

18th Sunday Reflection

This Sunday has the Greek word “pleonexia” as an anchor word that holds the three readings and seen as the central theme. “pleonexia” literally means “the desire to have more and more” and it is usually translated as “avarice” or “greed”, both of which are accurate enough but do not quite catch the full nuance of the Greek.

The first reading offers a prelude to the central theme. it serves as a pointer as it reveals the underlying tension in human existence. So, “vanity is all and all is vanity”, the shortness of human life and its inevitable limiting by death makes labouring and toiling for wealth “vanity”: that is, something ultimately without meaning. The Gospel gives an epiphany of the worthlessness of the human crave for excessive riches. The parable gives the ultimate reason never to anchor our trust on the material things of the world for “in his riches man lacks wisdom” (Psalm 49:20)

St Paul in the second Reading, points out that “greed” (pleonexia) is simply one of the vices that belong to the old, pre-conversion way of life that believers have now “died” to through baptism. They now share the risen life of the Lord, which is being realized in the Creator’s original design for human beings to be made in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:26-28). Paul does not mean that believers have to pretend to be living some heavenly life, cut off from the realities of present earthly existence. Rather, a sense of the immense dignity that they already have in a hidden sense should have a transformative effect upon the way they live now.

So, what should be our attitude as we are cut in between these cravings in our present time? Jesus gives us the right answer “seek ye the riches in heaven” (Matt 6:19-20) thus, “make yourself rich in the sight of God” (Lk12:21). The only security that is really lasting consists in being “rich” in the sight of God. This is because relationship with God is the only relationship or attachment that can transcend the barrier of death. The parable powerfully illustrates how attachment to wealth - the desire to acquire, hold on to and enhance it - prevents people from attending to the relationship with God that brings the only security that counts in the long run. We pray that we may not be caught in the web of vanities but will be guided to seek and make the right choices that will keep us a right with God.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ST MARY’S CONFERENCE

Welcome everyone. If you know anyone in need of food or families in need, Please contact us or tell the person to ask for food parcel from the Chapel house. We also appeal to parishioners to assist us.

Legacies: when making your Will have you thought of leaving a legacy to the Parish or diocese?

Gift Aid: If you pay tax as for a Gift Aid form and your one-off signature we get an extra 25%

Hymn to St. Thérèse

Tune: Loch Lomond

Saint Therese of Lisieux
Little Child of God
Gifted to us from heaven
Guiding us on your Little Way
Drawing us on our journey to Jesus

The Light of Christ
The only Way
The Way of Truth and Life
A soul consumed
In love Divine
Sweetest love of Jesus our Saviour

Scatter your petals on us we pray
Gentle as dew on the Earth
Distill the love
The love of Christ
Till our hearts are consumed
In His passion

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Words: Georgina Woods

Mass for Vocations: There will be a Mass offered for Vocations every **1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm** in the chapel of the Little Sisters in Greenock. All are welcome. Please come along and help pray for vocations



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4th August 2019

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Parish Mass & Prayer Times

Rosary & Morning Prayer: 9:10 before 9:30am Mass

Weekday Mass: 9:30am daily (except Wednesday)

Wednesday Evening Mass: 7pm

Exposition: Tuesday & Thursday 9am

Saturday 9:00am after 9:30am Mass

Divine Mercy Devotion: Friday after Mass

Sunday Masses: 4:30pm (Saturday Vigil)
10:30am Mass & Children's Liturgy

Confessions: Saturday 10:00am - 10:30am & 4 - 4:30pm

Baptism: Arrange with the priest

Marriage: Give at least six months notice (see Fr Jude)

SUNDAY HOLY MASS

Psalm Response: "O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your heart"

Mass Book: YEAR C Part:2 Page: 57

A warm welcome to all our parishioners and visitors. Whether you are visiting the parish for the first time or just moved to the area, please feel very welcome. Introduce yourself to the parish priest and other parishioners. There are no strangers here, just new friends you have not met; so feel relax . There is Tea and coffee after Sunday mass in the hall. Join us and have a "wee cuppa" with your friends.



PARISH NOTICE

Readers/Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: if you wish to help in any of the above functions in the Parish, kindly speak to Fr Jude or pick up the application form from the Sacristy.

Appreciation from Kathleen Bowers and Family: we thank the parishioners of St Mary's for their support during Jim's long illness. Special thanks to Margaret Pitt who regularly gave him holy communion. May God bless you all.

RCIA Program: we happily announce to you that this program, meant for those who wish to join the Catholic faith will begin in our Parish this September. Anyone who wants to join should contact Allan Wright or call the Chapel House. Adults who have received the sacrament of Baptism but have not received holy Communion or Sacrament of Confirmation are welcome.

Appeal for Our Parish Summer Project: We welcome your kind donations of Paints, Painting Tools or Money. We need more volunteers to support the work force.

Sick List and Visits to the Sick: a new sick list will be out in September. If you wish to add or to retain a name in the current list, please let Fr Jude know. If you know any sick parishioner who will like to receive holy communion weekly, inform Fr Jude or Allan Wright.

