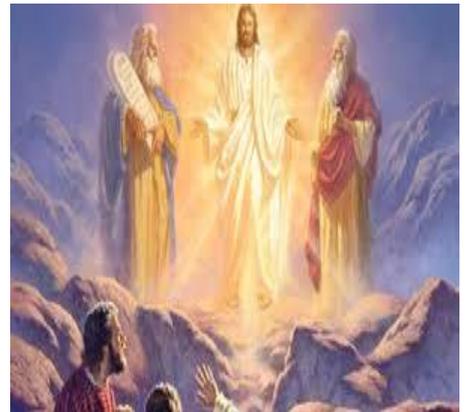




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**Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022**  
**Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022**  
**Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022**  
**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022**  
**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor**  
**St Dominic, priest**  
**St John Vianney, priest**  
**The Transfiguration of the Lord**



<b>SUNDAY MASSES:</b>	Vigil Saturday	5:00 pm
	Sunday	8:00am, 10am
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES:</b>	Tuesday to Saturday	9.15am
<b>ROSARY:</b>	Tuesday to Saturday	8.30am
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b>	After daily mass and by appointment	
<b>BAPTISMS:</b>	By appointment, Sundays after 10am mass	
<b>WEDDINGS:</b>	By appointment (minimum of six months' notice required)	
<b>ANOINTING MASS:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month March, June and September	
<b>PARISH SECRETARY:</b>	Tuesday & Friday	9am to 3pm
	(Mass Intentions & news items for the bulletin must be left at Presbytery by 12pm Wednesday)	

**This Church is equipped with an induction loop for the hearing impaired**

## **REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES**

**Recently Deceased:** Maria Gallafasi

**Anniversaries:** Mr Gilbert, Terry Franks, Siddy Franks

**We remember the faithful departed**

*“May their souls through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”*

**Prayers for:** Carmellina Mariani, Barbara Mucha, Hank Facer

*“Mother of God, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted. Pray for them”*

### **ROSTER: 1st Week**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
<b>Saturday 5pm</b>	Jackie Daniel Nicole Daniel	Tony Allan	
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Nina Saulekaleka Karen Abood	Elia Saulekaleka	
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Velonika Vakauta Christina Kazzi	Sione Anasi	Chuma brothers

**SOLEMNITY OF ST MARY MACKILLOP** A special mass will be celebrated on **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 9.15am**, along with St John’s Primary School. All welcome.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** We would like to thank all those who are participating in the planned giving program for the parish.

**THE CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF)** August Appeal is happening this weekend and we need your help. Our six ministries are all working hard at ensuring the most vulnerable in our communities receive the support they need. The devastation of the last two years has especially taken its toll on the unemployed, the homeless, those with mental health concerns and broken families. Special envelopes are available at the parish. You can also learn more and donate securely at [www.ourfaithhourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfaithhourworks.org/cwf). Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

**HUMANAE VITAE MONTH** All women and engaged or married couples are welcome to attend the third event of Humanae Vitae month “Understanding your Fertility” on the 7<sup>th</sup> August at St Peters Surry Hills. Here, Creighton FertilityCare™ educator Eliza Segarra will share how understanding and responding to the natural phases of fertility and infertility of a woman’s body can allow a couple to conceive or space children in a way that is in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church and enable any woman to holistically treat a variety of reproductive health issues.

**RSVP by the 4<sup>th</sup> of August** at [trybooking.com/CAGZH](http://trybooking.com/CAGZH) to secure your place!

**THE BISHOP’S BLEND BREAKFAST** Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 7am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop’s Blend Breakfast for Young Professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/the-bishops-lend/tbbx> OR [bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org)

**PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE 2022** Join Archbishop Fisher, clergy and parishes from across the Archdiocese in for prayer, keynote addresses, How-To sessions and conversation about living Christ’s mission to Go Make Disciples. St Mary’s Cathedral Precinct **Friday 19 August, 6 – 9 pm and Saturday 20 August, 9 am – 5:15 pm** \$25 per person for parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney Registration [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22) by **Sun 14 August 2022**

**Do you want to help parishes move from maintenance to mission?**

Divine Renovation Ministry is hiring! We’re currently seeking candidates for 3 Relationship Guide roles for Queensland, NSW, and Victoria. If you (or someone you know) feels called to serve the Church through ministry work by accompanying and offering support to priests and parishes on the renewal journey, we encourage you to check out the position and apply at [www.divinerenovation.org/jobs](http://www.divinerenovation.org/jobs). Please contact us at [australasia@divinerenovation.org](mailto:australasia@divinerenovation.org) for more information.

## **SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading Eccl 1:2, 3:21-23 What do people gain by all their work. Vanity of vanities; all is vanity**

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has labored wisely, skillfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

**Responsorial Psalm 89:3-6, 12-14, 17**

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

**Second Reading Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Seek the things that are above where Christ is.**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel Luke 12:13-21 To whom will all this wealth of yours go**

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, 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.'

## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A sobering comment on the worthlessness of working unnecessarily for material possessions is the old saying that there are no pockets in a shroud. Every generation learns, often through bitter experience, that life is brief and entrance into heaven cannot be bought with riches. We leave the world the same way we came into it so what is the point of hoarding, when someone else, who may care nothing about us, will inherit and perhaps waste all we have worked to achieve. The rich fool found this out to his cost because death exposed his real poverty. During his life he behaved as if he was going to live forever. He failed to realise that what counts when we die is not wealth but the person we become in the process of living. Greed cut him off from God and other people. It showed up the foolishness of thinking that happiness can be attained without taking God and death into the reckoning.

In case we are in the process of switching off, because we think that this gospel applied only to the rich, it's well to remember that Christ preached this parable to people who were very poor by our standards. This is the story of the person who spends life without any reference to God. Christ is really warning us against going it alone, and trying to hold our future in our hands – of wasting our time, gloating over possessions and setting ourselves down in this life's comforts.

This is a caution about greed and the hold which possessions exercise over the human heart. Greed and meanness are not confined to the wealthy but the most common of human failings and all of us can become victims of them in our struggle to earn our daily bread. They spell disaster for us and blind us as to where true values lie. The frustrations, disappointments and incomplete joy that the pursuit of material possessions bring are a reminder that happiness does not come from having what we want, but being content with what we have.

We can overcome the temptation to greed by helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. What is given to others is not lost but is transformed into a treasure for eternity. In the evening of life we will be measured by the good we have done. Rather than wrap money around our hearts, we are urged to give our money to the poor. In the light of what Jesus says, each of us has some hard thinking to do about our attitude towards possessions. God is at the end of the line waiting for us when life is over.

### A MESSAGE REGARDING SAFEGUARDING ISSUES

A copy of the Safeguarding Policy has been uploaded to the website of St John of God and a copy will also be attached to our notice board. If anyone would like a copy of the Safeguarding Policy, one can be provided to you upon request. As part of the Safeguarding procedures, the Parish is now making available a suggestion box especially for children and young people in order that we take into consideration their thoughts, feelings, and suggestions in a more proactive way. The Suggestion Box is placed in the church foyer.

Also, as part of the Safeguarding procedures, it is available for parents, guardians and the general community a protocol 'Managing Safeguarding Complaints'. We value the process in moving forward positively in relation to all Safeguarding measures. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Priest. **Child sexual abuse is a crime.** The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

We acknowledge the Watergora people of the Darug Nation, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which St John of God church stands. We pay our respects to the past, present and emerging Watergora generations