



**St. Gabriel's**  
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**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**4<sup>th</sup> August 2019**



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### **Jesuit Reflection for Today's Readings**

Today's readings are about material things and our attitude towards them. Are they at the centre of our lives? The texts also suggest that what we are is more important than what we have. Qoheleth, 'the Preacher', who wrote the Book of Ecclesiastes 300 years before Christ, gives a pessimistic view of the world. Is it worth working hard and worrying about our wealth, only to leave it to others after our death? He declares: 'All is vanity!' (First Reading). The Gospel develops the same theme. The main problem with wealth is that it risks taking centre stage in our life, and displacing God from His rightful position. What really matters is making ourselves rich in the sight of God. St Paul, in the Second Reading, develops similar ideas. As Christians, we should put aside our former preoccupations, especially greed and, turn our thoughts to 'heavenly things', for Christ is 'in everything'. As the Psalm encourages us, we ought to praise and thank the Lord in words and songs rather than grumble and worry. We should listen to his voice today. So, this week, make some time each day to listen to what the Lord is telling you about yourself, and about your relationship with others and with money. ([www.pathwaystogod.org](http://www.pathwaystogod.org))

### **Bon Voyage Fr Melchior.**

On Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, we say goodbye to Fr Melchior as he returns home to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska in Poland. We wish him a safe journey home. Thank you for looking after our spiritual needs. Look forward to seeing you again next year. Bon Voyage.

### **Alsager Food Bank.**

Now the school holidays are underway there is more need than ever to support the important work of the food bank. Please keep your donations coming in. Your continued generosity is much appreciated.

### **SVP Social Afternoon**

The next SVP social afternoon for senior citizens will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August from 2pm until 4pm. This will be a Garden Party at the home of Jackie Roberts. If you would like to attend, require a lift, or any other query, please contact Mary Atkinson on 01270 879328 or Michael Massey on 01270 872515.

### **St Gabriel's School**

Congratulations to all at St. Gabriel's Primary School on their excellent Sats results recently. The school has maintained its wonderful record and great credit must go to the Headteacher, Mr. Byrne, the staff and of course, the pupils whose efforts have been recognised once again. Well done to all.

### **News from The Diocese**

#### **Blessed John Henry Newman**

On 1st July, Pope Francis announced that Blessed John Henry Newman will be canonized at Saint Peter's Rome on Sunday 13th October 2019.

#### **Ordinations to Diaconate and Priesthood**

On 31st May, Father Neill Robb was ordained to the Priesthood at Saint Werburgh's Chester. Fr. Neill is a former Anglican clergyman who in his retirement will assist at Saint Werburgh's. On 6th July Reverend James Kay was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate at the Cathedral. Deacon Jim will be based at Saint Winefride's, Neston and serve within the Local Missionary Area. On 13th July Father Owen Gallagher was ordained to the Priesthood at Saint Michael & All Angels, Woodchurch. Fr. Owen will begin his priestly ministry as an Assistant Priest at the Cathedral.

Please remember our two new Priests and new Deacon in your prayer.

### **Parish Financial Accounts 2018- 2019**

The Parish Accounts Balance sheet is on the notice board in the church porch.

## **Missio - Annual Review 2018**

Fr Anthony Chantry, National Director for Missio, has written to thank the Diocese and all the parishes within, for the amount of £130,617 which was raised in 2018 for the important work of Missio. The total amount collected from the red boxes in St Gabriel's was £3,561.38

**REST IN PEACE;** Margaret Hewetson, Morvyth Escombe, Valoria Nurton, Winifred Bourne, Judy Potter, Eilish Fleming, Josette Delcroix, James Byrne, Susan Constantine, Tom Carnes, & those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Tony Phillips, Daniel Shallow, Tom Ward.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Especially for Catherine Bevan, Barbara Chidlow, Elsie Turnock, Margaret Pearson, Theresa Lawton, Peter McAlister, John Monks, Terry Orford, Fr. Pat Munroe, John Conway, Pat Merrigan, Harry Moody, Deacon Peter Bravey, Ana Izurzu, Bernard Dockery, Eamon Dooley, Marie Whelan, Rebecca Dajani, John Boote, Dorothy Eccles, Joanne Graham, Sheila Gibson, Ricky Masterson, Kay Charlesworth, Margaret McGreevy, Peter Pulford, Betty Bostwick, Joan Phillips, Ben Thomas, Denise Nolan, Norman Tams, Christine Clapham, Baby Hunter, Baby Rover, Gerard Davey, Ruth Hilton, Ned Hilton, Helen Edwards, June Hibbert & George Evans and all in our hospitals & nursing homes.

### **MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019**

<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August St. Oswald</b>	5.30-6.15 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	6.30 pm Mass  11.30 am Mass	Wilfrid Byatt RIP  In Thanksgiving (Ray Gillespie)
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</b>	7.00 pm 7.30 pm <b>8.00 pm</b>	Holy Hour Margaret Hewetson RIP <b>SVP Meeting</b>
<b>Tues 6<sup>th</sup> August The Transfiguration of The Lord</b>	10.00 am	Morvyth Escombe RIP
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup> August Ss Sixtus 11, M &amp; Companions</b>	10.00 am <b>10.30 am</b>	Valoria Nurton RIP <b>Lectio Divina</b>
<b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> August St. Dominic</b>	10.00 am	Priest Intentions
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Day of special prayer for Europe</b>	10.00 am  <b>10.30 am</b>	Service of Word and Communion  <b>Holy Rosary</b>
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August St. Lawrence 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>	5.30-6.15 pm  6.30 pm Mass  11.30 am Mass	Sacrament of Reconciliation  Frances Byatt RIP  Parishioners
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Jacqueline Lowery Dennis Large	Val Mason Shay Norman
<b>READERS</b>	David Hudson Mary Atkinson	Tony Smith Sian Bithell

**Collection, 21<sup>st</sup> July, £531.04**

***Thank you for your continued generosity. Please gift-aid if possible.***

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