200 Club June Draw: Renewals and new members are welcome. For details speak to Gerry or Kay

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit of St Theresa of Lisieux relics 14-16th September

Parish Quiz Night 20th September 2019

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Last Week's Collections

Thanks for last week's **Offertory collections:** Gift Aid: £374.00, Non Gift Aid £266.76= £640.76

Building Fund: Gift Aid: £50.00, Non Gift Aid: £175.66 = £225.66. **Grand Total £866.42**

Appeal for Sponsors: Lou Robertson is running the Paisley 10k on Sunday August 18th to raise money for the **Beginning Experience** who work with those separated, bereaved and divorced to help them work through their grief. <https://beginningexperienceinScotland.org>. we need funds to cover costs to run the weekends, and cover admin etc. Half of the funds raised will go towards the Altar Servers new albs in St Mary's as they definitely need an upgrade. Lou will stand at the porch after Mass this week handing out sponsor's sheet. Please be kind to assist.

For the attention of all Church Volunteers with PVG Certificates or pending PVG Certificates: volunteers doing or planning to do regulated work with children and vulnerable adults *or both*, should complete the Safeguarding Training, **Induction Part 1**. The next sessions will be held in the Diocesan offices, Inle Street, Paisley on: **Tuesday 20th August at 7pm, Tuesday 24th September at 7pm, Monday 11th November at 10.30am** Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or 0141 847 6138 to register

Diocesan Day Pilgrimage to Carfin: will hold on Sunday 1st September 2019. it coincides with the presence of the relics of St Theresa of Lisieux. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm. There will be no procession afterwards as Large number from Scotland and beyond, are anticipated to be present. All Parishes in the diocese are invited to attend. Buses should arrive at 1:30pm to give pilgrims opportunity to visit the shrines etc. before mass. No catering as Parishioners are encourage to bring packed Lunch.

Children's Liturgy Day: The Diocesan Liturgy Commission will hold a day for all those involved in Children's Liturgy at St Mirin's Cathedral Hall on **Saturday 24th August 11.30am-2.30pm**. This will give all groups a chance to meet together, to look at best practice, and resources. All welcome to attend.

The relics of St Therese of Lisieux: The relics will be in Scotland for two weeks in September. They will be in our Diocese from **14 - 16th September 2019**. The relics will mainly be at St Mary's Church, Greenock from the evening of Saturday 14th September until the morning of the 15th. The relics will then be taken to St Mirin's Cathedral on Sunday 15th September until the afternoon of the 16th September 2019. All welcome to come and pray before the relics of the "Little Flower"

World Youth Day 2022: Registration is now open for World Youth Day 2022 in Lisbon, Portugal. Details of cost and dates will be advised soon. To register, please visit <https://rcdop.org.uk/news/world-youth-day-2022-lisbon-for-a-lifetime-experience>

Annual Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Ven. Margaret Sinclair: Sunday 8th September, St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh: 2pm Holy Hour; 3pm Presentation on the Ven. Margaret Sinclair; 4.30pm Holy Mass; 5.30pm close.

Maranatha Prayer Group: Please, join us for an evening of prayer and praise in St Mirin's hall on Tuesday 5th August at 7:30pm. We meet weekly to pray. Sing and reflect on the scriptures. There will be tea and coffee afterwards. All are welcome.

Welcome, Thérèse, to Scotland's soil today,

Tune: Highland Cathedral

Welcome, Thérèse, to Scotland's soil today, Come to remind us of your 'Little Way'. Teach us the secrets of Christ's love and grace Learned through His Childhood and His Holy Face.

Love and faith were the driving force: God's Merciful Love – poured on your soul Drew your childlike heart on course: Surrender so pure and whole.

Called to a life of dedicated prayer, Daily you offered all you had and were: Nothing too small to give Him, joy or pain, Wandering hearts to Jesus' love to gain.

When the clouds gathered heavily, All joy and light... disappeared. Holding fast with fidelity, You steadily persevered.

Soaring to God on wings of faith and trust, Confidence raised you to the heights of love, Love all-encompassing, so deep and just: Drawing us with you to His home above.

We in our country of Scotland, pray That day by day, we love him like you. Saint Thérèse, through your 'Little Way', All Scotland's faith renew.

Words: Carmelite Monastery, Dysart.

Missio Scotland: Friends of Missio Ball' on Saturday 16th November at the Hilton hotel Bellshill all seated for 7:30pm. Tickets are £40 per person with tables of ten also available. This includes a gift upon arrival, a 3 course meal and live band. There are also some fantastic raffle prizes and an auction on the night. All proceeds will go towards schools projects in Uganda and Sierra Leone.

As a parish Community we pray especially for

Those who are sick

Helena Sagnella Ben Chamness Allison O'Kane Bobby Muir
Mary Graham Agnes Cattigan Caetano Rosario Cardozo
Elizabeth McGrogan Laura Hunter Christine McAllister
John Allison Russell Smith Margaret Blane Linda Patti
Stephen Sarah Jessiman Sarah & Jennette McCann Greame
Martin Rogers John Kerr Agnes Roddie Moses Shambira
Noel & Wilfred Kidd John Woods

Those who are recently deceased

Tony Gilmartin
Jim Bowers Tony Hawke
Tommy Foy

Those whose anniversaries occur

Laura Anne Donnelly John Barr
Danny McKelvie Rosemary McKeown
Anna Josephine Maciver