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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

30th July 2017

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	Intentions of Betty Wattrus

Monday [St Ignatius of Loyola, priest]

9.00 am Intentions of the Bunch Family

Tuesday [St Alphonsus de Ligouri, bishop, doctor of the Church]

9.00 am Kathleen McCarthy

Wednesday [Feria]

9.00 am Private Intention

Thursday [Feria]

9.00 am Violet Skinner

Friday [St John Mary Vianney, priest]

9.00 am Arthur Simkiss

Saturday [Feria (of Our Lady)]

9.00 am Private Intention

Confessions: Saturday, 4.30-5.00 pm

Please pray for the sick in our parish and for those who have died: **Penelope Lamplough; Rose Lamplough; J.T. Wattruss; Edward Nolan; Mabel Poole; Alfred Onion; Peter James Rice; Freda Blackstone; Arthur Rodney Crossley; Nellie Concannon** (anniversaries).

Last Week's Collection: £276.56. Thank you.

'If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brothers in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?' (1 Jn 3:17). It is well known how strong were the words used by the Fathers of the Church to describe the proper attitude of persons who possess anything towards persons in need. To quote Saint Ambrose: 'You are not making a gift of your possessions to the poor person. You are handing over to him what is his. For what has been given in common for the use of all, you have arrogated to yourself. The world is given to all, and not only to the rich.' That is, private property does not constitute for anyone an absolute and unconditional right. No one is justified in keeping for his exclusive

use what he does not need, when others lack necessities.... If there should arise a conflict between acquired private rights and primary community exigencies, it is the responsibility of public authorities to look for a solution, with the active participation of individuals and social groups.

If certain landed estates impede the general prosperity because they are extensive, unused or poorly used, or because they bring hardship to people or are detrimental to the interests of the country, the common good sometimes demands their expropriation.... It is unacceptable that citizens with abundant incomes from the resources and activity of their country should transfer a considerable part of this income abroad purely for their own advantage, without care for the manifest wrong they inflict on their country by doing so.

...It is unfortunate that on these new conditions of society a system has been constructed which considers profit as the key motive for economic progress, competition as the supreme law of economics, and private ownership of means of production as an absolute right that has no limits and carries no corresponding social obligation. This unchecked liberalism leads to the dictatorship rightly denounced by Pius XI as producing 'the international imperialism of money'. One cannot condemn such abuses too strongly by solemnly recalling that the economy is at the service of man.

Encyclical Letter *Populorum Progressio* (1967) of pope Paul VI, §§ 23, 24 and 26