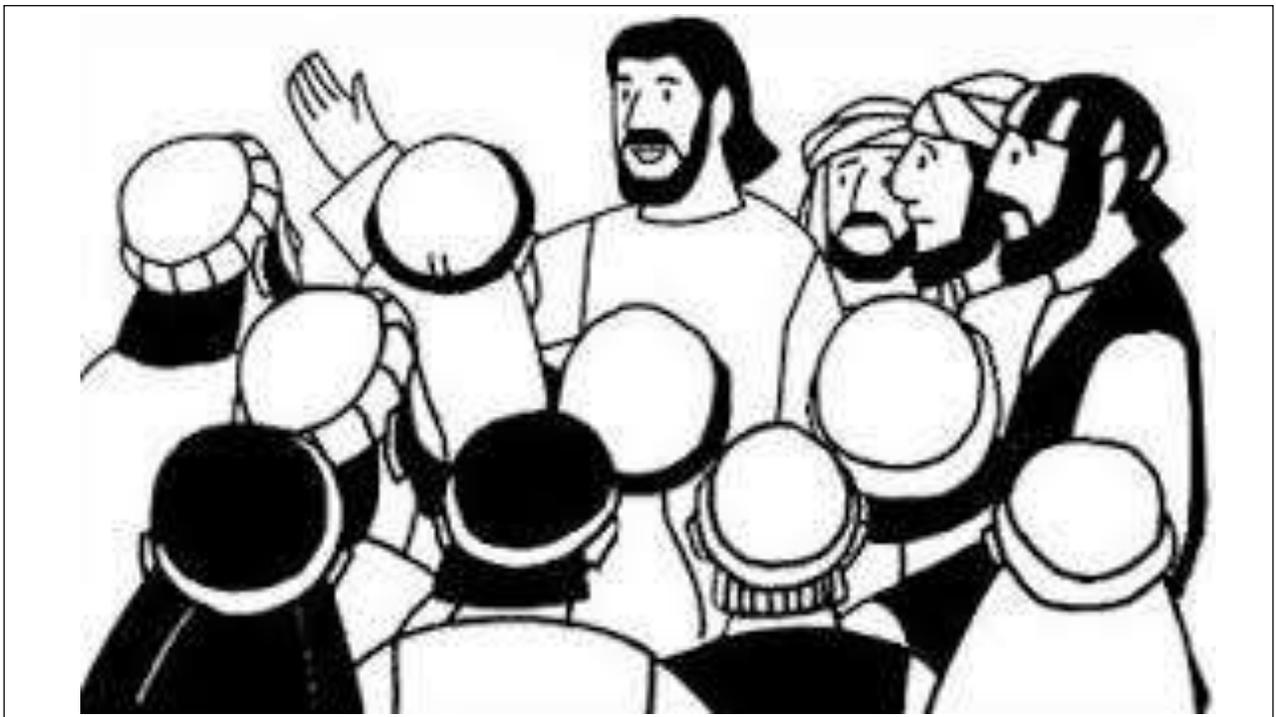


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**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 September 2018**

“He began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined  
to suffer grievously.”

Mark 8, 31

Archbishop Bernard Longley has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding/child protection practices in light of the National Catholic Policies and Procedures. This review is to be welcomed as a means of ensuring that our systems to protect our children and young people are as effective as possible. This review is being conducted by an independent charity called SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence). As part of the review, SCIE would like to speak with any individuals who have had experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese, and have experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives and the safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. Anyone who is impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629). If you are able to contribute to this important review and share your experiences with SCIE then please contact Hugh Constant (Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207).

## 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION CATHOLIC EVANGELISATION 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

In today's Gospel Jesus presents us, as disciples, with a challenging question, 'Who do you say I am?' For some the most challenging element of this question is whether we talk about him at all. Today on Home Mission Sunday we have been praying for the spread of the Gospel and in the second collection will have the opportunity to support it financially. The money is used to help Catholics in England and Wales become more confident in sharing their faith.

**BINGO** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September in the Cenacle at **7.30pm**. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and good company. Everybody welcome - bring a friend!

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

Gift Aid £96.50      Loose £512.05  
Standing Orders      £484.00

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## **WALKING THE CAMINO**

Eddie Moran is walking the Camino again from 19-24<sup>th</sup> September to raise money for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and for Our Lady & St Anne's church. Sponsor forms are available at the back of church.

