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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – On request after Sunday Mass

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024

READINGS—YEAR B

TWENTY FOURTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 50:5–9

Psalm 116A

James 2:14–18

Gospel Mark 8:27–35

**'You are the Christ...the Son of Man was
destined to suffer much.'**



MINISTERS

GREETER: Colleen Jordan

COMMENTATOR: Stephen Crooymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Alice Douglas

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Crooymans

COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Kate Main & Stephen Crooymans

DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

READINGS—YEAR B

TWENTY FIFTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 2:12,17–20

Psalm 54

James 3:16–4:3

Gospel Mark 9:30–37

**"The Son of Man is going to be
delivered into the hands of men"**



MINISTERS

GREETER: Ross Brydon

COMMENTATOR: Frances Crooymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: James Aralar

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Chaplow

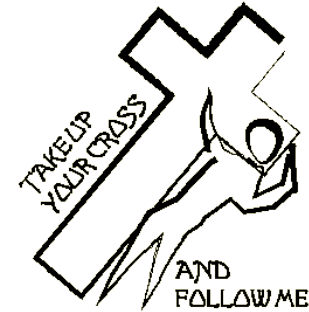
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DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

Mark's Gospel contains many instructions on what it means to be a disciple. Ironically, it is often the twelve who fail the test of discipleship while many of the minor characters in Mark provide wonderful models of true understanding. In this text, we have one example of Peter's imperfect understanding of the mission and ministry of Jesus. The question as to who Jesus is leads to one of the great acclamations of faith in the Gospels: "You are the Christ." Peter knows that Jesus is the Messiah, the one who is to come. What he fails to understand is the type of Messiah that Jesus is. Peter refuses to accept that Jesus will suffer rejection and be put to death. He cannot comprehend of such an end. Peter may well have wanted the Davidic Messiah who would liberate Israel from Roman occupation. He is thinking in the ways of man, not the ways of God. He is an obstacle in the path that Jesus knows he must follow. He will be a Messiahship of service, of suffering, and of self giving love. There is no triumph apart from the cross. To be a disciple is to walk this same path of service, suffering and self giving.



Use the cross as a focus for your prayer and reflection this week. Ponder deeply on the question, 'Why did Jesus die?' Contemplate how this cross can be the source of eternal life for you.



CWL Morning Tea for Plunket

Where: St Paschal's Hall
When: Thursday 19th September from 10am to 12 noon.

\$10 entry fee includes morning tea and a raffle or 2

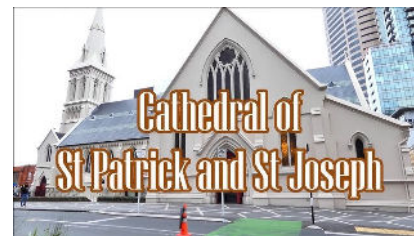
Enquiries to Kay Brydon on 0212681472

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL APPEAL

22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

Maintaining the Cathedral in pristine condition requires ongoing care, attention and considerable funding. This collection is used to support long-term maintenance of our Mother Church—St Patrick's Cathedral. A Precious Heritage Entrusted To Us.

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In earlier texts in Mark, Jesus had already introduced the disciples to the fact that he must suffer and die but that he would rise after three days. They do not understand this talk. Even after the extraordinary events of the Transfiguration, just preceding this text, they do not understand. This text reconfirms the disciples' confusion. For Jesus, the die is cast. He is fully aware of his ultimate fate and he is at pains to ensure that his followers understand why it is necessary for him to die. He takes them aside, away from the crowd for private instruction, but still they do not understand. Perhaps they do not want to! The disciples wanted Jesus to be a Messiah in the line of David—a liberator who will restore Israel to greatness—but Jesus makes it clear that this is not the plan. They do not want to question him further. They are afraid of the truth that the Messiahship of Jesus is the Messiahship of service rather than of great pomp or celebrity. It is not about being first, but about being least. The great kingdom that the disciples want is not the kingdom of Jesus. In drawing the child to himself in embrace, Jesus is telling the disciples that they must be open, trusting and receptive, as children are, rather than devising their own version of what the kingdom of God is like, and expecting God to conform to that.



This week look for ways of being of service to others. Perhaps spend time with and learn from a child. What can we learn of faith from their example?




CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
NEXT—6TH OCTOBER
DUTY— FRANCES CROOYMANS



International Day of the Elder Person
World Service Day
 Proudly hosted by the Lions Club of Ngatea

Date: Wednesday 25th September
Venue: Ngatea War Memorial Hall
Time: 10am
Free Entry
Featuring a light morning tea and musical entertainment by students from Hauraki Plains College

Feel free to bring a friend

OCTOBER MEETINGS

CWL—Friday 4th beginning with Mass @ 10am
Parish Council—Thursday 10th @ 5pm

The new roster for October to December will be emailed with this newsletter and on our website. For those without email there will be a few copies available on the table in the foyer.



Grace is not part of consciousness; it is the amount of light in our souls, not knowledge nor reason.

Pope Francis

MINISTERS – 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024

GREETER: Stephen Croymans
COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: John Reynolds
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Alice Douglas
COLLECTOR: Stephen Croymans
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
Alice Douglas & Simon Main
DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

MINISTERS – 6TH OCTOBER 2024

GREETER: Kay Brydon
COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Croymans
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Robert Hicks
COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
Frances Chaplow & Kay Brydon
DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Croymans

**READINGS – 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024
TWENTY SIXTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Numbers 11:25-29
Psalm 19B
James 5:1-6
Gospel Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48



**READINGS – 6TH OCTOBER 2024
TWENTY SEVENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 128
Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel Mark 10:2-16



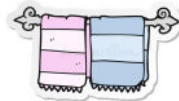
FLOWERS

W/E 21/9 June Clark
W/E 28/9 Laurel Blakey
W/E 5/10 Frances Ch



LINEN

SEPT Eileen Leonard
OCT Phyllis Hayward



Sept 15 Zoe Roskam
17 Peter Roskam
18 Kian Dela Rosa
19 Maureen Keane
20 Ellie Baker

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks, Trevor Finan, Ray Karl, Frank and Nick Walsh.
If anyone needs Father Rob to visit them phone the presbytery on **07 868 6169** and leave a message. He will get back to you.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the month of September:
Marilyn Assen, Mary Schouten, Gerard Roskam, Ivan Main, Joan Northcott.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.