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*September 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> 2021*

*Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

❖ **Mass for the coming week**

**Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.**

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

In the gospel there is a prediction of the Passion which the disciples don't understand. Instead they are motivated by selfish ambition – they get involved in an argument as to which of them is the greatest. This kind of selfishness is condemned by Jesus and by James (in the second reading).

**First Reading:** (Wis. 2.12.17-20)

The godless plot to do away with the just one, because his blameless life is a reproach to them.

**Second Reading:** (James. 3:16-4:3)

Jealousy, ambition and self-seeking lead to disharmony.

Gentleness and mercy lead to peace.

**Gospel:** (Mk. 9:30-37)

Jesus tells his apostles that he will suffer humiliation and death. True greatness is shown in serving the weaker members of the community.

**REFLECTION**

*God's inspiration is at work in everyone.*

*However, there are people in whom divine inspiration seems to have no effect.*

*People who commit crime even though they seem to prosper.*

*Their punishment is assured even in this world.*

*The anxieties and fears that assail them make their prosperity a bitterness to them.*

*As for the just, even though their passage through life is often dogged with misfortune, their inward satisfaction of obeying God gives them strength.*

**Hospice Coffee Morning**

A Coffee Morning will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September in Castleknock Community Centre from 9-2 p.m. to raise money for our local Hospice.

**Crosscare's Annual Collection 2021**

The Annual collection for Crosscare, our Diocese's social support agency, will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, the 18th and 19th September 2021, replacing the usual SHARE collection. Through their frontline work and services for the Homeless, Youth, Migrants and Refugees, Crosscare focus on helping people and families when they need it most or when they can't find support anywhere else. In their Community Foodbanks and Cafes, as well as reducing food waste mountains, they provide food parcels and nutritious meals every day. Demand for their services continues to increase as the pandemic impacts on those most vulnerable in our parishes and communities.

Please give generously to this annual appeal if you can, or pick one of their prepaid postage donation slip envelopes which will be available at the back of the church.

**SAFEGUARDING**

Our annual diocesan Safeguarding Sunday will take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September. The theme for this year's event is "Safeguarding in a pandemic".

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**MASS INTENTIONS**  
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<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Maureen Gallagher – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Muriel McCarthy – recently deceased</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Peter Jordan – 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>
	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Concepta (Ceppie) Sheehan 3rd Anniversary</b>

❖ **Remember in your prayers**

*Thomas Norton, Emer Quinn, Matthew McDonagh,  
Kathleen Boyle, Derek Warren and Tony O'Flaherty  
recently deceased*

**Remember Also:** *Jim and Don Gannon, Seamus, Margaret and James O'Connor, Tom and Emily Dunne and son Tommy Dunne whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

**May they Rest in Peace**