

# Seventh Sunday after Trinity

## 3rd August 2025

### Collect Prayer

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

**(Ecclesiastes 1: 2,12-14, 2:18-23)**

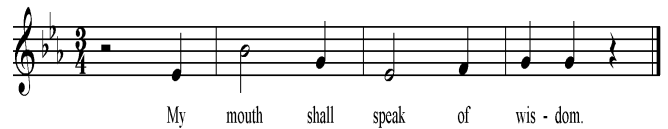
A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

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

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me --and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

### Psalm (Psalm 49)



**Response: My mouth shall speak of wisdom.**

Hear this, all you peoples,  
give heed, all who dwell in the world,  
you both high and low,  
rich and poor alike! /R

My mouth shall speak of wisdom.  
My heart is full of insight.  
I will turn my mind to a parable,  
with the harp I will solve my problem. /R

Why should I fear in evil days  
the malice of the foes who surround me,  
those who trust in their wealth,  
and boast of the vastness of their riches? /R

### Second Reading (Colossians 3:1-11)

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things--anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

### Gospel Reading (Luke 12:13-21)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a

judge or arbitrator over you?" 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." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 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. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 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?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **For your prayers**

#### **In our Prayers:**

Tommy Lacken, Martin Fletcher, Terry Folan, Sheila Hoppenbrouwers, Eamon Irvine, Fr Michael Shier, Carol Martin, Philomena Sorrenti, Maggie Stevenson, Tony Smith, Hope Oram, Maureen Green, Sherry Lacken, Doug Williams, Neville Thomas, Lynn Williamson, Juan Carlos Mandich, Nancy Mandich, Eliane Ferreira Batista, Joanne Dack, Jaqueline Ives, Joan Rivellini, Tommy Naylor

#### **Among the departed:**

Birk Justus, Tony Smith, Helen Fletcher,  
Barbara Leater

#### **Anniversaries of Death:**

Gladys Lilian Smith, Agnes Gosselin, John Harris, Sidney Rae, Mary Stephens, Sidney William Grout, Alice Harris, Beatrice Asbury-Smith, Rene Balaam, Rebecca Wainwright

#### **In our parish:**

We pray for Moreland Street, Moreland School and Kestrel House

### **In the wider world:**

We pray for the Middle East and a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Gaza and between Israel and Iran. We pray for all those suffering in those conflicts especially the children.

### **Notices**

This week in church...

Wednesday - No Open Church during August  
12.30pm Mass

Next Sunday Eighth Sunday after Trinity  
10.30am Sung Mass

### **King Square Coffee**

Community Room, Blackwell House  
(between President House and Rahere House)

Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3.30pm

Friday afternoons 12.30-2pm

A chance to chat with your neighbour and catch up over coffee, tea, soup and sweet treats. Everyone welcome!

Can you help?

Would you be able to help with church cleaning or with welcoming and refreshments on Sunday mornings? We're looking for volunteers to help share out these jobs. Please speak to Sherry if you'd like to help set up or clear away on Sunday or Maureen if you would like to help with church cleaning.

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