

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

26 July 2020



Hello and welcome to everyone on this seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A).

Today's Gospel fixes our eyes on the infinitely priceless treasure of heaven, our homeland. We hear three parables of the kingdom of God. Indeed, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfilment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness". It is the state of being in the presence of God, being with God. The Gospel is that even though we are still on earth, it is possible for us to have a glimpse, a taste of heaven. This happens through our love of Jesus, the true God in human flesh.

Jesus is himself the kingdom of God. To enter the kingdom of God is to enter into a relationship with Jesus. When we are with Jesus, we are in a state of supreme happiness, for we are with God. We are in heaven our greatest treasure. Pope Benedict XV1 said "The Liturgy is the act in which we believe that God enters our lives and that we touch Him.....We come into contact with God. He comes to us and we are illumined by Him".

In a very special and unique way Jesus is really present in the liturgy, especially in the Eucharist. When Mass is celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels who adore the Divine Victim immolated on the altar says St. John Chrysostom. May we look forward to every Sunday as a great blessing and a precious opportunity for us to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, have a taste of heaven on earth, and begin to enjoy eternal happiness now and for eternity. This is truly our treasure we seek.

May God's blessing come upon you all. Have a great Sunday.



Collection

The Collection at last week's Mass totalled £188.00 of which £108 was Gift Aided.
Thank you and God Bless.

200 Club Winners for June.

1st. P Shaw £50
2nd. B Conville £30
3rd. J Dunne £20

Online Rosary Group

The St. Joseph The Worker Online Rosary Group is now a fixture at 4.30 p.m. every Sunday afternoon. After the Rosary is said we make time for payers for special dedications and some social discussion to see how everyone is keeping. If you have not had a chance to participate and would like to, please e-mail Tyrone: tyroneseq@yahoo.co.uk