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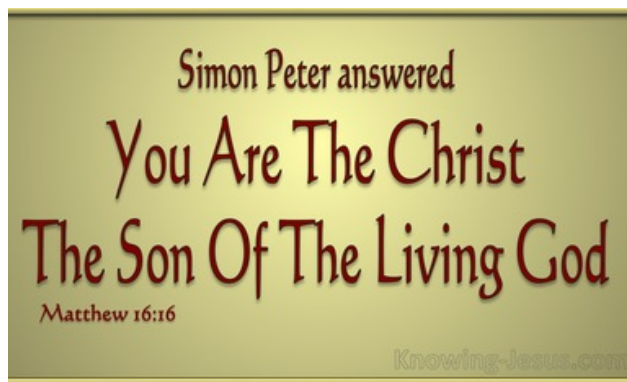
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24th Sunday in Ordinary time,

September 15 2024

The Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35



Today's Gospel consists of two sections: 1) the Messianic confession of Peter, who acknowledged Jesus as "the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the living God." and 2) Jesus' prediction of his passion, death and Resurrection, followed by Jesus clear teaching on the three conditions of Christian discipleship: "Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me."

Christian discipleship demands honesty of a disciple in order for him to practice self-control ("to offer our bodies as a willing sacrifice to God"), willingness to suffer, and readiness to follow Jesus by obeying Jesus' commandment of love. A) Denying self: This means, with God's grace, evicting selfish thoughts, evil desires and tendencies from our heart and filling it with God. In addition, also with God's grace, it means cleansing ourselves of all evil habits, enthroning God in our hearts, and sharing Him with others. B) Carrying of the cross with Jesus: First, this means gracefully accepting that suffering without bitterness, as a part of our lives. Second, it means that we may not, in our suffering, pass on any bitterness to those around us. Third, it means that we must accept some other deaths before our physical death, that we are invited to let some parts of ourselves die.

Fourth, it means that we must wait for the resurrection to receive the eternal reward for our suffering. A Christian life of service is carrying one's cross in the footsteps of Jesus. Our sufferings become the cross of Jesus with its saving power when we suffer with Jesus by dying to our self-centeredness through serving others selflessly, enduring and offering these sufferings to God in reparation for sin. We also offer penitential practices to God for the same intentions for ourselves and for the world. C) Following Jesus: This means that, as followers of Christ, we should live our lives according to the word of God by obeying what is commanded by Jesus

Life Messages:

We need to ask ourselves Who Jesus is and what Jesus means to us. Founder of a religion? Revolutionary Jewish reformer? One of the great teachers? Son of God and personal Saviour? This can perhaps be broken down into other questions: "How do I really see Jesus? Is Jesus a living experience for me, walking with me, loving me, forgiving me, helping me and transforming my life and outlook? What difference does Jesus make in my life? Have I really given my life to Jesus? Are there areas where I have excluded Jesus, where my life is not noticeably different from the lives of those who see Jesus as irrelevant? Who do we say that Jesus is through our daily life? Who do we say that Jesus is when we are in the presence of those who don't know Jesus, those who aren't interested in Jesus?"

Deep reflections on the above questions will help us make important decisions for spiritual growth.



Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

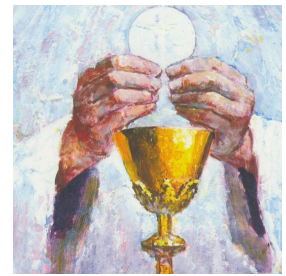
Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Amen

Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, embolden me.
Water from the side of Christ, Wash me.
Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.
From the wicked foe, defend me.
At the hour of my death, call me and bid
me come to you.
That with your saints I may praise you
For ever and ever.
Amen



Mass Times

Saturday 14 September	6:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 15 September	9:30am 11:00am	Robert Williams Family-Living & Departed
Monday 16 September Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	10:00am	Tony Jones
Tuesday 17 September St. Robert Bellarmine	10:00am	Chris Gibb
Wednesday 18 September	Sacristy	Private Intentions
Thursday 19 September St. Theodore of Canterbury St. Janarius	10:00am	Sanctification of Priests
Friday 20 September Ss Andrew & Companions	6:00PM	J.C
Saturday 21 September	6:30PM	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 22 September	9:30am 11:00am	Parishioners

ADOREMUS

This Sunday-15th September , the Bishops of England and Wales are inviting all Parishes to have a period of Exposition to unite the faithful of the country in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year with renewed and deepened devotion. We have adoration today in St. George by 6pm

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

**Register for the great Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome next Year. 22nd to 29th
Meet the Parish Priests for more details.**

Fairtrade Coffee Morning Friday 20th September 9.30-12

It is currently 'Fairtrade Fortnight' and the churches' Fairtrade group are holding a coffee morning in the Sports Hall at the Civic Centre in Whitchurch to mark 30 years of the movement. By supporting this event we can continue to raise awareness for the need for fairer trade to support farmers in low-income countries. Please come along and join us!

Mass Offering --September 08---£268.02

Standing orders-----£118.25

Sat. 6:30PM	Sun. 9:30am	Sun.11:00am
Roland Young	Gerard Dolan	Peculiar Chinagorom

**Confession is Saturdays 5-6pm,
30mins before and after mass and on
request.**

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is
Helen Clarke