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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Dear Friends.

Jesus and the disciples came down the mountain after a wonderful experience of glory and peace. He began to talk about being betrayed and about being put to death. Mark tells us that the disciples failed to understand what he was saying.

Jesus began teaching the disciple a new way of being... way of serving, being at the service of God by serving people, even at great cost... even to death! Even when the disciples heard this urgent and difficult call, they began thinking about their honour, about occupying important

position and about who among them was really important. Jesus challenged them to put themselves at the service of others and gave them a little child as an example... Mysteries have been revealed, not to the clever and the intellectual, but to the simple and humble. Heart is the home of the Gospel, not the intellect.

Unless you turn and become as children, you will not enter the kingdom of God. You are going in the wrong direction, not in the direction of the Kingdom. You are aiming at personal power, prestige, etc. which is the opposite of the Kingdom. Humility is the quality of a person who belongs in the kingdom. Child's simplicity, trust, dependence, innocence, purity are qualities of people of the kingdom.

#### Reflect on turning toward the Kingdom

Jesus invited his disciples and he invites us today to be childlike and be willing to surrender in loving and generous service. He invites us to have a new vision of "greatness" as service, humility, and self-surrender, different from what the world seems to offer. Those of us, who choose to follow Jesus and be his disciples, must learn to redefine greatens as humility, service, and self-surrender.

Change your vision: it is a privilege and honour and blessing to be the last and to serve the least. Be at the service of the "little ones", whoever they may be, the ones who cannot give you important positions, the ones who cannot make you important before others... True honour for those who follow the master, Jesus, lies in serving the "little ones" in the world! Be there, faithfully, and gratefully for the "little ones" of the world!

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)** 

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Sep 5.30pm	St. Peter's		Adoration followed by Mass
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sep 9.00am	St. Michael's	Marco Sparano - RIP	Twenty Fifth Sunday
11.00am	St. Peter's	Bernabe Caravana - RIP	
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	No Mass		St. Pius of Pietrelcina
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> Sep 9.30am	St. Peter's	Margaret Murray - Int.	
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Sep 10.00am	St. Michael's		Our Lady of Walsingham
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep 9.30am	St. Peter's		Sts. Cosmos and Damian
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep 9.30am	St. Peter's		St. Vincent de Paul

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

In St. Peter's Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

In St. Michael's Wednesday 10.30am to 11.00am and by appointment, please ring to arrange. Thank you.

<u>A Warm Welcome</u>: today is Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. As always, we welcome visitors and newcomers to join our "regulars," asking Almighty God to bestow His blessings and graces on us all. You are most welcome to join us for coffee and tea in the Parish Hall.

#### JOIN US FOR THE HOLY ROSARY EVERY FRIDAY AT ST. PETER'S!



We are excited to announce that every Friday, immediately after Mass, we will be gathering to pray with the Holy Rosary together. This is a special opportunity to come together as a community, seek the intercession of Our Lady, and deepen our connection with God. Whether you're a regular participant or new to this devotion, we warmly invite you to join us in this powerful prayer. Let's unite ourselves in faith, reflect on the mysteries of Christ's life, and receive the abundant blessings that come through Mary, our Mother.

Mark your calendars, bring your Rosary beads, and experience the peace and grace that the Rosary brings. See you there! But that's not all! After the Rosary, you are warmly invited to enjoy refreshments in the parish hall, where we can connect and share in fellowship.

## THE LEGION OF MARY IS COMING TO ST. PETER'S!

We are glad to announce the launch of the **Legion of Mary** at St. Peter's Church, one of the Catholic Church's most cherished and impactful lay apostolic movements. The first gathering will take place on the second Friday of October in the parish hall, and will continue on the second Friday of every month thereafter. This gathering will offer us the opportunity to deepen our devotion to Our Lady, grow in faith, and engage in meaningful spiritual works.

The Legion of Mary invites all to experience the beauty of serving Christ through Mary. Whether you're familiar with the Legion or joining for the first time, we welcome you with open arms to be part of this inspiring journey of prayer, service, and fellowship.

## COMMUNITY KITCHEN FUNDRAISER - 6TH OCTOBER

With your past donations and volunteers from our local Catholic parishes, we have served 578 meals over 10 Community Kitchen dinners. Thank you! There are 3 more dinners planned and your continued financial support is most welcome. Please join us for a tasty dish of paella on Sunday, 6th October from 4:30 to 6pm at St Peter's Parish Hall. Minimum donation £5 please if you would be so kind. Thank you for your continued support. For details, email Melissa at spagnmel@hotmail.com

#### FOR THE ATTENTION OF ST MICHAEL'S

There will be a meeting for parishioners after Mass on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October to discuss ideas for social events during 2025. Please join us and come along with your ideas.

## A HEARTFELT MESSAGE FROM PAT JACKSON

We are delighted to share some wonderful news from one of our beloved parishioners at St. Michael's, Pat Jackson, who is currently recovering at home following her recent heart surgery. Pat was deeply touched by the outpouring of love and support she received from the St. Michael's community.

In her own words, Pat wanted to express her sincere gratitude: "I was truly moved and delighted to receive the beautiful card filled with kind words and prayers. It's been a great source of comfort during my recovery, and I thank each and every one of you for your heartfelt support."

We continue to hold Pat in our thoughts and prayers as she regains her strength, and we look forward to welcoming her back soon, with full health and a joyful heart!

## **NEWMAN ASSOCIATION**

An afternoon talk, with Michal Paszkoewicz on Geo versus Heliocentrism and where the church stands will be held on Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 2.30pm in the lounge of the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. Admission to include refreshments: Visitors £3.00. All are Welcome. Please see poster for more information.

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September please pray for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. Please see poster for more information.

### **FUTURE SECOND COLLECTIONS**

6<sup>th</sup> October CAFOD
13<sup>th</sup> October PACT (Prisoners Sunday)



A monastic experience for men & women aged 18 - 35

Friday 25th-Sunday 27th October 2024

Monastery of Our Lady & St Bernard Brownshill, Stroud, GL6 8AL www.brownshill.org





# **Offertory Collection**

#### **Last Week:**

**St. Peter's**: £607.96 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

Bishops Conference: £86.00

**St. Michael:** £92.80 Bishops Conference: £18.40 Education Service: £25.00

# REST IN PEACE

Please pray for Pawel Edward Romaszko who passed away recently and whose funeral service will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> September (Friday) at 1.30pm in Willow Chapel, Cheltenham Crematorium.

Eternal rest grant unto him Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him

May he rest in peace!!!



# Thank You