

## REFLECTION

### Thinking and walking God's Way



*It was only last Sunday that we heard how Peter finally recognised Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God". Jesus' response to Peter's insight was to call him blessed, to call him the "rock", and to talk about the keys of the kingdom.*

*Peter's mind must have been full of the Jewish preconceptions of what the messiah would be like, what he would do, how he would be a powerful leader of Israel. And so, when Jesus began to talk about the need for his suffering and death, it simply did not fit in with the way Peter was thinking. So Jesus tells Peter that "the way you think is not God's way".*

*Jesus had to show his disciples that the way of God is different from the way of the world. The Christ, the chosen one of God, would face suffering and death as he followed God's way. It may be hard at times for us to see that the way of the cross is the better way. But if we want to follow Christ, we have to be willing to walk that way.*

**THE CHURCH NEEDS ANOTHER DEEP CLEAN ON A SATURDAY MORNING  
COULD BE PLEASE COME SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER AT 10.00 AM. THANK  
YOU**

## THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 29th August

Vigil Mass 4 pm

Sunday 30th August Mass

at 9.30am Year 2020



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Saturday	29th	<b>The 22nd</b>	Vigil Mass 4pm	Parishioners
Sunday	30th	<b>of Ordinary Time</b>	Mass 9.30 am	Liam Bannigan health
Monday	31st	Feria	NO MASS	
Tuesday	1st	Feria	NO MASS	
Wednesday	2nd	Feria,	NO MASS	
Thursday	3rd	St. Gregory the Great,	NO MASS	
Friday	4th	Feria	NO MASS	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5th</b>	NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS IN THE MORNING.		
		<b>23rd Sunday Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Vigil Mass 4 pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>Mass 9.30 am</b>	Good health for Mary & James Grimes & family	

## Next Week : THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 5th September 2020

Vigil Mass 4 pm. Sunday 6th September 9.30am

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**IF YOU ARE GOING TO COME TO MASS THIS WEEKEND YOU NEED TO INFORM FR. PAUL BY TELEPHONE – 07973239942 OR E MAIL Fr.paul.lomas@rcaob.org.uk**

**COVID 19 VIRUS IS STILL PREVALENT SO KEEP A SAFE DSTANCE FROM EACH OTHER. TOUCH AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE.**



**Today's guidance on following Jesus**

Jesus invites us to join his suffering and death!

The text reads:

*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."*

Notice, Jesus' pattern -- suffering, death, resurrection, becomes our own -- self denial (suffering), cross bearing (death) follow me (raised life).

How can this calling be made any clearer?

We are to follow Jesus. Which means we are to pattern our life after his, yes? This is what it means to be a follower of Jesus, that in some way, in some significant manner, we offer our allegiance, our pattern of life, our future to him who calls us.

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASSES THIS WEEKEND. WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD THAT WE HAVE ARRIVED AT THIS POINT. PLEASE :-

1. SANITISE YOUR HANDS WHEN ARRIVING AND LEAVING CHURCH.
2. WEAR FACE COVERING AT ALL TIMES.
3. ONLY SIT ON PEWS WHERE DIRECTED TO.
4. MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES. (NO PHYSICAL CONTACT AT EXCHANGE OF PEACE).
5. WHEN RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION, DO SO ON HAND ONLY AND MOVE WHEN DIRECTED TO.
6. THERE ARE NO NEWS SHEETS HANDED OUT, NO HYMN BOOKS TO HOLD, NO SINGING BECAUSE OF SPREAD OF VIRUS.
7. LEAVE CHURCH AFTER MASS WHEN DIRECTED BY STEWARDS.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

It will be Saturday morning 11.30 to 12 noon each week. Due to the social distancing it will be on the benches in the front presbytery garden. **Please telephone to let me know your coming 07973239942. FR.PAUL NOT AVAILABLE SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2020.**

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family and to this celebration.

~~Mass each day continues to be shown live on my Facebook page—Paul Roy Lomas. It is also available to watch after the Mass has ended in case you can't be on your computer.~~

**There will be NO MASS during the week Monday 31st. Until Friday 4th. September. Andrea and Fr. Paul are taking the inside of week break on the South Coast. They travel down Monday morning and return Friday evening, so neither of the weekends are effected. Thank you for your understanding in this situation.**