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## Twelfth Sunday of the Year 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Today's Readings p.503-506 of the CTS Sunday Missal

Job 38:1,8-11; 2 Paul 5:14-17, Mk 4:35-41



### SERVICE TIMES DURING THE PANDEMIC

Please check the weekly timetable inside the newsletter for any variations

**Saturday Vigil Mass at 6 pm, Sunday Mass at 8.30 am, 10 am, 11.30 am**

**Sunday at 1.30 pm Syriac Rite, in Arabic and Aramaic**

**Weekday Mass: Monday & Tuesday, 6 pm. Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 9 am**

**Rosary: Tuesday, 6.30pm. Divine Mercy Prayers: Friday, 9.30 am.**

**Confession: Saturday, after 6 pm Mass; Sunday, after 11.30 am Mass.**

**OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm**

## Today's Gospel

Jesus suggests to his disciples that they cross over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee by boat. As can happen on Galilee, a violent storm suddenly arose while they were making the crossing. Although experienced fishermen used to Galilee, the disciples were terrified by the waves breaking into the boat, almost swamping it. Meanwhile Jesus was asleep in the stern. They woke him, suggesting he was unconcerned that they were on the brink of sinking. Jesus shows his divine power and authority as the Son of God by rebuking the wind and sea and restoring calm. (God's power over the sea has already been suggested in today's first reading from Job and today's psalm.) Jesus then asks the disciples why they had been afraid, and why they had had no faith. The story ends with the disciples being over-awed, and wondering just who Jesus can be if the wind and sea obey him.

This Gospel story is relevant in every age. The boat represents the Church, which is the barque of St Peter, voyaging through the seas of this world towards 'the other side' – the heavenly harbour. Storms arise in the life of the Church and of the individual Christian. It is easy to forget that Jesus is present in the boat with us, especially when the storms reach crisis point. We are invited to have a stronger faith that Jesus will not allow the Church, or us as individual disciples to sink, and to turn to him for help in every crisis.

In his final General Audience address before resigning as Successor of St Peter in 2013, Pope Benedict XVI reflecting on his Petrine ministry compared it with this experience of the disciples:

'I have felt like Saint Peter with the Apostles in the boat on the Sea of Galilee: the Lord has given us so many days of sun and of light winds, days when the catch was abundant; there were also moments when the waters were rough and the winds against us, as throughout the Church's history, and the Lord seemed to be sleeping. But I have always known that the Lord is in that boat, and I have always known that the barque of the Church is not mine but his. Nor does the Lord let it sink; it is he who guides it, surely also through those whom he has chosen, because he so wished. This has been, and is, a certainty which nothing can shake. For this reason my heart today overflows with gratitude to God, for he has never let his Church, or me personally, lack his consolation, his light, his love.'

## This Sunday is the Day for Life

This day, inaugurated by St John Paul II, presents an opportunity to pray for the gift of life from conception to natural death, to raise awareness of the precious gift of life, and to support the work of protecting life in its most vulnerable stages through the annual collection. This assists pro-life organisations who raise awareness, engage in parliamentary work and pastoral outreach. These funds are distributed by the Department of Social Justice of the Bishops' Conference.

## Today is Fathers' Day: A Prayer for All Fathers

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen

**Thursday is the Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist:** apart from the Nativity of Our Lord on December 25th and that of Our Lady on 8th September, this is the only birth we celebrate as a feast day in the Christian Year, St John the Baptist is Christ's forerunner both in his birth and death, and so we celebrate both his nativity today his passion on 29th August. John points away from himself to Jesus, 'Behold the Lamb of God.' He says that he is the voice, but Christ is the Word.

**Yesterday Saturday 19th June**, Revd Andrew Marlborough, the seminarian from Allen Hall who was with us in recent months on Sunday mornings, and also took part in the weekly RCIA Group meetings, was ordained Deacon in his home diocese of Plymouth, in a parish in Poole. Fr Richard represented our parish.

**Would parishioners who have boxes of Planned Giving Envelopes** kindly collect their new box from the parish office during office hours or after any of the Sunday Masses. (We are not allowed to leave them at the back of church for you to take, first, because of coronavirus sanitising concerns, and also because of data protection, as the box has your name and address clearly displayed on it!). Please let the parish office know of any changes in your details or circumstances and also if you would prefer to set up a standing order instead.

### **Changes in Covid Protocol**

**The church is now open for private prayer** from approx. 8.30am until the early evening, when possible. Please continue to use hand sanitiser on arrival in the porch. Please use only the pews on the left side of the church, as this will make the daily sanitising of the seating etc. easier for our stewards. Mass times remain unchanged for the time being.

