### **Gospel Reflection**

I suppose the shortest response to the Gospel would be – 'you can't take it with you'.

Our lives are an ever-changing journey of aspiration and achievement, hopefully with only the occasional failure or detour.

We are surrounded by images of what success

looks like and how important it is to be part of the in-crowd. How quickly a 'want' becomes a 'need' and how clearly we are entitled to what we need.

Jesus never criticises wealth; in fact he seems to feel sorry for those to have it. Wealth can be a great blessing - allowing us to support others; to make the most of our talents and gifts; to leave the world a better place. It's the love of wealth that can turn nasty. Changing our focus from God to self; wealth can exclude our neighbour for all sorts of seemingly, very good reasons. Wealth gives us the impression that we are in control - when the realities of life can very quickly prove otherwise.

Consider what is truly important both in this world and the next. Then what you can take with you - goodness and kindness - will fill the treasure boxes of heaven.

## NEWSLETTER

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"United in conviction and united in love, with a common purpose and a common mind" Philippians 2:2

31st JULY 2022 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 30th July	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 31st July	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 1st August		
Tuesday 2nd August		
Wednesday 3rd August		
Thursday 4th August	1:30pm	Requiem Mass – Peter Fox RIP
Friday 5th August		
Saturday 6th August	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 7th August	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)

If Fr Simon is unobtainable and you urgently need a Priest please phone the parish mobile: **07548 222133** Please use this number for emergencies only i.e. where a priest is needed urgently.

#### 200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize This week – Mr Alex Zoka

# WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

## Prayer for our Parish:

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word and a new consecration to your service, that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ our Lord.

St Joseph pray for us

**Gospel** Luke 12:13-21

A man in a crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to give me my share of what our father left us when he died."

Jesus answered,

"Who gave me the right to settle arguments between you and your brother?"

Then he said to the crowd, "Don't be greedy! Owning a lot of things won't make your life safe."

So Jesus told them this story: A rich man's farm produced a big crop, and he said to himself, "What can I do? I don't have a place large enough to store everything."

Later, he said, "Now I know what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones, where I can store all my grain and other goods. Then I'll say to myself, 'You have stored up enough good things to last for years to come. Live it up! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself."

But God said to him,

"You fool! Tonight you will die.

Then who will get what you have stored up?"

"This is what happens to people who store up everything for themselves, but are poor in the sight of God."



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi