

# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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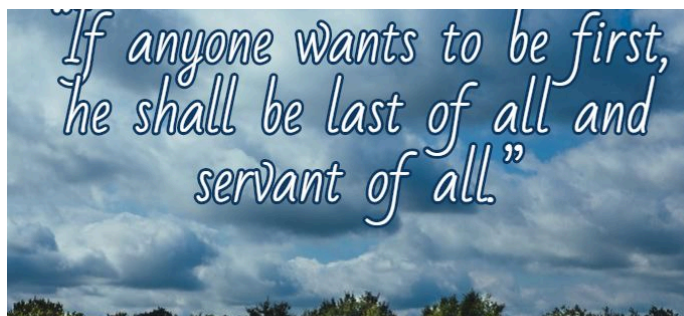
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## 25th Sunday in Ordinary time,

**September 22 2024**

The Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37



### Gospel exegesis: The context:

Jesus was returning to Capernaum after journeying incognito through the Northern Province of Galilee, avoiding crowds and teaching the apostles. Mark presents Jesus as giving three predictions about His coming suffering and death, the first appearing in chapter 8, the second in chapter 9, and the third in chapter 10. The response by Jesus' disciples to each of these prophecies was a disappointment to Jesus.

Their three refusals to accept the truth of what Jesus was prophesying rose from their assumption that Jesus was, of course, going to be a political, wealthy, powerful, military messiah who would usher in an earthly kingdom where they would be rich and powerful because they were so close to him!

These wishful dreams would not permit their minds to take in the Reality Jesus was teaching them—that the Kingdom would be brought to birth in His own blood poured out on the cross as He willingly laid down His Life in sacrifice, in order to free all of us human beings from sin and death. In chapter 8, Peter rebukes Jesus for speaking so, and he responds sharply, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God but of men!" (Mk 8:33) In chapter 9, (the first part of today's text), an argument arises among the disciples as to who among them is the greatest.

**Second Collection for Mission  
Evangelium Gaudium Sunday**

In the third passage (chapter 10), James and John selfishly ask Jesus to give them seats on his right and left, when Jesus comes to power. "The grumbling of the other ten disciples at the request of James and John surely implies that they have shared the same hopes of authority and privilege as have the sons of Zebedee." The second part of today's Gospel describes what happens when Jesus returns to Peter's house in Capernaum and explains to the apostles what true greatness is.

### Life messages:

We must become great through humble, self-giving service. Greatness, in Jesus' view, is found in our willingness to accept, welcome and serve others irrespective of class, color, religion, language, or culture. We must welcome people the way a child welcomes them before he is taught discrimination. If we are to be truly great, we must be ready to accept four challenges: (1) to put ourselves last, (2) to be the servant of all, (3) to receive the most insignificant human beings with love, and (4) to expect nothing in return.

### 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.

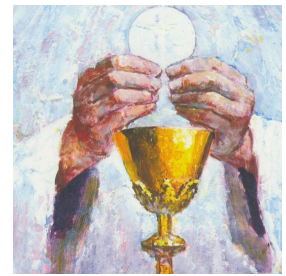
Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen



### 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 21 September	6:30pm	Samuel Ratcliffe
Sunday 22 September	9:30am 11:00am	Private Intentions Olive
Monday 23 September St. Pius (Padre Pio), P	10:00am	Veronica
Tuesday 24 September Our Lady of Walsingham	10:00am	Margret Allman
<b>Wednesday 25 September</b>	Sacristy	Private Intentions
Thursday 26 September Ss Cosmas & Damian, Mm	10:00am	Sanctification of Priests
<b>Friday 27 September St. Vincent De Paul, P</b>	6:00PM	Veronica and Family
Saturday 28 September St. Lawrence & companions	6:30PM	Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sunday 29 September</b>	<b>9:30am 11:00am</b>	Parishioners

*The fruit of Silence is Prayer.*

*The fruit of Prayer is Faith.*

*The fruit of Faith is Love.*

*The fruit of Love is Service.*

*And the fruit of Service is*

*Peace.*

*(The motto of the Missionaries  
of Charity.)*

*"Be the living expression of God's  
kindness through humble service;  
kindness in your face, kindness in  
your eyes, kindness in your smile  
and kindness in your warm  
greeting."*

*St. Teresa of Calcutta.*

## PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

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

Mass Offering --

Standing orders-----£118.25

Sat. 6:30PM	Sun. 9:30am	Sun.11:00am
Jo Williams	Eileen Livesey	Ann Carr

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

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