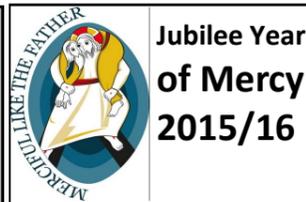


18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

31 July 2016

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Jubilee Year
of Mercy
2015/16

Next Week's Readings

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9
2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

RESPONSE

*In every age, O
Lord, you have
been our refuge.*

ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!*



Reducing our ecological footprint is good for the soul

Refusing to "store up treasure" for our own selfish ends, we become forever "rich toward God," writes Mercy Sister Veronica Lawson.

Every faithful Jew and every faithful Christian knows that "the earth belongs to God and all that is in it" (Psalm 24). That does not stop people from arguing over possessions and even killing for them. It never has. There seems to be something deep within the human psyche that continually seeks for more. Those who seek to be "rich toward God" or "rich in God" find life. Those who seek to be rich in material possessions will simply be left, at life's end, with a question: "To whom will this hoard belong?" The question is rhetorical and expects the

answer of Psalm 24: "the earth and all that is in it belongs to God".

Jesus is addressed as "teacher", and is asked to force a decision in an inheritance debate. He demonstrates that he is "teacher" rather than "divider". He tells a hard hitting story. He knows that story-telling is more effective in bringing people to life-giving decisions than is any attempt to bring down a definitive ruling, especially for those who surely know the law. His story is about a landowner who is blessed by an abundant harvest. The estate manager or steward as well as the peasant workers and their families might reasonably expect a share in the profits, even perhaps a remission of the debts they inevitably carry. In this instance, the blessing of abundance turns the land-owner in upon himself rather than out towards others and so "toward God". First person singular pronouns predominate: "What am I to do? I have no place.... I will do this.... I will I will I will" The futility or senselessness of stockpiling for personal gain is highlighted by the shift to second person singular, "You fool...", and by the divine judgment on the landowner's self-focus and greed. Greed appears in today's second reading from the letter to the people of Colossae. For the author of that letter, greed is simply idolatry, worship of a false god.

In these times of planetary vulnerability, there is some urgency about the call to place our trust in the goodness of a generous God, to reduce our ecological footprint, and to acknowledge by the way we live that the good things of the earth belong to God and to all of God's people, not just to the privileged few. In consistently refusing to "store up treasure" for our own selfish ends, we become forever "rich toward God".

Source: <http://www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org.au>



Pope repeats call to pray for goodness and fraternity

After more terror attacks, pontiff asks Catholics to use the power of prayer.

Vatican City: In the wake of more terrorist attacks, Pope Francis has repeated his call for prayer for goodness and fraternity.

"At this time our soul is once again moved by sad news related to deplorable acts of terrorism and of violence, which have caused sorrow and death," Pope Francis said after the Angelus prayer last July 24.

"I think of the dramatic events in Munich in Germany, and in Kabul in Afghanistan, where many innocent people lost their lives."

The pope also called on people to join him in prayer "that the Lord might inspire in everyone intentions of goodness and fraternity." The more "difficulties might seem insurmountable, and prospects of security and peace seem obscure," he said, "the more insistent must our prayer be."

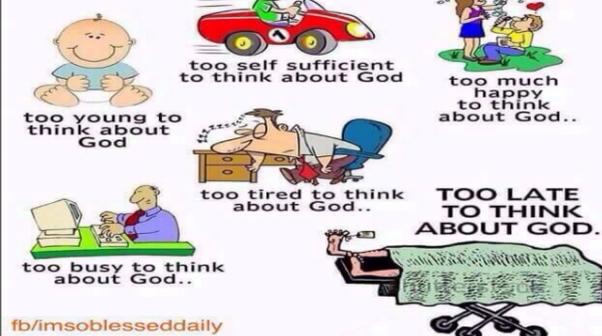
Source: www.ucanindia.in

Feast of the Week

- 1 August - St. Alphonsus Liguori
- 3 August - St. Dominic
- 4 August - St. John Marie Vianney (Patron Saint of Parish Priest and Religious Priest)
- 6 August - The Transfiguration of the Lord



