



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 30th August 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Following from last week's Gospel, we see St Peter 'put his foot in his mouth'. After just speaking for the Apostles and acknowledging Who Christ is, we see that St Peter does not truly understand what he has professed.

Christ's rebuke to St Peter is echoed in St Paul's Letter to the Romans. While we must be in the world, we cannot be of the world. Christians are supposed to be countercultural, to be different. We are called to think of the world to come and our true, heavenly homeland which will last forever; not to dwell on the fleeting joys of this created world in which will pass away.

At the same time, Christ is instructing His followers that this will inevitably bring them suffering. The world does not know Christ and does not want to know Him. Those who are selfish and self-centred do not want to exchange their comforts of today in order to prepare for the greater joys to come later. Besides this, confusion and misunderstanding about Who Christ is and what He asks of us makes many people hostile to hearing and accepting the Gospel.

But, if we know that suffering is inevitable, if we are confident in believing that Jesus is the Christ, and if we maintain that hope in Christ's love for us, then we will be able to preserve in our faith. There will be moments when we mess up, when we say the wrong things, do something wrong, and prove that we do not fully understand the Gospel. However, this is all part of learning how weak we are and how much we need God's grace to help us carry out crosses.

With many prayers,

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 29th August

6.00pm (Vigil) – Fr Bernard Kamalge Herman RIP

Sunday 30th August – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Peter Lydon RIP

Monday 31st August

No Mass

Tuesday 1st September

No Mass

Wednesday 2nd September

No Mass

Thursday 3rd September

No Mass

Friday 4th September

No Mass

Saturday 5th September

6.00pm (Vigil) – **Pro populo**

Sunday 6th September – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am – Teresa O'Halloran RIP

10.00am – Marian O'Sullivan RIP

Adoration will resume Wednesday 16th September.

Rosary will be recited at 9.00am
every Friday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 5.15pm or on request.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK

Helen Guinness, Freda Griffiths, Karen Murray,
Maureen Reilly, Indira Louis, Ashlee Rodgers,
Christian Requena, Gillian Doherty, James Joseph,
Joshua Anderson, Denise Rush, Damian Poole,
Guilherme Guedes, Allan Norman, Michael Monaco,
Edmund Louis, Arthur Harding, Jake Braue,
Helen Kershaw, Christine Hearne, Jane Scargill,
Susan Smith, Jonathan Lewis, Spencer Thorpe,
Cyrus Pascoe, Marie-Anne Murphy,
Patrick Gilligan, Sean Gilligan, Maria Degenis,
Paul Worsfold, Zeke Peyton, Maurice Dingley,
Martin Mohan, Maria Barcellona, Dustin Smith,
David Loftus, Richard Handsford, Peter Cocks, Rita
Diffley, Mandy Sullivan, Andy Trindade,
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Dear Parishioners,

A famous line spoken by the Greek Philosopher Socrates has often been paraphrased as: 'I know that I know nothing'. One of the greatest minds in the history of Western Philosophy, Socrates was nonetheless able to admit that there was much more knowledge and wisdom that he could yet learn, although it was an impossible task to do so.

While Socrates is not necessarily the best example of humility, it takes a good bit of humility to admit when we are wrong or do not know about something. The old adage that Knowledge is Power rings true in so many situations, and we do not want to let others think that we are weak or incompetent because we do not know something. However, if we always think that we know better and have all the answers, what room is there left for growth and change?

In today's Psalm and Gospel, Christ is instructing us to keep an open mind about who we are and what we are doing. We cannot harden our hearts when God speaks to us. God speaks to us in prayer, but also through others who know us and form the communities in which we live. The voices of so many people help us to see the path forward in life and assist us in changing our minds and points of view for the better (although we can sometimes find that they can also lead us astray, and so we must be careful to how we discern the voice of God and the voice of temptation).

At the heart of St Ignatius of Loyola's spirituality was a discernment of spirits, listening to the voices around us and being open to where God is leading us through the different signs that he shows us of blessings and consolations, as opposed to the desolations and worries that come from the devil.

We need to be open to the ways that God is leading us, and remember that we do not know everything, no matter how much we have learned or experienced. Only God is all-knowing and all-powerful, and because He is also all-loving, we can trust in Him alone to give us the wisdom that we need to do what is good and avoid what is evil.

With many prayers,

Fr Ian

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10.00am – Marian O'Sullivan RIP

Monday 7th September

No Mass

Tuesday 8th September

No Mass

Wednesday 9th September

No Mass

Thursday 10th September

No Mass

Friday 11th September

No Mass

Saturday 12th September

6.00pm (Vigil) – Assig Family Intentions

Sunday 13th September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Patricia & Bob Carni Intentions

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