

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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*Eighteenth Sunday
of the Year
31 July 2022*

From today's Gospel: 'There was a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "... I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain in them, and I will take things easy, eat, drink and have a good time"

But God said to him, 'Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?' So, it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.' (Luke 12:13-21)

We Continue to pray for Peace – 'Dear Lord, please grant the people of Ukraine and Russia, Your Peace, Your Justice, Your Reconciliation, Your Forgiveness, Your Love. Amen.'

Today, Sunday, 31 July, the 11.15am Mass at St Mary Magdalene's will be a **Children's Mass**, as will next Sunday's 9.30am Mass at St John's

On Monday, at 2.30pm, our monthly Healing Mass will take place at St John's. All welcome.

This Saturday, 6 August, is **the Feast of the Transfiguration...there will be a Saturday morning Mass at St John's to celebrate the Feast...and Fr Jock will be available to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation** after it (as he is after each Saturday evening Vigil Mass).

A Message – and Invitation - from Bethany Christian Trust

Bethany Overnight Welcome Centre re-opening

Jim Roarty writes: “Bethany Christian Trust has advised that the Welcome Centre (for homeless who would otherwise be sleeping rough) will re-open for the winter season on 5 October and will run through to the end of April. They have asked us how many nights we can commit to, so I have emailed the people presently on our volunteer list to check on their availability.

For those of you not familiar with the Welcome Centre, volunteers from our two parishes, along with church groups from all over Edinburgh, provide a hot meal every night for the homeless using the Centre. The meal is prepared off-site and brought to the Welcome Centre, housed in the Haymarket Hub hotel (directly opposite Haymarket Station) where we serve it in the dining area.

Basically, for each of our nights, we only need two volunteers to report to the Welcome Centre around 7.30pm to make sure preparations are in hand for the food coming, to serve it and then clear up after – usually finished before 11pm. Two is an adequate number as the dining area is small.

If anyone would like to join our volunteer team and offer one or two evenings for this worthwhile – and, surprisingly, enjoyable - work, please contact me at jimroarty4@gmail.com or on 07719952472.”

Saturday 30 July

11.45am – St John’s – **Baptism of Jacob Wierzba**

12.30 – St John’s – **Baptism of Ellis McGreavy**

6.30pm – St John’s – **Vigil Mass** - livestreamed

Sunday 31 July – 18th Sunday of the Year

9.30am – St John’s – **Mass** – livestreamed

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Children’s Mass**

Monday 1 August - 2.30pm – St John’s – **Healing Mass** - livestreamed

7.00pm – St John’s Parish House – **Fabric Team Meeting**

7.00pm-8.15pm – Zoom - **Gospel Sharing** - shorturl.at/cKQQR

Tuesday 2 August – 7pm – Parish House Prayer Room – **Mass** - livestreamed

Wednesday 3 August - 10.00am – St John’s – **Mass** – livestreamed

Thursday 4 August - 10.00am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass** - livestreamed

Friday 5 August - 9.20am-9.50am – St John’s - **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

10.00am - St John’s – **Mass** – livestreamed

Saturday 6 August – FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

9.30am-1.30pm – St John’s Hall – **Pamoja Fashion Sale**

10.00am- St John’s – **Mass** - livestreamed

6.30pm – St John’s – **Vigil Mass** - livestreamed

Sunday 31 July – 19th Sunday of the Year

9.30am – St John’s – **Children’s Mass** – livestreamed

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass**

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IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 8 August

9.45am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Requiem Mass for Andrew Banks** – livestreamed

Wednesday 10 August – 10am – St John’s – **Requiem Mass for Inge Downey** - livestreamed

Tuesday 16 August – 10am – St John’s – **Requiem Mass for Anne Lamb**

From Archbishop Leo's Weekly 'Ad Clerum'

SCIAF Ukraine Appeal - As well as your prayers, please consider supporting SCIAF's emergency appeal for Ukraine, if you are able. Donations can be made at <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/> To find out how the Catholic Church is helping those in Ukraine see <https://www.caritas.org/>

Feast of St Ignatius Loyola - The Jesuit-run parish of Sacred Heart, Lauriston, Edinburgh, will celebrate the Feast Day of St Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, this Sunday 31 July. They invite everyone, especially former students of Jesuit schools and universities, to the 7pm Mass that day and to witness the reconsecration of the church and their ministry to the Sacred Heart. There will be a glass of wine afterwards to celebrate.

