



St. David's Parish
Monastery Road, Pantasaph,
Holywell. CH8 8PE



July 30, 2023

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“In my heart I TREASURE your promise,
that I may not sin against you”. *Ps 119:11*

“From the commands of his lips I have not departed; the words
of His mouth I have TREASURED in my heart”. *Job 23:12*

READINGS

1ST READING **1 KGS 3: 5, 7-12**

2ND READING **ROM 8: 28-30**

GOSPEL **MT 13: 44-52**

Introduction: Today's readings teach us that Faith in Jesus as our God and Savior and sacrificing everything in life to do the will of God are equivalent to discovering and possessing the most valuable treasure or the pearl of great price. In other words, keeping a personal relationship with Jesus, remaining in a state of grace, and sharing his view of life are the most beautiful and the most precious things in the world.

Scripture lessons summarized: **The first reading** tells us how the young King Solomon opted for the great treasure of accepting God to rule his life by doing His will. That is why he requested of God the gift of prudence, “*an understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong*,” so that he might govern God's people properly. The Lord God was pleased with Solomon's request and granted him “*a wise and discerning heart*” which enabled him to surpass everyone in wisdom. **In the second reading**, Paul teaches that “*all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.*” This is true of all who accept a close relationship with God as

their greatest treasure. **In the Gospel**, using three mini parables and one concluding simile, Jesus teaches us that God's Kingdom, is something of extraordinary value, like a hidden treasure or a costly pearl. Possessing that treasure demands from us a total commitment if we are to preserve it. The Kingdom of God is God's reign in our hearts, in our lives, in our homes, in our society, and in our world. Only those who develop a searching mind and a heart willing to give up everything for the great treasure of God's Kingdom will be rewarded. Through the first and second parables of the treasure and pearl, Jesus teaches us that identifying God's will and living according to the Gospel (both with His grace), are the most precious and worthwhile things in life. Through Jesus and his Gospel, we come to know and understand the real meaning of life, the will of God for us each day, and the most important things we must do to secure our eternal salvation.

TREASURE

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Above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began
Above all kingdoms
Above all thrones

Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what You're worth
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Laid behind the stone
You lived to die
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Songwriters: PAUL BALOCHE / LENNY LEBLANC

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

July 22-23, 2023

Loose cash	94.70
Gift Aid	80.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>174.70</u>

First Saturday Devotion, 5th August

All are welcome to the First Saturday Devotion **10.00 am to 2.30 pm**
Programme: Praise and worship, Preaching, Healing Mass, Healing Adoration, Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Novena to Padre Pio, Veneration of the Relic, Confession.

Mass Intentions July 29-Aug 4

Date	Offered by	Intention
July 29, Saturday		For the Parishioners
July 30, Sunday	Anil D'Sousa	For the departed members of the family
July 31, Monday	Marsh Dsilva	Healing
August 1, Tuesday	Felicia	Unity in the family
August 2, Wednesday	Liza Dacunha	For rectifying the Marriage
August 3, Thursday	Margarida Dias	Souls of Candes and Dias family
August 4, Friday	Gerard Rhodes	Michael & Natalie Rhodes family

ANNIVERSARIES (July-29-Aug 4)

Br. Paul Griffin '80:, Br. Paul Griffin '80:, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, '08. Fr. Robert Barrett Marsh, 2022, Ellen Felkins '72: Mary Reynolds '79: George Walker '80: Mary Dilworth '84: Robert Seth Lavery, 2020, Anne Edge, Marie Theresa Moynihan '90: Olive Wall '14.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

**Sacrament of Confession at 11.30 am on Saturday
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