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may we be  
consumed  
with the  
creator  
of all things  
rather than  
with things  
created

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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year C**

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I today's Gospel Jesus argues is that it is futile to place importance on things which are transitory. His disciples are to make themselves rich in the sight of God. The parable illustrates the issue. The issue is that if we are given gifts from God, we have the opportunity to do something for others with those gifts. That's how to be rich in the sight of God. Sr. Helen Prejean said at a graduation ceremony. "As you begin to build your professional houses, make sure you build a room for those who cannot speak for themselves.

**What have we done with our abilities, achievements, possessions for those less fortunate than ourselves?**

## Mass Times this week

Monday	10am	Memorial: St Alphonsus Liguori
Tuesday	10am	Week 18 Year C
Wednesday	10am	Week 18 Year C
Thursday	10am	Memorial: St John Vianney
Friday	10am	Week 18 Year C
Saturday	10am	Feast: Transfiguration of the Lord
Saturday	6pm Vigil	Week 17 Year C
Sunday	10am	

**Rosary (9.30am) and Morning Prayer (9.45am) daily** in the church  
**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP** Thursdays 7pm  
**COLLECTIONS 24<sup>th</sup> July** £406.60

**200 CLUB** monies due next Sunday

**HEARTFELT THANKS** are offered from Barbara Gillan and family. The family were overwhelmed and greatly comforted by the number of cards and messages of support they received following the death of Joe. It is a testament to the contribution Joe made to the life of the parish and community over the years.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Laura Riley and Derek McIndoe who were married on Saturday. May their life together be blessed with happiness.

**THE BIGGEST GATHERING OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE WORLD IS ON.....**in Krakow, Poland.

World Youth Day (WYD) is a worldwide encounter with the Pope which is typically celebrated every three years in a different country.



WYD is open to all young people who want to take part in a festive encounter with their contemporaries centred on Jesus Christ. This event is an opportunity to experience in first person the universality of the Church; to share with the whole world the hope of many young people who want to commit themselves to Christ and others. World Youth Day is a unique way for young people to deepen their faith and grow closer to Christ, by means of prayer and the sacraments, together with thousands of other young people who share their interests and ambitions.

Approximately ONE MILLION young people attended an overnight vigil last night (Saturday) and will celebrate Mass with the Pope today, including young people from our Archdiocese.

**LET US KEEP THEM IN OUR PRAYERS**

**POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS ON SUFFERING AT WORLD YOUTH DAY**

“Where is God, if evil is present in our world, if there are men and women who are hungry and thirsty, homeless, exiles and refugees? Where is God, when cruel diseases break the bonds of life and affection? Or when children are exploited and demeaned, and they too suffer from grave illness? Where is God, amid the anguish of those who doubt and are troubled in spirit?”

“We can only look to Jesus and ask him. And Jesus’ answer is this: ‘God is in them’. Jesus is in them; he suffers in them and deeply

identifies with each of them. He is so closely united to them as to form with them, as it were, ‘one body,’” he continued.

The Way of the Cross is a reminder of the importance of imitating Jesus through the fourteen works of mercy, seven corporal and seven spiritual, which the pontiff listed.

Through the **corporal works of mercy**,

- feeding the hungry,
- giving drink to the thirsty,
- clothing the naked,
- sheltering the homeless,
- visiting the sick and those in prison,
- burying the dead,

The pope told youth to “serve the crucified Jesus,” who’s present in the marginalised, the disadvantaged, the persecuted, refugees and migrants.

He then listed the **spiritual works of mercy**:

- Counseling the doubtful,
- instructing the ignorant,
- admonishing sinners,
- consoling the afflicted,
- pardoning offences,
- bearing wrongs patiently,
- praying for the living and the dead.

“In welcoming the outcast who suffer physically and welcoming sinners who suffer spiritually, our credibility as Christians is at stake,” Francis said.

Pope Francis appealed to the youth not to opt for “early retirement” and not to let anyone tell them they can’t change what’s wrong in the world. Jesus wants to use them as a “concrete response to the needs and sufferings of humanity.”

“He wants you to be signs of his merciful love for our time! To enable you to carry out this mission, he shows you the way of personal commitment and self-sacrifice. It is the Way of the Cross,”

**AGAP THEATRE** is taking two productions to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. "The Margaret Sinclair Story" will be performed from Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 7.45pm at St Patrick's Church, High Street, Edinburgh. "Among Women" will be at the same time on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> August. Tickets from Box Office 0131 226 0000 or [www.edfringe.com](http://www.edfringe.com) Coach transport available for matinee of the Margaret Sinclair Story on 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact AGAP 0141 552 5527

Lord,  
in between our first breath and our last,  
before you call us home,  
you give us

time.

Time to work hard, time to pray well,  
time to play and time to give;  
time to be with friends  
time to love  
and be  
loved.

When these hours are spent,  
please let us  
hear you  
say,

"I was here with you through it all.  
I gave you precious time.  
You have used it  
well."

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Recently dead:** Fr. Jacques Hamel, David Roberts, Bertie McIntyre

**Anniversaries:** Edith Gilmour, Pat & Mary McGlynn, Michael McFadden