Abortion Bill - The Catholic Parliamentary Office has produced a two-page briefing on Gillian Mackay, MSP's proposal to introduce buffer zones around abortion facilities in Scotland. The briefing provides details on the proposal, highlights some concerns and shows how people can respond to the consultation, which closes on Thursday 11th August. Find it at <https://repolitics.org/>

Free2Pray - The Scottish Parliament is considering a Bill which would ban peaceful prayers and offers of help near abortion clinics. Catholics concerned for freedom of speech and right of assembly are asked to respond to this proposed Bill. The Archdiocese is hosting an online session to help you do this. Free2Pray takes place on Zoom and lasts 30 mins. Tuesday 2 August 7:45pm: bit.ly/freetoprayeraugust

NOTICEBOARD

A Message of Thanks from St Patrick's Missionary Society

Fr Kyran Murphy writes to our Parishes: 'Greetings from Stirling. I enjoyed my visit very much. The very generous parish collection came to **£942.82** (St John's £620.82, St Mary Magdalene's £322) for which I am most grateful. May the Lord continue to bless you.'

The July **Coffee Morning** in St John's Hall raised £210 for "Let the Children Live". It will make a big difference to the street children of Colombia. Grateful thanks for your generosity. The August Charity Coffee Morning will be held on Monday 16th in St John's Parish Hall after the 10am Mass. Donations will be given to **Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)** and **Lifeboats**. Please come along and enjoy some home-baking

Fringe Show – Love, Loss & Dating



Jeremy Thorp, leader of the St John's Sunday Mass music group, writes: 'In the last Festival Fringe before lockdown, in 2019, I took part in a jazz cabaret entitled "Love, Loss & Cake", with my friends Malcolm (singer) and Nick (guitar). Both Malcolm and I have lost our partners in recent years, and the show told the story of our gradual recovery through words and music. That show sold out every night, and we are happy to be putting on a different show this year on a similar theme, reflecting our journey over the three years since then... "Love, Loss & Dating" is on at the Hilton Highland hotel on North Bridge, 7 pm from the 15th until the 20th of August.

Box office details are here:

<https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/love-loss-and-dating>

GOOD-BYE TOWER TOMBOLA

Catherine McAnenny writes: ‘The Tower Tombola started back in August 2021 as an initiative to raise funds for the tower repairs at St John’s. A total of 122 parishioners, from both our parishes, bought tickets and each month a draw took place: 25% of the prize pot went to the lucky winner and the other 75% went towards the Tower Fund. The last draw took place last Sunday after Mass and the lucky winner was Maureen Foo, on ticket number 85, winning £245. Over the year, the Tombola generated an amazing **£10,212.50** towards the renovations fund. A huge thank you to everyone who bought tickets in support of the Tombola and congratulations to all our lucky winners. A particular thank you to Enrico Fertini, our parish administrator, for his support every month in preparing the finance report for the draw and his patience with the endless email communications about the Tombola. And a gentle reminder to any parishioners that set up standing orders for their Tombola monthly ticket to cancel these ASAP (though we have been very grateful for their continued support).’

This is a list of our lucky winners and the amounts won:

Name	Month	Ticket number	prize
Catherine McAnenny	August 2021	6	£262.50
Scott Miller	September 2021	41	£285
Nadine Turnbull	October 2021	113	£287.50
Kathleen McLeay	November 2021	59	£297.50
Anna Tanzi	December 2021	64	£300
Mary O’Byrne	January 2022	89	£297.50
Irene Flynn	February 2022	112	£285
Pat Dishon	March 2022	62	£275
Jeremy Thorp	April 2022	80	£287.50
Nadine Turnbull	May 2022	117	£257.50
Vera Quinn	June 2022	88	£247.50
Maureen Foo	July 2022	85	£245

And many thanks to Catherine for all her hard work, energy, and generosity of spirit in taking this initiative and seeing it through so fruitfully.....

