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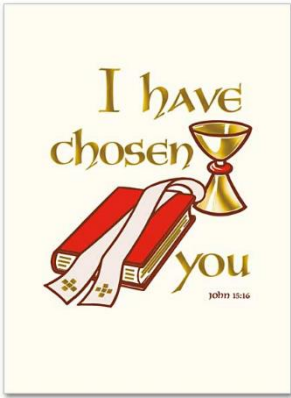
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31st July 2022		<i>Eighteenth Sunday of the Year</i>	
Psalter Week 2			
First Reading	Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 <i>What does a man gain for all his toil?</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.		
Second Reading	St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11 <i>You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Luke 12:13-21 <i>This hoard of yours, whose will it be?</i>		
Saturday 30th July +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)	
Sunday 31st July +	10.30am	Mass – (Sydney Bryant RIP)	
Monday 1st August St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor	10.00am	Mass – (Clare Archer RIP)	
Tuesday 2nd August St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop – op memoria	10.00am	Service of Word and Holy Communion	
Wednesday 3rd August St Walthen, Abbott – op memoria		No Parish Mass today	
Thursday 4th August St John Vianney, Priest - memoria	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Geraldine O'Shea RIP)	
Friday – 5th August Dedication of St Maria Maggiore – op mem	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Una Blennerhassett Int)	
Saturday – 6th August TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD – Feast	10.00am 10.30am	Mass – (Anne Pilcher RIP) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
Saturday – 6th August +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (Fred Lovejoy Int)	
Sunday – 7th August +	10.30am	Mass – (For the Parish)	



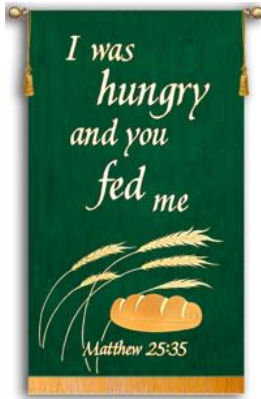
SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION - every Saturday between 10.30am & 11.30am and between 5.45pm & 6.15pm - Or by arrangement with Fr David



Ad Multos Annos

On Saturday, 30th July, Fr David celebrates the 29th year of his priestly ordination. We are very fortunate to have been blessed with such a caring and loving Parish Priest. We thank God for Fr David's priestly ministry and pray for him, his family and friends and for our parish under his ever-watchful gaze.

God bless you Fr David



Milton Keynes Foodbank

You will all be well aware of the current cost of living crisis that is affecting so many people – these difficult times are particularly challenging for those individuals and families less fortunate than many of us. We continue to be ever grateful for the tremendous support that you have given to the Foodbank over many years. If you wish to make any donations please deposit them in the box by the Presbytery door – this is emptied daily and the goods taken to Milton Keynes each week. Thank you very much



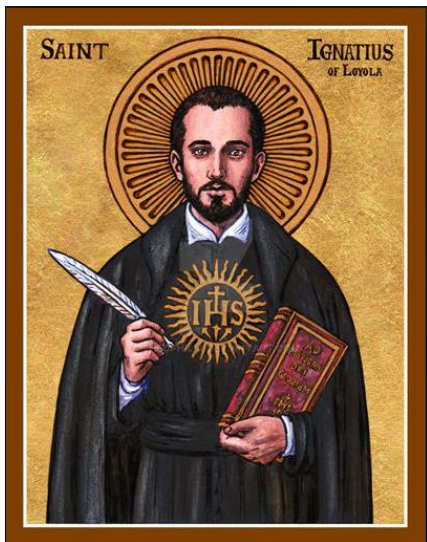
Ministry of the Word

One of the principal rites of the Mass is the 'Liturgy of the Word' – we are very grateful to those parishioners who exercise the Ministry of the Word (Readers) here at Our Lady's. We find ourselves in need of more Readers, particularly for the Saturday evening Vigil Mass. If you are interested or would like to know more then please contact Denise



Church Cleaning

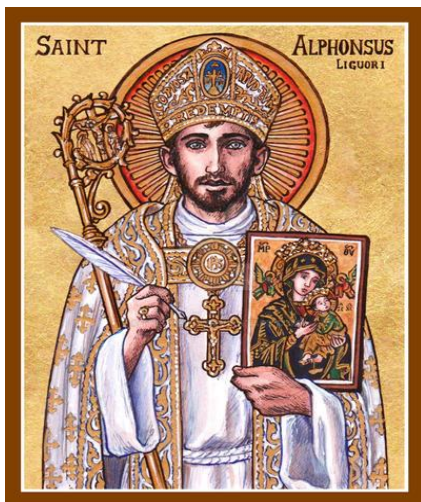
We have a beautiful church. Would you be willing to give a little bit of your time to cleaning it? If enough people are willing to sign up, we could easily make sure that it is cleaned regularly without the task being too much of a burden – and also a time to socialise. Please do think about it. There is a list at the back of church for you to sign up to volunteer. We will get in touch to organise a simple rota. Many thanks – Fr David



