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Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Choosing Your Crosses

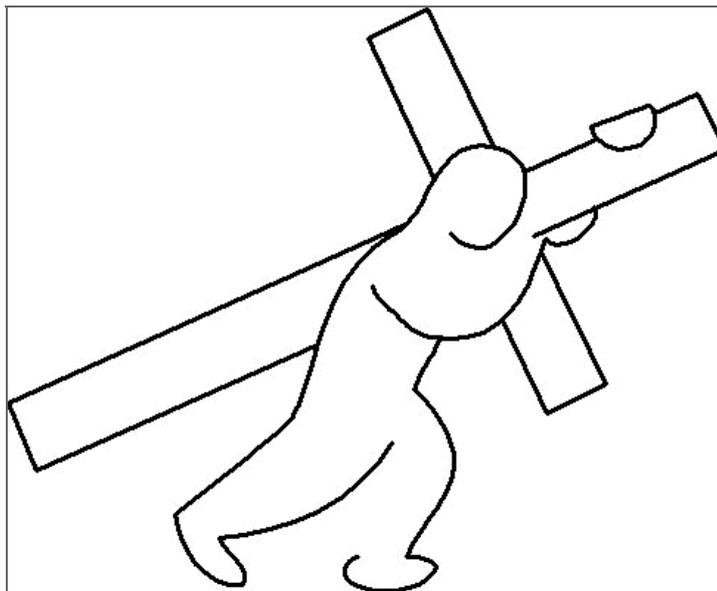
We like stories about Peter because he's a flawed character. He gets himself into trouble on numerous occasions by saying rash things. We like Peter because in a lot of ways he is just like each and every one of us.

Today Peter recognises Jesus as the Son of God, but he completely fails to grasp the implications. He certainly doesn't understand the necessity for Jesus to die on the cross and he tells him

so. Jesus puts Peter straight. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel will save it."

Many would-be-disciples misunderstand the concept of taking up crosses. We often hear people in general conversation sighing. "... Ah well... we all have our crosses to bear...." There are difficulties in all of our lives that cannot be avoided.

To try and avoid problems would be foolish. Life is just one long series of problems and challenges, and each problem overcome makes us a stronger character. However, this is not the same thing as picking up our crosses and following Christ. Living with unavoidable problems



isn't the same as choosing to tackle a problem that we could easily avoid. Jesus didn't need to choose the road to Jerusalem and crucifixion, but he did. In the same way, Christians need to be pro-active about choosing their

crosses. Do we choose to care for an elderly parent, or do we leave it to one of our siblings. Do we tackle racism in our street, or do we leave it to the neighbours. Do we fundraise for local charities or do we leave it to those we deem cleverer, more articulate or more energetic.

There are an estimated 2.1 billion Christians on our planet. How different the world would be if each and every one of us chose to pick up our crosses.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 15th/16th September 2012
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
HOME MISSION SUNDAY

- Sat 6.30pm** Monica & James Anderson RIP (FM)
Sun 9am People of the Parish
11am Angelica & Concetta De Stasio RIP
 (Mrs D'Agostino)
12.30pm **Baptisms: Raquel Vanessa Palmer & Amelie Teresa Hambridge**
6pm Alfred Paul (Antoinette)

*Retiring Collection for
 Support for the Home Mission of the Church*

Daily Masses 17th-22nd September 2012

- Mon: Feria**
9.30am Funeral Mass: Helen O'Brien RIP
4.30pm Deanery Education Mass
5.30pm Syro Malabar Mass
Tues: Feria
9.30am Alan Og Mundow RIP (Lee Family)
Wed: Feria
9.30am Welfare of Aideen Phillips
Thur: SS Andrew Kim Taegon, priest & martyr, St Paul Chong Hasang, catechist & martyr and their companions
9.30am Renato Perdoni RIP (Sandra Rossi)
Fri: St Matthew, apostle & evangelist
7am Roy Rogers RIP (Family)
9.30am Tom Delaney RIP- 1st Anniversary (Irene Casey)
10am Exposition and Benediction
Sat: Feria
9am Dolly Sirmon RIP

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 22nd/23rd September 2012
Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

- Sat: 6.30pm** People of the Parish
Sun: 9am Thomas Gleeson RIP
11am Church Parade
 In Thanksgiving for the Marriage of Tom & Joclyn (Tom Thomas)
12.30pm **Baptisms: Ethan Patrick Brown**
6pm Father John Kirby RIP (Parishioners)

Last week's Offertory Collection

for the upkeep of the church : £ 2,001
Racial Justice £ 342

We thank you for your continued generosity .
 (Cash counters this week: - Pam Ford & Vivian Phillips
 Next week: Elizabeth & Ray Lewry)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am to 10am and
Saturday 5.30pm to 6pm

READINGS

This week : 24th Sunday in OT (B) page 132

First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9

This is the third of Isaiah's "Servant Songs". Through prayer, the servant of the Lord – a prophetic reference either to Christ or to Israel as a nation – will receive God's word which will enable him, as in a courtroom, to confront his enemies.

Second Reading James 2:14-18

James' message is that love of our neighbour shown in practical action is the natural consequence of a living faith.

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

Peter's confession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah heralds the first prediction of the suffering and death of Jesus. But this was not the kind of Messiah Peter had expected and from now on a decisive change occurs in the Gospel.

Next week : 25th Sunday in OT (B) page 135

First Reading Wisdom 2:12. 17-20

The righteous person is characterised by gentleness and patience, but is constantly challenged and persecuted by the "godless".

Second Reading James 3:16 – 4:3

True Christian wisdom is dedicated to serving others and working for peace. The writer urges us to pursue wisdom rather than fame and wealth.

Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Jesus uses a small child as a benchmark of leadership and service. For whoever welcomes vulnerable and powerless people welcomes Christ himself.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Helen O'Brien, Frederick Lerner & Michael (Frank) Tucholski**

We pray for all those who mourn and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We remember all our **sick and elderly parishioners**, those in hospital, the housebound and those who care for them:

Clint Sampson, Rouben Sarkissian, Francisco Dirago, Fr Chris O'Brien, David Moss, Linda Kirk, Bishop Patrick Lynch, Frank McCabe, Sheila Doyle (sister of Philomena Olliffe), Jan Lewandowski, Tom McGlore, Jean Studham, Emma Rees (daughter of Sue Rees), Elizabeth Gillman, Michael O'Brien, Rhian Knapgate, Brenda Killeen, Barbara Stevenson, Peter and Ann Groves, Baby Ella Hayes, Amandina Marsella, Mora Witton, Stephen Fleming, Derek Wells, Roisin Loftus, Theresa Keys, Maureen Dillon, Felicia Nazareth, Mary McDonnagh, Fr Simon Peat, Thomas Haley, Anna Maria Maini, Veronica Heaton, Maureen Wilson, Elizabeth Joège, Joan Lancaster, Francis Nazareth, Sergio Della Grotta, Marie Bast, George Matthew, Odile Froger, Jenny Sathirasegaram, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, Charles Thurley, Sandra Burlinson, Sophie Burrige, Sam Hitchin, Rene Boffa, Nicky Bushell, Shirley Enright, Tom Tyler, Finn Jordan, Margaret Inskip, Giancarlo Palermo, John Gleeson, Jeffrey D'Cruz, George Hayes, Michael Hoskins, Michael Byrne, Martin Dray, Seema Day, Graham Taylor, Freda Sirmon, Samantha Nosalik, Manual Pillai, Fay Kearney, Winna Duncan, Jennifer McIntyre, Carl Williams, Bridie O'Driscoll, Christine Keane, Josephine Bull, Vic Carrion and Norma Latham .

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Many thanks to Pat for her attractive display of china at our last meeting. On Tuesday September 18th everyone is invited to bring examples of their hobbies. So if you would like to show or speak about your own special interest, join us in the Old Chapel at 8pm. All ladies are welcome.

KINGSTON DEANERY MASS

All teaching staff are invited to the Kingston Deanery Education Mass on Monday 17th September 2012 at 4.30pm at Our Lady Immaculate Church.
Car parking is limited, so please park on neighbouring roads.

Mothers Prayers. OLI School

Mum's, Nan's, Godmother's, Carers, Aunties.....

Join The OLI Mothers Prayer Group on the first **Tuesday of every month from 2.20pm to 2.50pm** in the **Lady Chapel**, just before you pick up your child/children from school. All mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunties and carers are warmly invited to meet in the Lady Chapel for half an hour of prayer. Spend some quiet time praying for the children in your lives.

Mrs. Anne O'Brien, as a long-standing member of our group, has kindly volunteered to run Mother's Prayers. She will lead the prayer using the Mother's Prayers booklet, which encourages quiet meditation and reflection as well as allowing time for personal prayer.

Encourage a friend to come along too!

The first Mothers Prayers will be taking place on Tuesday 2nd October:



ALTAR SERVERS

Your new rotas are available to pick up from the RDJ Room after all Masses this weekend.

A day at the House of Prayer on

Saturday 29th September - 10am till 4pm

"Listen with the ear of your heart - St. Benedict and Contemplation" Led by Sr. Melanie Kingston.

To book or for more information: call 020 8941 2313 or email info@christian-retreat.org

WEBSITE – new links added to the Links Page for Prayer & Catechesis. Tooting Bec Christian Education Centre, being the centre for Catholic Formation, and also the Mount Street Jesuit Centre, where Christians can explore and deepen their faith. Both centres offer a wide variety of day and evening courses and activities to help adults grow in their faith.

CTS Unity Service

Please note that today's Unity Service takes place this evening (Sunday) at **6.30pm** at St George's, Hamilton Avenue in Tolworth All Welcome

We urgently need more altar servers, age is no barrier **young people and adults equally welcome**. The only requirement is that you have made your first Holy communion. We need at least 20 new servers if at all possible to help cover all the Masses as a number have left to go to university this year. Please help if you can in this very important and vital ministry in our parish.

Training for new servers begins on **Sunday 23 September at 12.30** in the Sacristy and will last for about 45 minutes. There are about 8 sessions in all. So if you are interested in becoming an altar server please come along on **Sunday 23 September at 12.30**.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact our Parish Master of Ceremonies Jacques Lambert on 020 8397 2793 (evenings preferred) and he will be only too happy to help you.

Catholicism DVD Course

Sundays 7.15 pm in RDJ Room, Tuesday 2 pm in RDJ Room. For Wednesdays and Thursdays sessions, please contact Marie-Helene on 020 8399 4368

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves alone again through divorce, separation or bereavement. The weekend will take place from 12th-14th October 2012 at Emmaus Centre, West Wickham. For details contact Kath on 01942 246 542 or email kathharding@blueyonder.co.uk (*International peer grief resolution ministry for those who have lost a spouse through death, divorce or separation and for children of this loss.*)

Saint Matthew 21st September

What is God's call on each of our life? Jesus chose Matthew to be his follower and friend, not because Matthew was religious or learned, popular or saintly. Matthew appeared to be none of those. He chose to live a life of wealth and ease. His profession was probably the most corrupted and despised by everyone because tax collectors made themselves wealthy by over-charging and threatening people if they did not hand over their money to them. Reflecting on St. Matthew's calling, Pope Benedict said that "in the figure of Matthew, the Gospels present to us a true and proper paradox: those who seem to be the farthest from holiness can even become a model of the acceptance of God's mercy and offer a glimpse of its marvellous effects in their own lives."

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND.

The Archdiocese is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 22nd to 30th April next year to celebrate The Year of Faith. It is being led by the Archbishop and conducted by Fr. David Gibbons. Full details regarding cost, travel insurance etc. can be obtained from Gill Didino at Tangney Tours (01732 886666) or Fr. David on 020 8672 7684.