New Every Sunday on BBC Radio Scotland at 7.30am

Following on from last Sunday’s first programme, for the next 3 Sundays (31 July, 7 and 14 August), the weekly Radio Scotland religious service will feature Fr Jock, Alice Codling and Anne Jabir. The theme of the homilies are as follows:

Sun 31 July – St Mary Magdalene and the idea of what it means to be holy

Sun 7 Aug – The Feeding of the Five Thousand and a reflection on a pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Sun 14th Aug – Jesus, the parable of the debtors and Rosie, an inspiring pilgrim.

Life giving words:

Be still and know that I am God

(Psalm 46:10)

Meantime these three remain:

Faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

(1 Corinthians 13:13)

SAINT OF THE WEEK – ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Founder of the Society of Jesus (1492-1556) - Feast Day – Sunday 31 July

"To the Greater Glory of God"



Iñigo López de Loyola was born of a noble Basque family in the kingdom of Castile. The youngest of thirteen children, he spent his youth as a courtier and later a soldier in the service of the Spanish king. As such he was trained in the code of honour and chivalry, ready with his sword to avenge any slight against his dignity or the interests of his master.

In 1521 he took part in the unsuccessful defence of Pamplona against the French. During the battle he was struck in the leg, by a cannonball and suffered a grievous injury. Back in his family castle, he underwent excruciating operations, followed by a prolonged convalescence. To pass the idle time he requested something to read - preferably the chivalrous romances of which he was particularly fond. Instead, he had to settle for a collection of pious lives of the saints - all that could be

produced. He devoured these books, at first simply as an escape from boredom. Gradually, however, he began to find them fascinating. In the long months of his recovery, he started imagining what a great honour it must be to serve the glory of God. As zeal for such a life began to take hold, he resolved, upon his recovery, to reform his conduct and to imitate the example of the saints in dedication to God's service.

When he was at last well enough to walk, he set off on a pilgrimage to the Catalonian shrine of Our Lady at Montserrat. After an all-night vigil at the shrine, he exchanged his rich clothes with a beggar and, in a final gesture of courtly valour, laid his sword and dagger on the altar of Our Lady. Thus, he became a soldier of Christ. The next day he walked to the nearby town of Manresa, where he spent several months in solitary reflection. During this time his commitment was further excited by a series of mystical visions, including the sight of a blinding light emanating from the Eucharist.

After a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, he determined to become a priest. This, however, required that he resume his education. So, he applied himself diligently to the study of Latin and eventually travelled to France to study at the University of Paris. While there he began to exhort his fellow students to a life of heroic piety. Eventually he persuaded a small group of six to join him in forming a new religious order, dedicated to renewing and serving the church in any way their services might be required. This was the nucleus of what would eventually become the Society of Jesus, or the Jesuits, as they were popularly known. Their official recognition by Pope Paul III came in 1540. Ignatius was named the first superior general.

It was a period of crisis and opportunity in the Catholic church. By this time Ignatius's contemporary Martin Luther had initiated the Protestant Reformation. At the same time the voyages of Spanish and Portuguese explorers had dramatically changed the face of the known world and exposed the vast portions of the human race as yet untouched by the gospel. Ignatius's Jesuits, who took a special vow to put themselves at the service of the pope, were highly visible in rising to both these challenges. No sooner had they been established than many of the original Jesuits set out on perilous missions to Asia, New Spain, and Protestant England and Scotland, in the process contributing substantially to the calendar of martyrs. Ignatius remained behind, following the progress of his sons and offering direction through voluminous correspondence. Renowned as men of action as well as learning, the Jesuits played a vital role in preserving and renewing the vitality of Catholicism in the sixteenth and subsequent centuries. At the same time, their methods and mystique aroused significant opposition. Their extreme discipline and loyalty to the Society caused friction with the secular clergy, while their commitment to social justice and their tendency to put the cause of the gospel ahead of national interests provoked the suspicions of many secular rulers.

