



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Stamford

Saint Mary and Saint Augustine

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30th/31st July 2022 : Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

Reflection

Trust in God – as the Rock of our salvation, as the Lord who made us His chosen people, as our shepherd and guide. This should be the mark of our following of Jesus.

Like the Israelites we recall in this weekend's Psalm Response, we have made an exodus, passing through the waters of Baptism, freeing us from our bondage to sin. We too are on a pilgrimage to a promised homeland, the Lord in our midst, feeding us heavenly bread, giving us living waters to drink.

We must take care to guard against the folly that befell the Israelites, that led them to quarrel and test God's goodness at Meribah and Massah. We can harden our hearts in ways more subtle but no less ruinous. We can put our trust in possessions, squabble over earthly inheritances, kid ourselves that what we have we deserve, store up treasures and think they'll afford us security and rest.

All this is "vanity of vanities," a false and deadly way of living, as this weekend's First Reading tells us. This is the greed that Jesus warns against in the Gospel. The rich man's anxiety and toil expose his lack of faith in God's care and provision. That's why Paul calls greed "a false god" in his Epistle. Mistaking having for being, possession for existence, we forget that God is the giver of all that we have, we exalt the things we can make or buy over our Maker.

Jesus calls the rich man a "fool" – a word used in the Old Testament for someone who rebels against God or has forgotten Him (cf. Psalm 14:1). We should treasure most the new life we have been given in Christ and seek what is above, the promised inheritance of heaven. We have to see all things in the light of eternity, mindful that He who gives us the breath of life could at any moment – this night even – demand it back from us.

Tea & Coffee: Takes place after the 9:00a.m and 11:00a.m Masses. Do come through to the Parish Hall and take up the opportunity to catch up with fellow parishioners.

Children's Liturgy: Has now broken up for the summer holidays. It will recommence at the 9:00am Mass in September once the new school year begins.

Anniversary Mass: Jon and Mary Nickerson will be celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday 3rd August. As a longstanding parishioner of this community, Jon would like to extend a warm welcome to all parishioners to join him for the celebratory Mass at 12:00p.m on that day, 3rd August.

Diocesan Yearbooks: The new Diocesan Yearbook for 2022 is available from the back of Church, priced £4. Please simply leave your money in the basket provided.

Foodbank: Stamford Foodbank is currently experiencing shortages and would appreciate donations particularly of the following items: Jam and marmalade; Tinned rice puddings; Tinned custard; Tinned fruit; Jars of instant coffee; Tinned meats - pies, mince, stewed steak, chicken in sauce - anything; Tinned peas, carrots, sweetcorn; Tinned spaghetti hoops and shapes in tomato sauce; Hot dogs in jars; Long life fruit juice. If you are able to help with any donations, please drop them off directly at the Foodbank, 27 West St. Stamford PE9 2PR. Thank you.

Wajir Mission Funding: Talking to Sister Beatrice recently, everything in Wajir is so difficult. They have had no rain for over 4 years and standard temperatures are 45 degrees - please pray for rain to come. Thank you to those people who have purchased tickets for the Luncheon Garden Party. Apart from raising funds for our needy friends, we hope to make it a good Parish Social Event. Up to the end of July tickets can be ordered by calling Pat Gallagher on 01780 754053 preferably in the evening. Thank you.

Talk on Roman Villa: Jim Irvine is giving a talk on the Roman Villa remains discovered recently on his farm. This will take place on Saturday 13th August at 7:30pm at St George's Church, Stamford. Please contact St George's Church office to register interest (Tel: 01780 481800). Entrance is free - there will be a collection on the night for Christians Against Poverty.

New Dawn in the Church: A Catholic Charismatic Family Pilgrimage Conference is taking place from 1st - 5th August at Walsingham. To register, please visit the website www.newdawn.org.uk. For further information, please see the poster in the church porch.

Talking Philosophy: A Carmelite Perspective - Reading & Discussion Zoom Group. This group is open to all and meets on Wednesday 3rd August at 8.00pm until 10.00pm.

Rev. Andy Fyall: The final service of Rev. Andy Fyall as Minister in the Stamford Methodist Circuit will take place on Sunday, 31st July at 6pm at Stamford Methodist Church. He is moving to a new Methodist Church appointment service as Senior Leader/Deputy Chair for the Nottingham & Derby District. Everyone is most welcome to attend to say farewell.

