

### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

**Livestream Mass - Sunday 31st July at 9.00am**

**Saturday 30th July**

**5pm - 5.20pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)**

**5.30pm** Good Estate of Robert and Colin Timpson

**Sunday 31st July**

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9am** Eusebia Pachirera RIP - 1st Anniversary

**11am** Rodney O'Donnell RIP

**Tuesday 2nd August - Feria**

**7pm** Edward Phillips RIP

**Wednesday 3rd August - Feria**

**10am** Purificacion Mendoza RIP

**Thursday 4th August - St John Vianney, Priest, Memorial**

**10am** Antonia Moffat

**Friday 5th August - Feria**

**10am** Janis Cooper and Paul Berlemont - In Thanksgiving

**Saturday 6th August**

**5pm - 5.20pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)**

**5.30pm** Marie-Danielle Tichbon RIP

**Sunday 7th August**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9am** Paul Buttigieg RIP (F)

**11am** People of the Parish

(F) Foundation Mass

(P) Perpetual Mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**  
**Saturdays 5pm - 5.20pm and by appointment**



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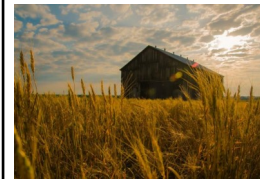
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### **31st July 2022: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**



A farmer has a lucky year and finds himself with an abundant crop. He decides to tear down his barns and build bigger ones in which to store it. In the meantime, he decides to take a well earned rest, eating drinking and making merry, confident that his future is financially secured. "You fool," says, God, "this very night your life is being demanded of you."

Does the parable seem a little harsh? The farmer seemed an honest enough character. He wasn't making money from an illegal activity. He simply seemed to be enjoying the benefits of a bumper harvest. Any one of us could have an unexpected windfall. Any one of us could enjoy a lottery win, a tax refund or an unexpected inheritance. It would be considered prudent in most circles that we invest the proceeds. It is drummed into us from an early age to save for a rainy day or to pay into a pension plan in order to cater for our twilight years. Any one of us could be the farmer in today's reading. Was his behaviour so very wrong?

There's an often misquoted proverb. It reads, "Money is the root of all evil." Of course it should read, "The love of money is the root of all evil." Jesus isn't advising us not to work hard or not to earn money. Jesus is probably not encouraging us to avoid planning for our old age. Jesus is certainly not promoting that we spend money in a big hurry because tomorrow we might be dead. The farmer is a fool, not because he builds bigger barns, that's a farmer's job, but because he thinks he can manage the future. Worse, he believes that his money and his money alone can safeguard his future. He is great at managing his money, but not great at managing his soul. Too late, he learns this truth at death's door.

The message is simple and comes in the last line of the reading. There is absolutely no point storing up treasures if you are not rich towards God. Being rich towards God is the only worthwhile pension policy, because at the end of the day, you can't take your money with you and you certainly can't buy your way into heaven.

If we are financially well off, being rich towards God will mean sharing our wealth. If we are successful business people we must make sure our businesses benefit our communities and those on the margins of our communities. If we are not well off, being rich towards God will mean sharing our time and our skills. Whatever age you are, it's not too late to start investing in God's pension plan!



Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Hugh Dwan, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, Joseph Nemeth, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Pat Hall, Joy Phillips, Fr Jim Joyce and Sr Veronica.

### Farewell to Fr Anthony

We have been very fortunate and blessed to have Fr Anthony with us for the last year but all good things must come to an end. Fr Anthony is moving to Bournemouth to take over the Parish of The Annunciation and St Edmund Campion. Fr Anthony's last weekend with us will be the 3rd/4th September. Please join us at The Parish picnic on the 4th after the 11am Mass when we can thank him in person and say our goodbyes.

*Goodbye*

### Papal Prayer Intention for August 2022 - For Small Businesses

Barely twelve weeks since COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, small businesses found themselves grappling with a new nemesis: the impact of surging inflation rates. The consumer price inflation soared to its highest level for more than 40 years. The rising cost of gas and electricity pushed household energy bills to record levels, and the financial experts say the situation will worsen before it gets better. This is bad news for us all, particularly those on the lowest incomes. However, it's also bad news for small businesses who are grappling with the difficulties of not passing on price rises to loyal customers. For many businesses there may be no way back from this. This month we are asked to pray for those businesses that are struggling. We all have less money in our pockets than usual, but we are asked to try and stay loyal to our local businesses. Pope Francis asks us to join in his monthly prayer intention **"...We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities."**



### Ride and Stride - Saturday 10th September 2022

This national event happens every year in every county. Are you able to **walk, cycle or ride**? Choose a route on that day to visit as many churches as you like, in Berkshire or beyond, and find sponsorship from your friends and family (or make a donation). Go by yourself or in a group, any time between 10am and 6pm - make a day of it. There are so many wonderful and interesting churches to visit, many will be open and offering refreshments too.

Our church will benefit as we will receive half of your sponsorship. The remaining 50% goes to Berkshire Historic Churches Trust which in turn makes generous grants to churches in need of essential repairs and restoration. For more information visit BHCT Ride & Stride website: <http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride> or contact parishioner Cathy Hill email [jandchill@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:jandchill@dsl.pipex.com).

### Important!

Please note that children should not go unaccompanied to the toilet during Mass. This is for their own safety and should be with an adult at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Peace Actions for August

- **Anniversaries of Hiroshima and Nagasaki** ( 6th & 9th August.) Whether the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki constituted a needless tragedy or a prudent military decision will always be debated. As Christians we pray that those who now wield the tools of Armageddon will remember the lessons of Hiroshima and Nagasaki for a long time to come.
- Read the story of **Maximilian Kolbe** (14th August) and consider examples of courage and self-sacrifice.
- **International Slavery Remembrance Day** (23rd August.) As we remember the great abolitionists of the past, we are inspired by their bravery and self-sacrifice, and honour their legacy by taking up the mantle to call for the end of contemporary slavery which affects millions of people across the world today.
- August 27th is the **Feast day of Saint Monica** patron saint of domestic violence. For those who would like to get involved in working with the victims of domestic violence, or simply learn more, the following website is an excellent starting point [www.womensaid.org.uk](http://www.womensaid.org.uk)



### St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

The St Vincent de Paul Society is still active in the Parish helping those in need in a variety of ways. If you or someone you know needs our help please call David on 07786 492948 or email [davidrthomas@sky.com](mailto:davidrthomas@sky.com) All contacts will be treated in confidence.

**Corpus Christi 200 Club** - Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 41, who has won the July draw of £50.00.

### St Francis, Ascot, Fatima Devotions

Knights of St Columba, Home Rosary

Praying Group: Monday 1st August to Friday 5th August at 1.30pm.

30 minutes of praying the rosary as requested by Our Lady.

Zoom ID: [71506312740](https://us02zoom.us/j/71506312740) Password for each day: rosary



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