

**WELCOME TO THE
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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR

***If anyone wants to be a follower of mine,
let him renounce himself.***

First Reading	Jr 20:7-9
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 62:2-6.8-9
Second Reading	Rm 12:1-2
Gospel	Mt 16:21-27



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR: Last week we heard how Jesus entrusted the power of the keys to St Peter, but today he has to rebuke him. Peter thinks in terms of an earthly kingdom. He cannot comprehend that God's plans include the cross for Jesus or martyrdom for himself and the other disciples. That temptation faces all of us. Until Pope Paul VI laid aside the Papal Tiara, Popes were crowned at the beginning of their reign but carried in front of them by a Franciscan Friar was piece of smoking flax, who chanted the words 'Sic transit Gloria mundi' – 'Thus passes the glory of the world'. A symbol can be laid aside but the temptation remains to take the short cut of using human power rather than the way of love and persuasion. Sometimes this may be necessary for the good of others but it should always be the last resort. Do we like to exercise power, to say 'yes' or 'no' to people just to show who is in control?

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Rosemary Tuite, Alec Ross, Michelle Bryant, Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, Mrs Van Stolk Senior, Denis Wood, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Delia Sach, Gloria Elik-Glammeyer, Sally Heath, Ellen Barron, Derek Pike, Irene Smith, George Cornet, Tita Madden, John Leuce, Julie Rainbird and Teresa Hall* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

DIOCESAN CLERGY RETREAT: This week, to mark the centenary of the diocese the Bishop has invited all the clergy to join him for a retreat at Ars. The Bishop will be conducting the retreat and most of the clergy will be with him. St. Jean-Marie Vianney (1786-1859) was parish priest (*curé*) of Ars. During his lifetime, St. John Vianney founded an orphanage for girls and became internationally famous for his spiritual direction. He was known for his powerful sermons, personal example of holiness and his ability to perform miracles. He was said to be able to read souls in the confessional and predict future events. Throughout France there was a saying, "There is a holy man in Ars; go and see him." And people did - between 1830 and 1845 an average of 300 people visited Ars every day to meet with St. John Vianney. He slept only two hours a night so he could serve all the pilgrims, and spent up to 17 hours a day hearing confessions. The Curé of Ars also ate little, dressed in old clothes and slept on a hard bed. He was said to have been attacked by the Devil regularly, including one famous incident in which the Devil set the saint's bed on fire. St. John Vianney died on August 4, 1859. In 1874, Pope Pius IX declared him Venerable, and he was canonized a saint by Pius XI in 1925. The feast day of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, is celebrated each year on August 4. The clergy will be staying in the local seminary. Please pray for us.

REMINDER: Our next Social Group meeting will be Thursday 7th September following the Thursday morning prayer group. This meeting will be to finalise plans for the Autumn Fayre, plan Curry Night and the "Beers & Hymns" afternoon. All are welcome to attend! Refreshments provided.