## **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 8.45am - 11.30am  
Please come and join us in the Cenacle for tea, filter coffee and cakes to raise money for this wonderful charity. Everyone welcome.

## **COLOMBONI MISSIONARY APPEAL**

Next weekend, we welcome Fr John Downey who will celebrate Masses and make an appeal for the work of the Comboni Missionaries. Please be as generous as you can.

*'We pray for the Comboni Missionaries, especially for those who are at present working in difficult and dangerous conditions.'*

Please remember the sick and/or housebound in your prayers.

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Jesus asked a lot of questions. Most of them concerned the relationship between individuals he met and himself. He put a question to the rich young man, to James and John after their mother asked that they get favourable treatment, to the Syro-Phoenician woman, to the woman with the issue of blood when he sensed power drain out of him, to the disciples as to whether they would leave him or stay, and in the Garden of Gethsemane he asked Peter, James and John why they could not wait just an hour with him. These were all direct, personal questions. Today we find Jesus asking two different types of question: whom do the people take me for? And you, whom do you believe me to be? These are questions which all of us need to answer. Few questions in the NT move us so profoundly. Who am I *for you*? Jesus' humanity is visible, he is curious about his reputation. But above all he is keen to know how he, who presents himself as teacher, shepherd, friend and brother, has impacted on my personal life. It is a question we deserve to ask ourselves.

**First Reading (OT): Isaiah 50, 5 - 9:** This extract from the prophet Isaiah comes from the third song of the Suffering Servant. This mysterious figure, in exegesis cast as the suffering Son of Man, presents a spirituality of non-violence. It is an image of the patience of God. The German writer Johannes Bours had once spoken of God as "irresistible Love". It is now powerlessness. It is rather a willing submission to violence, a non-resistance freely chosen. The disciple of Jesus adopts non-violence as a positive option.

**Second Reading (NT): James 2, 14 - 18:** Martin Luther claimed that justification occurred by "faith alone". This was one of the rallying cries of the Protestant Reformation. But faith remains a sterile thing unless it is firmly rooted in the day-to-day existence of human beings. Faith and all it believes in collapses like a house of cards unless it is rooted in the concrete lives of those who believe. There is something earthy and practical about the theology outlined in the letter of James. And it conforms to what most of us feel and believe instinctively anyhow.

**Gospel: Mark 8, 27 - 35:** The gospels report to us how Jesus asked casual questions of his companions on their journeys. Questions and answers to make the time go by. But today we find Jesus asking them an existential question. And it is a question which still after two thousand years remains pertinent. And the answers people give are many. An opinion poll for a daily newspaper about Jesus would yield a huge variety of answers. The theologians too, the experts in Christology (the science of Christ) come up with different answers. No Christian can avoid the Jesus-question. For Peter the consequence of his admission that Jesus was the Messiah was distinctly uncomfortable. With that image from Isaiah's Suffering Servant in mind, Jesus forecast the suffering for which he was designated. We must be willing to accept the diverse aspects of Jesus' personality and what they all signified, then and now. As Jesus pointed out to his disciples at Caesarea Philippi, acceptance of him as Messiah means a willingness to carry our cross.

*The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 132-134*

## Masses and Intentions

### Twenty-fourth week of Ordinary Time

<p>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September <i>Memorial: Our Lady of Sorrows</i></p>	<p>10.00 Moira Cunningham RIP</p>
<p><b>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></p>	
<p>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September</p>	<p>17.30 Vincent Hawkins RIP</p>
<p>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September</p>	<p>10.00 Jackie Clyne RIP 18.30 People of the parish</p>
<p>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September <i>Memorial: St Robert of Bellarmine</i></p>	<p>10.00 Requiem Mass - Paul Loney</p>
<p>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>No Mass</p>
<p>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>No Mass</p>
<p>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September <i>Memorial: St Andrew Kim Tae-gon</i></p>	<p>No Mass</p>
<p>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September <i>Feast: St Matthew</i></p>	<p>No Mass</p>
<p>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>No Mass</p>
<p><b>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></p>	
<p>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</p>	<p>17.30 People of the parish</p>
<p>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</p>	<p>10.00 Health &amp; blessings Daniel Grestiak &amp; family 18.30 Eileen Mackey RIP</p>

<p>Confessions: Exposition &amp; Benediction:</p>	<p>Saturday 16.45 - 17.15</p>
<p>Evening prayer, Rosary:</p>	<p>No exposition 22<sup>nd</sup> September Saturday 16.45</p>