St Ignatius Loyola, Priest

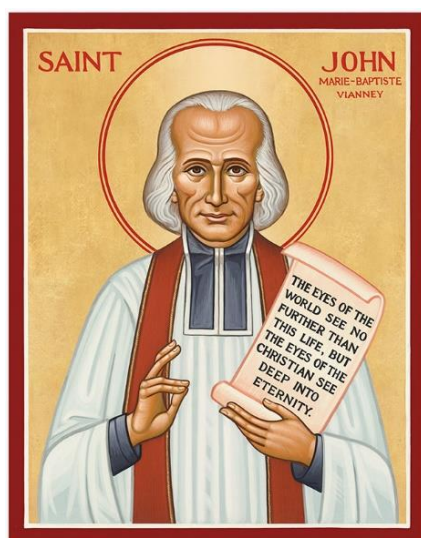
The memoria of St Ignatius of Loyola is not observed this year as it falls on a Sunday

Born in the year 1491 at Loyola in northern Spain, his early life was led at court and in the army. He was later converted to a life of holiness. He studied theology at Paris and gathered companions around him and afterwards at Rome he formed the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). He exercised a very fruitful apostolate by his written work and by the formation of his disciples who were outstanding in the reform of the Church. He died at Rome in the year 1556. You can obtain a copy of the 'Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola' – ISBN: 9780895551535 – published by TAN books from Blackwell's Books <https://blackwells.co.uk/bookshop/>



St Alphonsus Liguori – Bishop & Doctor

Born in Naples in the year 1696. He studied law and took his doctor's degree in both civil and canon law, became a priest and later founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists). In order to promote among the faithful a truly Christian life he spent his time in preaching and in writing, especially about moral theology of which discipline he is looked upon as the master. He was chosen to be Bishop of Sant' Agata dei Goti, but soon gave up the post and returned to his own Congregation where he died at Nocera dei Pagani in Campagna in the year 1787



St John Mary Vianney – Priest

Born at Lyons in the year 1786. After overcoming tremendous difficulties, he was finally ordained priest. He was given charge of the parish of Ars in the diocese of Belley, and by his forthright preaching, personal mortification, prayer and charity renewed it and increased it in a wonderful way. His help to those who came to the sacrament of confession was renowned and people flocked to him from all sides to obtain his advice. He died in the year 1859. In his catechetical instructions, St John Mary Vianney writes, 'We had deserved to be left incapable of praying; but God in His goodness has permitted us to speak to Him. Our prayer is an incense that is delightful to God.' St John Mary Vianney is the Patron Saint of Parish Priests



Transfiguration of the Lord

In the midst of the disciples' fears, Christ reveals Himself to them in a tiny glimpse of what the resurrection will be like. This brief vision of Christ, in His glory, was given to Peter, James and John, in order to strengthen the trails of their faith which the sufferings and crucifixion of their beloved master would bring on them. All of us, I'm sure, long to have a glimpse of Christ in our everyday lives – maybe to reassure us of God's presence, maybe to remind us of what awaits us in heaven or perhaps to strengthen our weak faith.

What do we know of the glory of God when we have never seen him with our own eyes or heard His voice with our ears?

The reality is, of course, that there are real glimpses of God all around us each and every day of our lives – all that we need to do is look for them and recognise them for what they really are. We can see Christ in the hungry, the poor, the homeless, the disadvantaged – we can see Him in those whom we love, our families, our friends – we can see Him in the beauty of the world around us, in the sunset or sunrise, in the trees and rivers, the flowers and plants, in our homes and of course here in our church – in the sacraments, in our devotions, in the Mass – all of these are full of the richness and beauty of Christ.

There are two potentialities within each of us – the potential for good and the potential for evil. We are capable of hatred, bitterness, greed, envy and the like. These are ugly things and bring out the worst in us – they corrupt our hearts and minds and draw us away from God. Whereas our potential for good makes us capable of love, joy, patience, kindness, compassion – these are beautiful things and bring out the best in us. They purify our hearts and minds and draw us ever closer to God. Goodness transfigures us.

Mount Tabor and Calvary are linked in the Gospel and are linked also in life. We long for the experience of transfiguration, to stand alongside Peter, James and John to see God revealed in Jesus Christ. We want to be like Moses and catch a glimpse of His glory. We want to be like Elijah, to hear God in the sound of stillness. But the magnificence of Christ transfigured on Mount Tabor is to be found veiled in the garden at Gethsemane and on Calvary. The glory of God, not now seen directly by our eyes, is just as real and present when Christ experiences His agony in the garden – for in this agony of Christ all mankind was involved. The passion of Jesus Christ is for all time and all people. Tabor and Calvary, in their different ways, reveal the true face of Christ who is the Son of God for, as we know, there was to be a further revelation when the crucified Christ became the risen Christ.

The vision of God transfigured in His Son, Jesus Christ, gave His disciples the hope to carry them through the journey of Christ's passion – we too are given this same hope today to carry us through the events of Christ's passion - remembering that Christ died for all mankind.

In His love for us, God allows us to taste on earth the joys of the world to come. In between, however, we must travel in the darkness of faith.

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, St Lawrence, St Joseph, St John Henry Newman, St Rita, St Alphonsus, St Eusebius, St Peter Eymard, St Walther, St John Vianney, St Maria Maggiore pray for us all.

With our love and prayers – Fr David & Deacon Peter