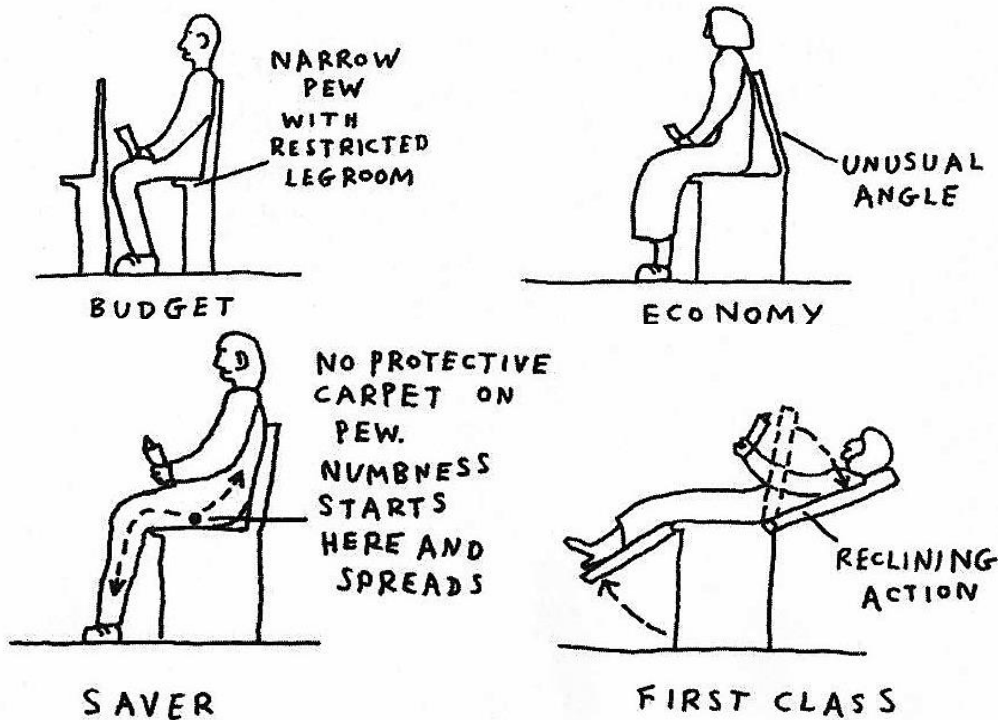
Ignatius himself was not immune to such controversy. But ultimately the church came to recognize his substantial gifts and to draw energy from his method of "contemplation in action." Aside from founding the Jesuits, one of his great contributions was in the publication of his *Spiritual Exercises*, a manual devised for the

spiritual formation of his followers. The Exercises centred around a series of guided meditations on such themes as the creation of the world, the life and ministry of Jesus, and his death and resurrection, designed to be completed in the course of a thirty-day retreat. Based on the experience of his own conversion, the Exercises were designed to facilitate "discernment." This was a process by which the retreatant might be guided in the direction of a vocation - the individual means of glorifying God by one's life.

In the fifteen years that he served as general of the order, Ignatius saw the Jesuits increase from ten members to a thousand, at the same time becoming one of the most dynamic orders in the church. Ignatius died on July 31, 1556. He was canonized in 1622.

See: *The Autobiography of St. Ignatius Loyola* (New York: Harper & Row, 1974); Joseph Tetlow, *Ignatius Loyola: Spiritual Exercises* (New York: Crossroad, 1992).

'Guide to the church', by Anglican cartoonist Dave Walker



PEWS:

The different classes

Count to twelve

And now we will count to twelve and we shall all keep still...

For once on the face of the earth let's not speak in any language:

let's stop for one second, not move our arms so much.

It would be an exotic moment without rush, without engines, we would all be together in a sudden strangeness.

If we were not so single minded about keeping our lives moving, and for once could do nothing, perhaps a huge silence might interrupt this sadness of never understanding ourselves and of threatening ourselves and our planet with death.

Perhaps the earth can teach us as when everything seems dead and later proves to be alive.

Now I'll count up to twelve, and you keep quiet and I will go.

