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15th September 2024

24th WEEK OF CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 14 Sept	5.30 pm	SG	Margaret & Alma Walsh RIP
Sun 15 Sept	9.30 am	SG	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	HS	Priest's intention
Mon 16 Sept	9.30 am	SG	For world peace and victims of war
Tues 17 Sept	9.30 am	SG	For Jimmy Devlin, for good health
Wed 18 Sept	9.30 am	SG	For cancer sufferers
Thu 19 Sept	9.30 am	SG	Donor's intention, St Anthony
Fri 20 Sept	9.30 am	SG	No 9.30 am Mass
	10.30 am	SG	Funeral for Connie Csillag RIP
Sat 21 Sept	9.30 am	SG	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
	5.30 pm	SG	Deceased clergy
Sun 22 Sept	9.30 am	SG	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	HS	In thanksgiving for reaching 90, Glenda

SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Peter's response to the question, 'But who do you say that I am?' was a remarkable moment in the New Testament. Through the revelation given him by the Holy Spirit, Peter declared; 'You are the Christ' (v.29). Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Son of the eternal Father. Flesh and blood, reason alone could not have reached this conclusion. Through a grace of revelation Peter understood that Jesus was God.

Jesus let them further into this revelation. Unlike their expectation that the Messiah would come in glory (he will, but at the end of time) the Messiah, the Lord's Anointed, would suffer, die and be raised up out of death. His way was to be a way of suffering, humiliation and death, not the way of a powerful, glorious Messiah. The disciples began a journey into a new depth of understanding. Scandalised, Peter remonstrated with Jesus seeking to protect him. Jesus rebuked Peter, insisting that he had to suffer, die and rise again.

Through faith Jesus has been revealed to us as the Son of God, the Saviour and Lord. Since Jesus is God we can never fully plumb the depths of who he is. We can spend our lives asking the Spirit to deepen our understanding. Yet this is only the first stage of revelation. Like the disciples we must go on to the second level.

Since through our baptism we are joined to the person of Christ, we are called to follow him. We must grasp that, as Jesus had to suffer, die and rise again, we too shall have to follow him on the same path and live as he lived. What does this mean? We are to live for Christ and not live for ourselves. He must be at the centre of our lives, not we ourselves. We must submit ourselves to the Father's will, just as Jesus submitted himself. All our choices have to be subject to these benchmark questions: 'Does the Father want this for me? Does this please the Father? This is at the heart of denying self.

Jesus, by your Spirit show me more clearly that you are the Christ the Son of the Living God and may I never boast save in your Cross.

HOLY SPIRIT COFFEE MORNINGS

Mondays and Thursdays from 10 am.

Fundraising coffee mornings 29th September and 27th October

A MISSIONARY SISTER of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ, will be here at St George's and Holy Spirit on 21st and 22nd September to appeal for funds for their missionary work.

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24th October 2024 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walshingham there is an Ordinatee Pilgrimage taking place. Those interested, please sign below and when we have numbers we will be able to calculate cost of transport etc.

Signed

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY: 10:15 – 10:45

ADORATION before the Blessed Sacrament daily before the 9.30 am Mass and then other times as announced.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 16 Sept: SS Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop (martyrs)

Tues 17 Sept: St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor

Fri 20 sept: SS Andrew Tim Taegon, Priest and Paul Chong Hasang, Companions, Martyrs

Sat 21st Sept: St Matthew, Aostle & Evangelist

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend for Evangellii Gaudium Sunday, for the spread of the Gospel.

A RECENT DEATH: Please pray for Mrs Consiglia Csillag (known as Connie) who has died recently. Requiem Mass at St George's on Friday, 20th September 2024 at 10.30 am.

We extend our sincere sympathies and prayers to the family.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

The Center of the Good News

What do you say that I am? Mark 8:29

"Take up his cross," Jesus said, "and follow me" (v.34).

We've heard this Scripture passage so often. But take a moment.

Hear it again. Consider the implications of what Jesus was talking about in this Gospel.

On the one hand, Jesus was foreshadowing his own death and warning his followers that being a disciple could come at a cost.

But he was also saying something profoundly reassuring: "Bring all the crosses of your life, all the burdens and hardships you bear. Follow me. You won't have to carry it all alone."

It's a message so many of us need to hear.

No wonder Mark places it where he does. This passage comes at exactly the halfway point in Mark's Gospel – the eighth chapter in a book of sixteen chapters. It's literally at the centre of the Good News. And it's where we also find this exchange: "Who do you say that I am?" And the answer comes back: "You are the Christ" (v.29).

What else is there to say? Other than, what would you say?

Fr Alan retired at Easter but was asked to stay on to support Fr Brentnall due to a shortage of available Priests. Fr Alan plans to stay on supporting the parish covering Mass at Sinfen and if needed at St George's.

We started a collection for Fr Alan back in early summer. However due to Fr Alan staying on longer than planned, this was paused. We hope to have a celebration/retirement Mass sometime in October (date to be confirmed).

We are now recommencing the collection for Fr Alan. Please hand in any donations to Ian Uppington or any of the tea and coffee team and these will be added to the money already collected. Thank you