
NEWSLETTER

ALL SAINTS, SCRAPTOFT & NETHERHALL - June 2019

LIVING A LIFE

'First I was dying to finish high school and start college.

And then I was dying to finish college and start working.

And then I was dying to marry and have children.

And then I was dying for my children to grow old enough for school so I could return to work.

And then I was dying to retire.

And now I am dying...and suddenly I realise I forgot to live.'

I came across this whilst trawling through my Twitter Feed the other day and it made me stop to think. And how true it is, our ability to live in the future - to look past today and dream of the future. I'm sure we've all spent plenty of time doing just what the author of this ditty did, saying to ourselves 'when' and being somewhat dissatisfied with 'now.'

The world in which we live, with its constant stream of advertising and other images, exhorts us to be dissatisfied with what we've got and always to yearn for more. The economy in which we exist constantly talks of growth, leaving us wanting more and thus not being happy with what we've got. and the outcome - a lot of unhappy people, stressed to the limits trying to achieve the unachievable.

We may find ourselves 'dying' for that new car, new dress, new phone, etc., etc. When we do, it might be a good time to remember the text above, because one of the most important things any human being can do, in order to be truly happy, is to be content with the 'now': to experience the wealth we already have, with who we already are, with where we happen to be at any one time.

The choice is, though, ultimately ours: to live every precious moment God has give us, or to constantly look to the future in the hope of better things, better times, better feelings.

We only have one 'now' and these moments are precious. Let's enjoy them while we can.

With every blessing

Father Tarkin

Calendar - June

- 1st 10.00am Coffee Morning
- 2nd **SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION**
10.00am Sung Eucharist
- 5th 7.30pm Eucharist
- 8th 10.30am Messy Church
- 9th **PENTECOST**
10.00am Sung Family Mass
6.00pm Taizé Service
- 12th 7.30pm Eucharist
- 13th 11.30am Funeral: Tony Green
- 15th 10.00am Coffee Stop
- 16th **TRINITY SUNDAY**
10.00am Sung Eucharist
- 19th 7.30pm Eucharist
- 22nd 10.00am Flower Group
- 23rd **TRINITY 1**
10.00am Sung Eucharist
- 26th 7.30pm Eucharist
- 27th 11.00am Aaron Court Communion
- 30th **SS PETER & PAUL**
10.00am Sung Eucharist
12.00pm Orchestra Rehearsal



Daily Inspirational Bible Readings

“Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest.”

- 1st Revelation 21:2-4
- 2nd Hebrews 9:28
- 3rd Proverbs 15:1
- 4th 1 Chronicles 29:11
- 5th 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- 6th Ephesians 3:17-19
- 7th Psalm 90:2
- 8th Habakkuk 3:19
- 9th Matthew 7:13-14
- 10th Colossians 3:13
- 11th Psalm 46:10
- 12th Psalm 19:1-2
- 13th Luke 11:13
- 14th Philippians 3:20
- 15th Proverbs 23:24
- 16th Psalm 103:13
- 17th Psalm 68:4-5
- 18th Ephesians 6:4
- 19th Ephesians 5:25-26
- 20th Mark 8:36
- 21st Psalm 91
- 22nd Psalm 121:7-8
- 23rd Isaiah 40:31
- 24th 2 Thessalonians 3:3
- 25th Jeremiah 23:24
- 26th Leviticus 19:18
- 27th Matthew 16:25
- 28th 2 Peter 3:9
- 29th Psalm 138:8
- 30th Zechariah 14:9

WORDS OF WISDOM

"Want to be unhappy? It's easy!

1. Harbour the past
2. Fear the future
3. Ignore the present.

Pat Parkinson