(Pablo Neruda 1904-1973, Chilean poet-diploma, from his poem 'Keeping Quiet')



Please pray for those who have died recently:

*Andrew Banks - Elizabeth Kearney - Mary McPartlin
Michael Rodgers - Anne Lamb*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

*Katie Nielsen - Lena Wilson
Peter Wilson - Michael Glancy -
Tina Cupo - Susannah Bauld*

Anniversaries:
St John:
July 30: Charlotte Hannavy; **July 31:** Madge Freeman (2009); Baby Grace Mills (2003); **Aug.1:** Evelyn McPhee (2017); Mary Cooper (2012); Patrick O'Brien (2010); Margaret McCann (1943); **Aug.2:** Lena Mancini (2019); Mary Ann Black (2008); Paul Gara (2004); Graham Miller (1988); **Aug.3:** Christina Burke (2021); Elia Santangeli (2008); Michael Glancy (1998); William Passmore (1989); Emma Hamilton; **Aug.4:** Charles McMullan (1961); Sara McCue (1956); William McKiernan; **Aug.5:** Lisa Malone (2017); Edward Heron (1997); Peter Wilson (1996); **Aug.6:** Tina Cupo (2018); Denis Ford (1993); Christopher McD Laurie (1955); **Aug.7:** Michele Gradone (2015); Adam Black (2014); Kathleen Innes (2002); Arthur Lonie; William Murray; Gerrardo Ranaldi; **Aug.8:** Mary Thornton (1969); Andrew McGovern;

St Mary Magdalene's:
Aug.2: Kate Neilson (2018); Bridget Hodgson (1998); **Aug.6:** Susannah Bauld (2021); **Aug.7:** Jim McKaill (2001);

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's: Carol Simpson, Shay Graham (aged 5), Kathleen Brown, John Cregan, Mike Noonan, Jean Bonar, Baby Archie Williams, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, Kim O'Neill, Sheila Service, Frances Connelly, Fiona Connel, John Freeman, May Thomson, Ann Dobie, Frank Logan, Sheelagh Dobson, Ernie Moran, Bob Kelly, Lorraine Kelly Chloe Sutherland, Norah Bruce, Mike and Patricia Lawler, Ruth Viso, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, Anna Butler, May Flynn, Vincent Knowles, young Saoirse Golden, Frances Cunningham, David Reid, Charlotte McGregor, Betty Dougal, Anne Thomson, Sarah McManus, Mike Burns, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Mary Slight, Rose Thornton, Kitty Dykes, Norman Telfer, Kathie Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla and Lorraine Syme.

St Mary Magdalene's:
Mary McGovern (jnr), Carolynne McCann, Tom Bauld, Sam Burns, Jacqueline Marinello, Sandra Watt, Mary Cole, Chris English, Andrew Farmer, Clive Davis, Isobel Phillips, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Ann Dockrell, Michael McPhillips, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Laurie Wallace, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Jude Ferguson, and Mary and James Muir.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Angela Khan, Lorraine Kelly, Marlene Bonnar, George and Ann McDermott, Lalee Martin, Suzanne O'Callaghan, Ellen Dow, Lucille McFadden, Tara Kuppinger, Margo Law, Sheila White, Michael Durkin, Jessica Haggerty, Lauren Sutherland, Margaret Thomson, Charlotte O'Brien, Gwen Cullimore, young Martha Moyes (aged 5), Bill Henderson, Kit McCormick, Jennifer Kay, Margaret Troupe, Anne Lauder, Seval Kazimoglu, Ann Watt (Mgr Rae's sister), Jan Meise, Melanie Ford, Mary Taygarth, young Niamh McDougall, Bridget Bonner, Roger Bromley, Mary Thomson, Fr Raymond OCSO, Tony Rigg, Jozefine O'Connell, Robin Butler, Henrietta Fraser, Stuart Falconer, Nan Doig, Clare Johnston, Elizabeth, Baby Percy Keiran McShane, Colin Sandham, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, Dawn Clarke, William Kinsley, Katie McAnenny, John Kellagher, Joy Allan, Colin Raasch, Christopher MacKinnon, Annabelle Cervantes, Emily Buchanan, Ann Thorp, baby Josh Simpson, Dani Miniette, Peter Millar, Joan Murray Hamilton, Sr Margaret Mary, Jean Nelson, Betty Blyth, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Michael Igoe, Clare Richardson, Laura Anderson, Richard Reid, James O'Rourke, Tommy Muir, James Shepherd, Peter Hanley, Andrew Franklin, Ellen Green, Jamie Mitchell, Peter Bromley, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Diana Hibbert, Joan Brooks, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.

