Stage 2 of Hope in the Future, parishioners are invited to a training day aimed to help guide you on how you can engage young people in parish life. There will be workshops throughout the day and a keynote speech from Chris Knowles on how we can take inspiration from the Synod to engage young people. Sign up / find out more, see dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/whats-on/ or hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

St Mary's Five Day Retreat - Explore the Christian Contemplative Tradition through 5 monthly retreat days led by Donna Worthington and hosted by The Diocese of Salford. Topics include Desert Fathers, Scripture, Labyrinth Prayer Walk. **Dates: Sept 25, Oct 23, Nov 20, Dec 11, Jan 22 (10.30am-3pm)** It helps organisationally if those interested could book or register interest by contacting Donna Worthington at drworthington@live.co.uk There is no charge for these retreats as they are supported by The Christian Meditation Trust (UK). Hot drinks will be provided, but a packed lunch is required. Free parking available.

Mass Intentions - If you would like to offer a Mass for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday, anniversary etc), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died envelopes are available in the porch. Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.

Sacramental Programme -The programme for next year starts in October, if you have a child in our school you will shortly receive a letter but any **Baptised Catholic** in Year 2 is eligible to join the course. If you have a Baptised child in another school in the Parish and they would like to join let us know as soon as possible.

Votive Candles - If you come into Church during the week and there is no one else in the building please **DO NOT LIGHT Votive Candles** but instead leave them unlit on the stands and they will be lit when they can be attended. **Each candle when lit should be adequately spaced (approx. 10cm) apart.** Thank you.

Sacred Heart Guild Meetings - As it is the holiday season the August meeting of the Guild has been cancelled. Our next meeting will be on the 12th September at 7pm. The Guild members meet at 7pm. on the second Thursday of every month and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a game of bingo and a raffle. Our numbers are only small but the Guild is open to any ladies in the parish. If you are interested in joining us you can ring Carole on 339700 for any further information.

HOLIDAYS - Don't forget us whilst you are on holiday! If you visit a Church bring us back a copy of their News (any denomination), if you attend a Fun Event and see some good ideas for future fund raising events here bring them back and share them with us. A photo often helps to explain an idea.

Parish Lottery - If you are a **WINNER** in our Parish Lottery please collect your winnings from one of the Sacristans after Mass or the Parish Office during the week.

Parish Lottery No. 447 31/07/2019			
1st	£25	No. 56	Mrs M Pails
2nd	£10	No. 58	Mr F Tipping-Alston
3rd	£5	No. 7	Mr A Rands

Offertory 27th / 28th July 2019	
Offertory Loose	£244.08
Offertory Envelopes	£282.72
Attendance	180

Bingo Jackpots for 31st July 2019			
£25	£87	£28	£28

For the Children

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St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	3rd Aug Vigil	17.30 18:00	Confessions Sacred Heart Guild Mass
Sun	4th Aug	08.30 09.30 10.00	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time NO MASS until 8th September. Confessions The Parish / Blessed Sacrament Guild
Mon	5th Aug	18.00 18.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Priest Intention
Tues	6th Aug	09.15	Transfiguration of the Lord (F)
Wed	7th Aug	09.15	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thurs	8th Aug	09.15	St Dominic (M) Corrigan Family
Fri	9th Aug		St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (F) NO MASS
Sat	10th Aug Vigil	17.30 18:00	St Lawrence (F) Confessions Winnie Mullarkey
Sun	11th Aug	08.30 09.30 10.00	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time NO MASS until 8th September. Confessions The Parish

St Mary's, Brownedge		
Monday	5th Aug	9.10 am
Tuesday	6th Aug	9.10 am
Wednesday	7th Aug	9:10 am
Thursday	8th Aug	9:10 am.11:00 am (SCH)
Friday	9th Aug	9:10 am
Saturday	10th Aug	9.30 am Vigil 7 pm
Sunday	11th Aug	10.00am 6:30 pm

Life Quotes

"The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quiet, alone with the heavens, nature and God. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, then there will be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be." *Anne Frank*

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 ARBITRATOR AVARICE PARABLE
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