

## 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2022: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY (C)

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Hymns for 11 am Mass	Entrance: 725 Post-Communion: 948	Offertory: 609 Recessional: 719	Communion: 814



### There is more to life than wealth and riches

We can become obsessive about looking for material security in this life. Yet we cannot take our riches with us when we die. We are called to live as people who have died to the things of this world, in order to focus on the spiritual riches of a life given to Christ. In this way we will get our priorities right, and our lives will be full of true happiness.

← This hoard of yours, whose will it be?

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For small businesses

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.

#### Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	Aoifaine Lee RIP
Sun 31	✠ <b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY (C)</b>
09.30	Vallery Taylor RIP
11.00	Intention of Sylvia & George Lakey
Mon 01	<i>Saint Alphonsus Liguori</i>
09.30	Thanksgiving Mass for Pauline's Birthday Rosary
Tue 02	
09.30	Intention of Vernon Pedlow Rosary
Wed 03	
09.30	Joseph Horgan RIP Rosary
Thu 04	<i>Saint John Vianney</i>
09.30	N'Douffou Kouadjo Michel RIP Rosary
Fri 05	
09.30	Intention of Teresa Strolla Exposition
Sat 06	<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>
09.30	People of the Parish
18:30	(First Mass of Sunday) Leo Travers RIP
Sun 07	✠ <b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY (C)</b>
09.30	Elizabeth Akhagbemhe Thanksgiving for Blessings
11.00	Loyala College Ibadan Nigeria Old Boys Association Remembrance & Thanksgiving Mass

#### Sharing the Word

**First Reading** (Eccles 1:2; 2:21-23) This reading casts a cold eye on the vanity of human life. One example of this vanity is the toil that people put into acquiring wealth only to leave it all to their heirs. Things that are supposed to satisfy human beings do not satisfy them. Only faith in God and in an afterlife can provide a light in the darkness.

#### Second Reading

(Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11) This reading sums up some of the conclusions that follow from the fact that through baptism the Christian shares in the life of Christ. As believers we do not model ourselves on the behaviour of the world but on the behaviour of Christ whose life we share.

#### Gospel

(Luke 12:13-21) The gospel deals with the difficulties that possessions can cause for the disciples of Jesus. Jesus refuses to get involved in a family dispute. He focuses on cause of the dispute which is greed for possessions. The parable stresses the foolishness of depending on material things for one's security rather than on God. In his search for security and happiness in this life, the rich man forgets God, eternal life, and his obligations to the poor. He is truly a fool because he has not known how to use wisely the wealth that he had. And so the gospel wants us to decide between the fragile security and illusory joy of earthly wealth and the true riches of possessing God.

### Saint Bernadette: Relic Tour 2022

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage from Lourdes to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This special once in a lifetime event will provide and opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near to their home. It will provide people across our community of faith with a valuable opportunity for prayer and healing. People are therefore encouraged to register their attendance as soon as they can. The reservation system is now open and can be accessed here: [stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/](http://stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/).

### First Holy Communion 2022

The photographs from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of June are ready for collection. Please see Fr Regis.

### Children's Liturgy

We intend to restart the children's liturgy. Two members of the parish have offered to lead the children during their liturgy. But we need more people to help with this ministry. And so if anybody is interested and willing to help our children they should let me know as soon as possible. Any volunteers will need to be DBS checked and this could be done between now and September.

### Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

The next Rota is now available in the porch for those who have not received one via email.

### Passing on the Faith as Grandparents

What practical steps can we take and what sort of conversations can we have which will help anchor our grandchildren's faith? Four online sessions starting August 3, 7:30 – 9pm. Email Lisette on [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk)

### Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ

This weekend is for those who are in mourning. Emotions out of control feeling a loss, this weekend is a time for you. A space for you. Aylesford Priory 7-9th October. For enquiries please telephone Aylesford Priory 01622 717272

### Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

Please join us on this pilgrimage at the Walsingham National Catholic Shrine, on Saturday 6th August at 12pm with Bishop Philip Egan. For more details contact 01858 571242, or visit [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk) or [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org)

### Parish Secretary

The parish secretary will be away from 6<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> August.

### Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place between 19th and 26th August. We are sad that, like most Lourdes pilgrimages this year, we have not been able to include pilgrims who need medical support. At the same time, we are delighted to be returning to Lourdes after two years of absence. Details are available at [www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association](http://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association). Southwark contacts: Canon Ed Perera ([edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk)) and Bishop Paul Hendricks ([paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk)).

### Today's Second Collection

Gift Aiders, for those contributing towards the second collection please use the envelopes at the back of the church. Please provide your gift aid number on the envelope. If you need to know your gift aid number please either email us or telephone the parish house. Thank you.

### The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis

We are looking for a Departmental Administrator on a part-time, 1-year fixed-term (initially) contract. The successful candidate will support Some Definite Service, the diocesan approach for parish growth in evangelisation, catechesis, and formation supported through local people, plans, and prayer. Closing date is 5 August 2022. For more information, please visit: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/job-vacancy>

### Electronic Donations for June 2022

**Standing orders:** £2,444

**Card machine:** £197

### Last Week

**Offertory:** Gift Aided: £175, Not Gift Aided: £328

**Mass Count:** Sat (38), Sun 09.30 (106), 11.00 (86)

### Second Collection

**Last week: None**

**This week: Refugees of the Ukraine**

**Next Week: None**

### Donate

**Gift Aid:** Tax payers, please sign up, so we can claim 25p for every £1 donated. Email Treasurer for details.

**Card:** Card Machine in Church Foyer or [www.olspn.church](http://www.olspn.church)

**Standing Order:** Email Treasurer for details.

**Cheque:** Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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