Offertory 24 July 2022

St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
£432.84 total including Offertory of £149.84 and Gift Aid of £283.00	£1472.60 total including Offertory of £381.20, Gift Aid of £349.40 and online donations of £742.00



Thank You!

The winner of the July Tower Tombola was Maureen Foo, on ticket number 85.
(The prize was £245.00 - however Maureen decided to donate the prize back into the parish funds.)

This coming Saturday, 6 August, the **Pamoja Fashion Sale** will take place in the Hall at 9.30am.

A REFLECTION ON THE READINGS FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11 and Luke 12: 13-21

(The author of these reflections is a friend of Fr Jock living in Northumberland)

For millions of individuals in the United Kingdom, identifying with the rich man in this weekend's Gospel passage is quite impossible. Can the father of three school-age children, working multiple jobs and still struggling to make ends meet, ever hope to identify with Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos, James Dyson or Patrick Bamford? Firing up their private jet or helicopter will incur costs the equivalent to the monthly outgoings for so many people. For far too many here in the UK, each month sees outgoings far outweigh incomings. We refer to a cost-of-living crisis. Is it a cost-of-living crisis – or a cost of wealth crisis? The dream of building up a cash reserve for emergencies remains just that - a dream as far from reality as it is possible to be. Oh, to dream of needing second, third or fourth bank accounts. The parable speaks to us of the rich man, obsessed with storing his wealth – not for any reason other than to be able to spend it in his old age, and avoid financial insecurity. There is a serious flaw in his reasoning. He might not reach old age. Rich or poor, our death is beyond our control. Just as he has no control over the seasons or the weather, so too, he has no control over his lifespan. For you and I medical knowledge may be able to eke out a few more years on our behalf, but this will be a temporary state. Our allotted time span is not for us to know or prolong. Wealth will not prevent death. We cannot all be rich, some of us will be poor, but rich or poor, we will all die.

Power and wealth are addictive. When we look around at the history of empire, we note that empires expand, in direct proportion to the level of exploitation and suppression of others. Putin's aggression towards Russia's neighbours is mirrored throughout history. The conquest of much of the world by ancient Rome, or the exploitation of the world's wealth and peoples in the name of Empire, all have their rise and decline written into their DNA. Looking nearer to home, we reap the rewards of exploitation and suppression. These twin companions are of benefit to us all. Those cheap eggs are only possible because hens are kept in cruel conditions, that cheap milk from cows kept indoors, never feeling the sun's rays on their backs. Our new wardrobe may be competitively priced but only because of sweat shops in Asia. We don't like to think about it but not thinking about something doesn't indicate its legitimacy. All addictions will damage relationships, mental health, and our standing with God. The occasional vanilla slice is a welcome companion to early morning coffee - two are self-indulgent and dangerous!!

We cannot avoid the system: and we are on the treadmill where we keep moving or we perish. As with so much of life, it's about balance, and learning the simple truth that an unhealthy pursuit of wealth can cause lasting pain and damage to those around us, and to ourselves. We must always, as St Paul advocates in today's second reading: *look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is*. Our heart will always reside where we place our treasure. The choice of treasure and its location is ours, and ours alone. I have an exercise for you. Take one pristine sheet paper, and one pen. Sit somewhere where you can be alone with only your conscience for company. Now write your own obituary. Be honest – don't sugar-coat it, but equally, don't be harsh or negative about yourself. If you complete the task conscientiously, you will be happy for anyone and everyone to read it – aloud or in private. When you read it back to yourself, you will know gratitude. Gratitude is more precious than the purest of gold, the most perfect of jewels. We will know riches beyond the wildest imaginings of the rich man in today's parable. We will know the intrinsic value of being able to say 'I have enough!' Who needs bigger barns when he has enough? When we are grateful, we cannot be unhappy or insecure. It's insecurity that makes us grasping and greedy, accumulating more than we need, rather than looking *for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is*.