Catholic Voices and Word on Fire: Are hosting a conference called 'Sharing the Church's Story'. Join Catholics who are passionate about the renewal of the Church in the UK, and a host of dynamic speakers including Bishop Robert Barron. This conference is for all: volunteers, parents, catechists, clergy, and religious. The Conference is being held on Saturday 17th September, 10.00am - 6.00pm, at Friends House, Euston Road, London; more details at: www.sharingthechurchsstory.com

Stamford Diversity Festival: Takes place on Bank Holiday Monday, 29th August, and Churches Together in Stamford is looking for volunteers, please, to man the stall at the Recreation Ground on the day. No-one need do all day and the more we have the merrier we shall look for visitors, and the shorter each rota slot will be! Those who volunteer may need to know some of the following:

1. Set up starts at 9:00a.m. Access onto the grass via Recreation Ground Road.
2. Must arrive latest by 10:00a.m.
3. All Cars must be removed and parked in the car park on North Street latest by 10:45a.m. No vehicle movement will be permitted after 11:00a.m.
4. Vehicles are allowed back on site after 6p.m to dismantle/ pack up. No vehicle movement will be permitted after 8p.m.

We shall need half-dozen people at the beginning and end of the day and then maybe two or three present throughout the day from 11a.m to 6p.m, although a few more would be good. Please let Rev. Mark Warrick know by Sunday 31st July if you can help (e-mail: mark.warrick@icloud.com).

Lincoln Catenian Speakers Series: Richard Dale from the Lincolnshire Jewish Community will be giving a talk on 'Being an English Jew'. Please feel very welcome to come along and listen to and engage with Richard as he describes his journey of faith and experience. We are gathering on Tuesday 16th of August first for Mass at 7pm at Saint Peter and Paul's, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln and then into the Parish Centre for about 7.30pm. A meal charged at £10.00 will be available at 7.45pm followed by our speaker. Refreshments will be available with a cash bar. Please email chrisburkelincs@gmail.com to confirm attendance and dietary requirements or ring/text 07561543648.

Youth 2000: Is preparing to welcome hundreds of young people from all around the UK to pray and praise together over the entire Bank Holiday weekend (Friday 26th - Monday 29th August) at Ampleforth College, York. Families and under 18s are welcome! Go to youth2000.org/events/summerfestival to book your tickets before they sell out. Sponsored places are available if money is an issue - just get in touch at events@youth2000.org.uk.

Vacancy: A vacancy has arisen for a Prison Chaplain at HMP Stocken, just off the A1 in Rutland (Stamford parish). More details can be found by following the link: <https://justicejobs.tal.net/vx/mobile-0/appcentre-1/brand-13/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/3/opp/61887-61887-Roman-Catholic-Priest-or-Deacon-or-Brother-Sister-Lay-Person/en-GB>

Vacancy: The NDCYS (Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service) continues to push the boundaries and explore new ways of delivering accessible Catholic Youth Ministry to the young people it serves. From October they are seeking to appoint a new Director of Youth Services to drive their work forward and to ensure the service delivery meets the needs of young people. Your skill, experience and vision will be crucial to the success of the service and you'll have the privilege of leading and caring for a team of skilled, passionate and talented staff. For more information visit www.ndcys.com

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Weekend of 30 th /31 st July Eighteenth Sunday of the Year	5:00p.m - 5:40p.m Sacrament of Confession 6:00p.m. Vigil Mass 9:00a.m. Mass 11:00a.m. Mass
Monday 1 st August (St Alphonsus Liguori)	10:00a.m Mass
Tuesday 2 nd August (Feria)	10:00a.m Mass
Wednesday 3 rd August (Feria)	12:00p.m Anniversary Mass
Thursday 4 th August (St John Vianney)	10:30a.m Funeral Service 7:00p.m. Traditional Latin Mass
Friday 5 th August (Basilica of St Mary Major)	9:00a.m. Exposition and Benediction 10:00a.m. Mass
Weekend of 6 th / 7 th August Nineteenth Sunday of the Year	5:00p.m - 5:40p.m Sacrament of Confession 6:00p.m. Vigil Mass 9:00a.m. Mass 11:00a.m. Mass

Readings for this Sunday and next Sunday

	<i>This week</i>	<i>Next week</i>
<i>Celebration</i>	Eighteenth Sunday of the Year	Nineteenth Sunday of the Year
<i>Cycle & Psalter</i>	Year C, Week 2	Year C, Week 3
<i>First Reading</i>	Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23	Wisdom 18:6-9
<i>Psalms</i>	Psalms 94	Psalms 32
<i>Second Reading</i>	Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11	Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
<i>Gospel</i>	Luke 12:13-21	Luke 12:32-48
<i>Preface</i>	V of the Sundays in Ordinary Time	I of the Sundays in Ordinary Time
<i>Eucharistic Prayer</i>	III	III

Cycle of Prayer during the Ordinary Time

During the Summer Season of Ordinary Time, we are asked to pray for the following intentions in our own private prayer: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who Suffer Persecution, Oppression, and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life and Seafarers.

Thank you for your generosity

Standing Orders: £701

Weekly Offertory Collection Basket: £373.48

I am very grateful to all who continue to contribute to the Church by whatever means. Thank you.

Prayers for those who have died

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have recently died, especially:

Geraldine Crowley (RIP)- whose funeral will take place on 10th August at 10:30am

Chris Stead (RIP) - whose funeral will take place on 11th August at 11:00am

‘Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace’. Amen.