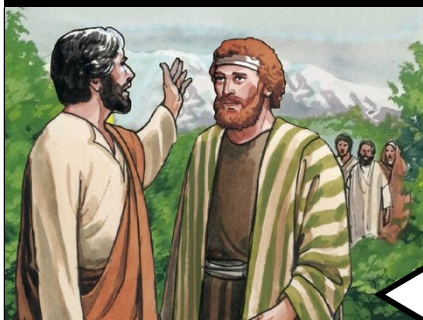


**12<sup>th</sup> September 2021: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**



**YOU ARE THE CHRIST**

**W**e believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. To show his love for us, he suffered grievously and died for us upon a cross. If we want to find life, he tells us to be prepared to lose it. It is in the manner in which we accept suffering that we show our love for God.

You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

**We Welcome Fr John Mudereri,  
 Bishop Pat Lynch & Fr Joe O'Connor**

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 11	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	<b>Fr Regis and his family</b>
Sun 12	<b>✠ Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>
09.30	<b>Thanksgiving Mass for Fr Regis</b>
11.00	<b>Mrs Eufrasia Rubaya RIP</b>
Mon 13	<i>Saint John Chrysostom</i>
09.30	<b>Intention of Euphrasie Rosary</b>
Tue 14	<i>The Exaltation of The Holy Cross</i>
09.30	<b>Pat &amp; Mary Earley RIP Rosary</b>
Wed 15	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
09.30	<b>Golden Uwah RIP Rosary</b>
Thu 16	<i>Saint † Cornelius</i>
09:30	<b>Victor Matthew Pedlow Rosary</b>
Fri 17	
09.30	<b>Eileen &amp; Patrick Earley RIP Exposition</b>
<b>13.00</b>	<b>Funeral Mass of Janet Loughran</b>
Sat 18	
09.30	<b>People of the Parish</b>
18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> <b>Levi Ernest-Morrison RIP &amp; his family</b>
Sun 19	<b>✠ Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>
09.30	<b>Thanksgiving for Jean &amp; Pauline's families</b>
11.00	<b>Tashawn Tyreese Anthony Watt RIP and his family</b>

**Gospel Reflection**

Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being."

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

**LAST WEEK**

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**Mass Count** Sat 18:30 (47) • Sun 09.30 (97), 11.00 (76)

**THIS WEEK** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Catholic Education Service**

**NEXT WEEK** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Home Mission Day**

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## FIRST READING – Isaiah 50: 5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 114

R. **I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.**

## SECOND READING – James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL - Mark 8: 27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.