

**July 31st 2022 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year C – Luke 12:13 - 21**

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</li> <li>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition</li> <li>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do)</li> </ul>
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In this week’s gospel we see Jesus teaching on excessive greed. When the man asks Jesus to tell his brother to give him a share in his inheritance Jesus refuses to get involved asking “ who appointed me your judge or the arbitrator of your claims” He then tells him a parable about storing up of goods for himself instead of storing up treasure for himself in the sight of God.

How do we spend our well earned money? Do we invest in bigger houses and expensive things for this life without giving a thought to the treasures which are important in the eyes of God?

**Prayer:**

**Lord thank you** for people who are the voice of Jesus in our day calling on us to watch and be on our guard against greed of any kind. who have always been there for us when others sleep.

**Forgive us Lord** for the times we felt our security depended totally on the treasures we store up for ourselves and the more we have the more we want.

**Help us Lord** to realise the importance of being generous and share our goods with those who have less thus storing up treasures for ourselves in the eyes of God.