NO TIME !!!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

ANNIVERSARIES: Saverio Folino, Don Cornwell, Patrick Gustafson, Ann Mary de Haan, Frank Klear, Harry Bryne, Brian Sword, Eileen Gooch, Cecily Waiting, Richard Borg, Harry Burgess, Maureen McMillan, Kevin Ronald Watson

SICK: Mary Edmonds, Brian Taggart, Pauline Muscat, Marta Kristan, Kala Lindsay, Geoff Bell, Stan Piergrosse



Pope expresses shock over violence in French church

The murder of 84-year-old Fr Jacques Hamel who was taken hostage with a handful of other faithful during a weekday morning Mass in Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray is another act of 'absurd violence' added to too many stories of senseless violence and death, said Vatican spokesman Fr Federico Lombardi.

'With pain and horror for the absurd violence,' Pope Francis expressed his condemnation of 'every form of hatred' and offered his prayers for all those involved.

'We are particularly stricken because this horrible violence occurred in a church - a sacred place in which the love of God is proclaimed - with the barbaric killing of a priest,' Fr Lombardi said.

Police said two men, armed with knives, entered the church during Mass. They reportedly slit the throat of Fr Hamel. They said another person present at the Mass was in serious condition at the hospital. An Interior Ministry spokesman said the attackers were killed by police, ending the hostage situation.

Full text at www.melbournecatholic.org.au



Bihar State (India) bans sacramental wine

State authorities in Bihar have cancelled the church's license to make sacramental wine saying it violates a law passed in April banning alcohol.

"All kinds of alcohol are banned in the state and the use of sacramental wine by the church is against this law," State Excise Commissioner, Aditya Kumar Das told the press in Patna recently. There was a chance of abusing the exemption given to the church and so the department is bound to cancel it, he said.

Gabriel John, a Catholic leader of Patna Archdiocese said the laity would fight against the ban. "Let the church authorities discuss and decide if an alternative could be allowed," he said.

Full text at www.ucanindia.in

Church launches campaign against extrajudicial killings in the Philippines

The Archdiocese of Manila held a Mass to launch a "Thou shall not kill" campaign to decry extrajudicial killings in the Philippines.



This is in time for the first State of the Nation Address of President Rodrigo Duterte who has declared war on illegal drugs in the country. The campaign aims to bring together the families of the victims to attend the mass and pray. Full text at www.cbcnews.com.

RECONCILIATION CLASSES

6 AUGUST 2016, 3:15PM—4:15PM
In the Narthex. Please register with the Parish

CARE & SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

5 August 2016, 9:45am in the Narthex.
All are welcome!

SAINT FAUSTINA'S STORY AND PILGRIM REFLECTIONS AT THE DIVINE MERCY SHRINE

"I am love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted — it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it."



International Flags line in the entrance of the Divine Mercy Shrine

This message of mercy from God is one of many that Saint Faustina received during the last four years of her life at the site of the Divine Mercy Shrine. Located in the Kraków-Łagiewniki neighbourhood, the convent of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy where she lived, received God's revelations of mercy, and died is one of the popular destinations for World Youth Day 2016 pilgrims.

JMJ Youth pilgrims and many others headed to the Divine Mercy Shrine last 26 July, Tuesday morning to pray in the presence of the Divine Mercy image, tour the grounds, and venerate the relics of Saint Faustina.

Source: www.worldyouthday.com



Young Australians speak about the power and beauty of World Youth Day

MORE of the young Australians in the Encounter Poland group travelling with Melbourne Bishop Mark Edwards for World Youth Day reflect on the power and the beauty of the opening Mass, the liturgy, the sacred music, and the hospitality of the people of Poland.

Watch their testimonies at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

Indonesian church remembers 'inspiring activist'

The church in Indonesia has remembered a well-known Catholic activist who died earlier this year, saying he left behind a legacy that can inspire Catholic leaders to become more involved in socio-political issues.



Thomas Aquino Legowo, 57, served as a socio-political researcher at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Jakarta from 1984 until 2007. Full text at www.ucanindia.in



Due to low number of registration, the Volunteer Appreciation BBQ Night will be moved to a later date this year.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To assist the Diocese of Broome, WA in the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. Details at www.broomediocese.org

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