TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12th September Suffering was the way for Christ to enter his glory. It was the way for him to show his love for God's people. His risen life is our hope in face of sorrow, death and suffering.

MASSES

Vigil Saturdays 6p.m. Sundays: 9a.m. & 11a.m. Working Holy Days: Vigil 6p.m. Holy Days 10a.m. & 7.30p.m. Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 10 a.m.

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Feast Days of the Week

- Monday 13th St. John Chrysostom 347 - 407, one of the four great Greek Doctors, the 'Golden – mouthed' preacher, was Archbishop of Constantinople. He incurred much opposition and died in exile. Patron saint of preachers.
- Tuesday 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The discovery of the True Cross is dated to 14th September 320. On 13th September 335 the churches on Calvary were dedicated and the cross that St. Helena discovered was venerated there the next day. The annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated since, in praise of the redemption won for us by Christ.
- Wednesday 15th **Our Lady of Sorrows.** Mary, standing by the cross, 'suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself as his Mother to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her', whom she also offered to the eternal Father.

St. Mary's Popes Quay Cork

Will be hosting two upcoming conferences in September. A Catholic Women's Conference on the 18th September and a Catholic Men's Conference on the 25th September. For more information on conference topics, key-note speakers, times etc. please see the leaflets in the church porch.

Ballinlough Men's Retirement Club Will resume on Wednesday 22nd September at 2.30p.m. in Ballinlough Community Centre. Enjoy a game of Short Mat Bowls (Bowls supplied by the club) in an atmosphere of fun and camaraderie or just drop in for a chat and a 'cuppa'. All those who are fully vaccinated or completely recovered from Covid 19 are welcome. Contact person: Noel 085 - 1615 360.

Cork Autism Online Conference 2021 Thriving with Autism, Sunday 17th October. This online conference offers interventions, skills and strategies to support people on the autism spectrum. Suitable for parents, families, caregivers, autistics, employers, educators and anyone with an interest in autism. Visit www.autismcork.ie

A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday to spend the day hiking in the wilderness. Rounding a sharp bend in the trail, he collided with a bear and was sent tumbling down a steep grade. He landed on a rock and broke both leas.

With the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, the preacher prayed, "O Lord, I'm so sorry for skipping services today. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish—make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me!"

At that very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to his knees, clasped his paws together, and began to pray aloud at the preacher's feet: "Dear God, please bless this food I am about to receive."

Smartest people in the World



A doctor, a lawyer, a little boy and a priest were out for a Sunday afternoon flight on a small private plane. Suddenly, the plane developed engine trouble. In spite of the best efforts of the pilot, the plane started to go down. Finally, the pilot grabbed a parachute, yelled to the passengers that they had better jump, and then he bailed out. Unfortunately, there were only three parachutes remaining, the doctor grabbed one and said "I'm

a doctor, I save lives, so I must live, and he jumped out. The lawyer then said, "I'm a lawyer and lawyers are the smartest people in the world. I deserve to live, he also grabbed a parachute and jumped. The priest looked at the little boy and said, "My son, I've lived a long and full life. You are young and have your whole life ahead of you. Take the last parachute and live in peace."

The little boy handed the parachute back to the priest and said, "Not to worry, Father. The 'smartest man in the world' just took off with my back pack."



Some men are sitting around discussing the meaning of life.

One turns and asks the others, "If tomorrow all your loved ones found themselves at a funeral, gathered around your casket, what would you want to hear them say?"

One starts off saying, "I hope they would say I was a good father and husband". The next says "I want them to say I was not only successful, but a kind and

generous man too".

"I'd want them to say", says the last man, "Hey look, he's moving!"

Deaths

Our Lady's Crown Prayer

Most Glorious Queen of Heaven and Mother of God, You whom the Blessed Trinity has crowned with unequalled glory. You are the Sovereign Queen over all God's Creation. I place myself and all my loved ones under the power, protection, and sovereignty of your crown. Under the protection of your crown I will fear no other crown and through your immense intercessory power I ask you to spare us all from the effects of the corona virus.

> Dearest Mother and Queen, We, your children in Christ Jesus, Ask you to obtain for us An end to the spread of this virus. Amen

The Memorare:

