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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to St Martin's

MASS TIMES – Please note the change in mass times.

TODAYS SECOND COLLECTION – For the Home Missions.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE – We pray for Ernie Lambias RIP. His funeral will be on **Tuesday 18th September** at **12.00pm**.

CONFIRMATION & 1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2019 – Applications are available in the sacristy.

PEACE WALK 2018 – Saturday 22nd September. See poster in the porch for more details.

AMORIS LAETITIA - The Joy of Love is Pope Francis' letter addressing the pastoral care of families. There will be a course over two evenings to discuss this important document on **26th September** and **3rd October** Holy Ghost **7:30pm**.

NOAH VOLUNTEER INTERPRETERS AND MENTORS REQUIRED – Currently seeking to recruit volunteer interpreters and mentors to support our work with migrants. Please call Warren Edwards on 01582726152 or e-mail warren.edwards@noahenterprsie.org.

JOHN F KENNEDY OPEN EVENING – Mr Neves, Headteacher, invites Year 6 students and parents to their Open Evening on **Tuesday 2nd October, 6.30-9pm** where the secondary transfer application process will be explained in detail and you will have the opportunity to look around the school. Also, holding an Open Morning on **Wednesday 10th October** at **9.30am**.

SECONDARY TRANSFER APPLICATIONS – A reminder that any Year 6 parents wishing to apply to JFK should submit the Local Authority application form and also return completed JFK Supplementary Information Forms to the school by **31st October 2018**. Please submit all applicable documentation as detailed in the Admissions Policy.

SUNDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2018

Sat 6:30pm Eugene McSweeney, RIP

9:00am Kevin Byrne, RIP

11:00am The People of the Parish

Monday – Feria

9.30 am Carmel McDonagh, RIP

Tuesday – Feria

9:30 am Paula Seery, B'DAY INT

12.00pm Ernie Lambias, RIP

Wednesday – NO MASS

Thursday – SS Andrew Kim Taegon

6.30pm Jose Antony, INT

Friday – St Matthew

9.30am Calignawan, family thanksgiving

SATURDAY – CONFESSIONS 5:30PM – 6:00PM

SATURDAY – MASS AT 6:30PM

NEXT SUNDAY – 25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sat 6:30pm Yvonne O'Reilly,

9:00am Francis Howard, RIP

11:00am The People of the Parish

Charismatic Prayer Group: Friday 7:30pm in the Lady Chapel.

Legion of Mary: Friday 7:30pm in the Hall.

Lunch Club: Friday 11.30am onwards.

The Word this Week

As we follow through the Gospel of Saint Mark we come to an important turning point this week: after the preaching, the miracles and the journey so far, Simon Peter publicly recognises Jesus as the Messiah. But there is an important point, which is brought out by the choice of first reading today: this Messiah is a king who is destined to be rejected and killed. Jesus knows this very well, and rebukes Peter when he tries to lead him on a different path. From this point on, Saint Mark's Gospel leads to the cross: Jesus himself accepts his own cross, and reminds all his followers that the cross is a part of following him. If we are considering the question "Who is Jesus?", these scripture passages give us a deep insight into the mission of salvation that he accepts for us.



This Sunday's Readings

First Reading – Isaiah 50:5-9

I offered my back to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.
My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start
proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who will dare to condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm – 114: 1-6. 8-9

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land
of the living.*

Second Reading – James 2:14-18

If good works do not go with faith, it is quite dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;

No one can come to the Father except through me.

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Gospel – Mark 8:27-35

The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'



Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 2: Abiola & Linda

Next Week: Team 3: Josephine & Tabitha

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 1: Betty, Anne & Mary

Next Week: Team 2: Charismatic Prayer Group

Thanks to our Sunday Café Helpers

This Week: Sunny, Angelin & Andrea/Merilyn, Mary

Next Week: Charlotte/Rose, Kenya Community

Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)
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+ Jenny Duffy (Parish Administrator)
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+ **Parish Hall Bookings:** Contact Maura on 01582
724623 between 6pm-8pm

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

Sunday 9th September – £1053.80