Secondary School Priest Supplementary Forms

Please note that Fr Anthony and Fr Arbo will be available to sign the priest verification forms for secondary schools on Tuesday 18th September from 3pm to 4.30pm and on Thursday 20th September from 6pm to 7pm.

There will be at least two form signing sessions each week until the end of October, so please don't all rush at once to get your forms signed next week- there is plenty of time!

Please check the newsletter each weekend for dates and times when the priests are available for form signing. Thank you

Today is Home Mission Sunday 16 September 2012

Home Mission Sunday is the day in the Church's calendar when the Catholic community in England and Wales is invited to pray for,

celebrate and support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales.

It falls this year on 16 September and the theme is 'Confident in Faith'. Home Mission Sunday 2012 is intimately connected to the opening of the Year of Faith which will commence just over three weeks after Home Mission Sunday on 11th October.

The Rt Rev Kieran Conry, Chair of the Bishops' Conference Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis highlights the scriptural grounding to the day:

"One of the purposes of the Year is to invite baptised Catholics to rediscover and be more confident in their faith. This is what St. Peter demonstrates so powerfully in the Gospel for Home Mission Sunday, proclaiming 'You are the Christ' Mark 8: 27-35.

The more confidence we have in Jesus Christ as Our Lord and Saviour, the more ready and equipped we are to share the treasure of our Catholic Faith."

Ursuline High School

Open evening for Year 7 entry September 2013 to be held on Wednesday 19th September from 6.60pm to 8.30pm. Headteacher's welcome at 6.30pm, 7pm, 7.30pm, 8pm and 8.30pm. Entrance in The Downs, Wimbledon SW20 8HF

Mass for Seafarers 26th September, Westminster Cathedral

The Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a mass for seafarers at Westminster Cathedral, Ashley Place, London SW1 on Wednesday 26th September 2012 at 5.30pm. For more information contact johngreen@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk 0207 012 8607

SAFEGUARDING OLI will be hosting Diocesan Safeguarding Training on **Saturday 6th October 2012** between 10am and 3pm. Please contact the Presbytery for full details.

Kingston LIFE Group:

If you would like to enjoy exercise, fresh air and spectacular views of London, come and join us on Sunday September 23rd to take part in the Ten Bridges Walk. Starting at 2pm from Tower Bridge we cross the river ten times to finish on Lambeth Bridge. If you are unable to be there yourself please consider sponsoring one of the walkers. There are 3 from the parish- Pricilla and Lydia and David Walker. To participate either as a walker or sponsor please contact Therese on 020 8390 1080 or e-mail: dwalker@visuals.plus.com They will be collecting sponsors after all Masses next weekend. All money raised will go to the LIFE charity to help their caring and counselling work supporting mothers in need and their babies.

CTS UNITY SERVICE

Please note that the next CTS Unity Service (Churches Together in Surbiton) will take place TODAY Sunday 16th September 2012 at 6pm at St George's, Hamilton Avenue, Tolworth.

Everyone welcome.

Talks on Faith

St Catherine of Siena in Chessington hold discussions on the last Monday of each month in relation to our faith. The next talk is taking place on Monday 24 September 2012 at 7.30pm in the church, in the Sacristy, behind the altar.

If you would like further information, then please contact Douglas Kirk on 020 8391 1046.

International Day of Peace

21st September

The International Day of Peace, a.k.a. "Peace Day" provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts of peace on a shared date. A Peace Day event can be as simple as lighting a candle or meditate on Peace on September 21. It can be as complex as organising a Peace Concert for thousands of people. In between, there is a whole scale of events on different levels that might fit your family, group, class or community.



The Holy Cross School, New Malden

'Christmas Shopping Evening'

The Holy Cross School, Sandal Road, New Malden, is having a 'Christmas Shopping Evening' on **Friday 23rd November** from 6.30pm until 9pm. There will be a great selection of cards, gifts, jewellery, books and much more. If you are interested in having a stall at this event please email Alison and Maria at holycrosspfa@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

