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Eighteenth Sunday - 31st July 2022

This Weekend	July 30th /31st
7.00 p.m.	Thomas Victory, and deceased members of the Victory family.
11.00 a.m.	Jimmy Shaughnessy (Month's Mind)
Weekday Masses: Our Lady's Manor at 11.00 a.m.	
Next Weekend:	August 6th /7th
7.00 p.m.	No Intention.
11.00 a.m.	No Intention.

Offertory Collection: Sun July 24th - €1,005 - sincere thanks.

BAPTISMS - We welcomed Deivide Mark Plesanova, Lismagonee, Edgeworthstown, into our Christian community recently.



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

SUNDAY 4TH SEPT - Ceremonies begin @ 2.30pm with the Anointing of the Sick, followed by Mass @ 3.00pm. Donnelly's of Granard will run a bus (depending on demand) from Granard, through Edgeworthstown. Booking is essential, through Longford Presbytery on 043-3346465 or stmelscathedral@gmail.com. The return fare is €15. The times for the nearest pick-up point for Parishioners are: Granard (Greville Arms) at 10am, Edgeworthstown (Church) at 10.30am.

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. 'One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions', said Jesus. What have you found by experience to be more important in life than possessions? What brought this home to you?
2. 'Be on your guard against all kinds of greed'. Perhaps you have seen how greed can lead to trouble in public life, in family life, and in the personal life of individuals. What has helped you to guard against greed? What benefits have you experienced when you were less greedy?
3. The message of the parable could be summed up saying 'If you want to give God a laugh, tell him your plans'. Life takes many twists and turns we do not anticipate. When have you found that you had to change your plans because of unexpected circumstances? What has helped you to be flexible and resourceful at such times? John Byrne OSA - (INTERCOM)

A little humour:

The Scotsman sent an indignant letter to the editor of the newspaper. He said that if any more stories about stingy Scotsmen appeared in the columns, he was going to stop borrowing the paper.

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Consider a series of five important themes that emerge from Jesus's Sermon on the Mount.

1. Stop letting obsessive worry about material needs overwhelm us. Doing so demonstrates lack of trust in God. Through such paralyzing anxiety we become enslaved to money and act like those outside God's family.
2. Grow our trust in God's provision for material needs. Nature offers a daily reminder: if God provides food for birds and beauty for flowers, God can provide for his children, who are more valuable to him. Trusting in God frees us to pursue God's kingdom as a number one priority.
3. Be thankful to God for past provision of material needs. God already knows and cares about our material needs.
4. Manage wisely the finances God entrusts to our care, with an eye on the future. Jesus commands, "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven", giving our uppermost attention and ambitions to what lasts for eternity.
5. Give generously to the needy from the material resources on loan from God. "Sell your possessions and give to the poor". Jesus provides a basis for our giving now: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom".

Eighteenth Sunday - Prayer in the Christian tradition is first of all addressed to God the Father. God is the Father of the Lord Jesus, the Christ as well as our Father. This is true of most of the Church's liturgical prayer. Christian prayer may also be directed towards Jesus, especially by calling on his holy name. One of the most ancient examples of prayer is: 'Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners.'

First Reading - The writer points out that the things that are supposed to satisfy human beings do not satisfy them. Look at all the toil and effort a person puts into acquiring wealth. To what purpose? - to leave it to his heir.

Second Reading - One consequence of death and resurrection with Christ (through Baptism) is that the Christian's true home is now in heaven. Therefore, he must seek the things that are above by leading a good life in this world.

Gospel - This contains a warning against greed. We are urged to make ourselves rich, not in the goods of this world, but in the sight of God.

Pope Francis:

"I ask you to ensure that humanity is served by wealth, and not ruled by it."

"I recognize that globalization has helped many people rise out of poverty, but it has also damned many others to starve to death. It is true that global wealth is growing in absolute terms, but inequalities have also grown and new poverty arisen."

"Business is a noble vocation, directed to producing wealth and improving the world. It can be a fruitful source of prosperity for the area in which it operates, especially if it sees the creation of jobs as an essential part of its service to the common good. This common good also includes the earth... the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all."

"A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it." - Bob Hope

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - AUGUST

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Gerard Greene.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Ann Mulligan, Yvonne Tuite.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - AUGUST

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Diane Spillane, Mairead Fulham.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Emma Reilly, Ita Farrell.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

- Fr Tom Healy -