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September 11th/12th 2021

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

❖ **Mass for the coming week**

Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12th September 2021

In the gospel we have Peter's profession of faith. In response to that confession, Jesus makes a threefold disclosure: that the Messiah must suffer, that his disciples must be prepared to share his suffering and that his and their suffering will lead to ultimate glory.

First Reading: (Is. 50:5-9)

The just person is sustained in all his trials by the firm belief that God is with him.

Second Reading: (James: 2:14-18)

Faith without works is dead.

Gospel: (Mk. 8:27-35)

Even though Peter declares his belief in Jesus as the Messiah, he has no idea what that implies.

REFLECTION

A watch may have a gold chain,

But if it doesn't tell the time it is useless.

A fruit tree may be teeming with blossoms,

But if it doesn't produce fruit, it is useless.

A lamp may be studded with diamonds,

But if it doesn't give light, it is worthless.

And a faith that doesn't result in good works is dead.

The fruit of prayer is faith,

The fruit of faith is love,

The fruit of love is service,

The fruit of service is peace.

❖ **St. Vincent de Paul Collection – Thank You**

*Thank you for your support in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul outdoor collection last weekend which amounted to **€1,684.94.***

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

In this year of St Joseph

"O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong,
so prompt before the throne of God,
assist me by your powerful intercession,
and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings...
I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms;
I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart.
Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me
and ask him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath."

Crosscare's Annual Collection 2021

The Annual collection for Crosscare, our Diocese's social support agency, will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, the 18th and 19th September 2021, replacing the usual SHARE collection. Through their frontline work and services for the Homeless, Youth, Migrants and Refugees, Crosscare focus on helping people and families when they need it most or when they can't find support anywhere else. In their Community Foodbanks and Cafes, as well as reducing food waste mountains, they provide food parcels and nutritious meals every day. Demand for their services continues to increase as the pandemic impacts on those most vulnerable in our parishes and communities.

In my opinion, Crosscare are our one of our Diocese's 'best kept secrets'. Please give generously to this annual appeal if you can, or pick one of their prepaid postage donation slip envelopes which will be available at the back of the church.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday:	6.30pm	Fiona McCarthy - Anniversary
Sunday:	9.30am	Louise Murphy – 2nd Anniversary
	11.00am	Tom Malone – Anniversary
	12.30pm	Brian Dunphy – Anniversary

❖ **Remember in your prayers**

*May Foley, Doris O'Rourke, Eileen Reidy, Fr. Oliver Crotty
recently deceased*

*Remember Also: Maria and Samuel Grumley, Mary Coolahan, Lina and
JP Connor, George Caffrey, Charles McCarthy
whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

May they Rest in Peace

CHOOSE LIFE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE PLANET

On 7th September, something historic happened: for the first time, the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Anglican Communion jointly warned of the urgency of environmental sustainability, its impact on poverty, and the importance of global cooperation.

Pope Francis, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby urge everyone to play their part in 'choosing life' for the future of the planet.

In a joint statement, they called on people to pray for world leaders ahead of the United Nations Climate Change Conference [COP26] taking place this November. 'We call on everyone, whatever their belief or worldview, to endeavour to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behaviour and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth which God has given us.'

The joint declaration strikes a clear warning - 'Today, we are paying the price... Tomorrow could be worse' and concludes that: 'This is a critical moment. Our children's future and the future of our common home depend on it.'

'Biodiversity loss, environmental degradation and climate change are the inevitable consequences of our actions, since we have greedily consumed more of the earth's resources than the planet can endure. But... the people bearing the most catastrophic consequences of these abuses are the poorest on the planet and have been the least responsible for causing them.'

The statement calls on people to:

· *Pray for world leaders ahead of COP26*

· *For individuals: To **make meaningful sacrifices** for the sake of the planet, working together and taking responsibility for how we use our resources*

· *For those with far-reaching responsibilities: To **choose people-centred profits** and lead the **transition to just and sustainable economies**.*

Anam Cara Bereavement Support Evening

Anam Cara would like to invite you to join us for an online Bereavement Information and Support Evening taking place 16th September at 7pm. This events will give you an opportunity to hear a bereavement professional talk about the difficult challenges and many milestones grieving a child of any age has on you and your family. If you would like to join us please register here <https://bit.ly/3Dzyphc> or contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 288 8888.