**For Masses during the week** stewards will no longer be required to take details and show parishioners to their seats. You may scan the NHS tracing app code displayed in the porch using your mobile phone or the sign in sheet on the stand. Please continue to use hand sanitiser on arrival in the porch.

**On weekdays**, please continue to use the seats on the left side only of the church. The stewards will still need to sanitise the seating etc. after Mass, and this will make their job easier.

**At the weekend** Covid protocol continues to be observed. We give our details on arrival, sanitise our hands, wear a mask covering our nose and mouth (except children), sit in the seat where we are asked to sit, follow the directions given for going up to the altar for Holy Communion so that we keep two metres apart, returning to our place via the side aisles. When we leave church, those on the left hand side leave via the side aisle and side porch, those on the right hand side leave via the side aisle and main porch, using the sanitiser in the porch and then going straight home without gathering together outside the church. After Mass the stewards spend further time sanitising the seating areas that have been used, and other areas of frequent touch. The church doors are never entirely closed when the church is open, to ensure the church is well ventilated for our safety. It is therefore important to wrap up well against the cold when you come to church. If you feel in any way unwell, or are vulnerable health wise, you must not attend church. Do remember that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is lifted during this time of the pandemic.

**Reading Group:** No reading club this Tuesday, we'll continue as usual next week!

### **Summer Gathering for Westminster Catechists**

Saturday 10th July 10.00am-2.30pm via Zoom.

Led by David Wells. An opportunity to discover the joy & privilege of being a catechist. **Non-catechists also welcome.** Register at [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk) & add name of parish.

Use this link to read the flyer:

[https://2f4097fc-e605-4d18-aedd-98dde1971158.filesusr.com/ugd/0f609a\\_2a5dc858cb854660850bebf7efbf5c5e.pdf](https://2f4097fc-e605-4d18-aedd-98dde1971158.filesusr.com/ugd/0f609a_2a5dc858cb854660850bebf7efbf5c5e.pdf)

**PLEASE SPREAD THE MESSAGE to any adults interested in the Catholic Faith.**

**NEW GROUP soon to be launched.** No previous knowledge needed. Come & See if this is for you.

All welcome whatever faith background: new enquirers seeking baptism, those baptised in another Christian denomination or Catholic adults who would like to be confirmed.

Contact us if you would like to be invited to the SOCIAL MEETING.

Speak to Sr. Jenefer or one of the priests, contact the parish office or email [srjenefer@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:srjenefer@rcdow.org.uk) to find out more and receive your invitation.

#### **Prayer Workshop Re-launch:**

Sr. Jenefer & Sr. John invite you join a small group who meet each month to reflect, pray and explore anything to do with Christian life. Meet at Nazareth House 2.00pm, Wednesday 23rd Jun, ending at 3.00pm with a cup of tea (or coffee)

**First Holy Communion.** The registration process for children going into year 3 who attend this church, will begin in September. Notices will be made nearer the time.

**CHILDREN with SPECIAL NEEDS** are always welcome in our preparation for the Sacraments. Let us know before July so you can meet Anita our Special needs catechist before the end of term.

**Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism:** If you have a child for **Baptism** under 5 years old please email us for an application form. You will be contacted once the form has been received. A copy of one of the Catholic parents' baptism certificate will be required. Baptisms usually take place on Saturdays at 11am with special Covid safety measures in place.

#### **Cine Club for 12-15 year olds**

Our first film club meeting for the 12-15 year olds this Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 6-9:15 PM.

There will be a movie followed by a discussion, with Pizza. We have a great group of youngsters already signed up – don't miss!

Having been in lockdown for so long, this will be a fun way of reconnecting and meeting other youngsters in the parish.

Those who can afford it are asked for a donation of £5 towards food costs.

**Please pray for the sick, especially:** Annie Alstrom, Joe Gibney, Catherine Wall, Fr Simon Thang Duc Nguyen, Lisa Foster, Peter Dewar, Tim Tobin, Maria Billson, Rosa Elena, Breeda Cleary, John O'Neill, Peggy Gilroy, Hannah Gallis, Agnes Wallpole, Margaret Carney, Mary Scherer, Charley O'Neill, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Irene Macneil, Ethan Hollyman, Francis Brady, Breda Moloney, Ray Collins, Christina Sweeney, Jenny Majumdar, Claudia Jaksch, Lyda Franco and Eddie Hughes. **We commend to God those who died recently:** Edward O'Halloran, David Brady **and those with anniversaries around this time:** Cardinal Basil Hume, Adelia Negro, Derek Coburn, and Abby Lydon.

**There is a beautiful display in the church of work on the Year of St Joseph** by the children of St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Masbro Road.

## HOLY TRINITY HAS GONE DIGITAL

You will find our new **CONTACTLESS GIVING** device in the church porch and you can now use your contactless debit/credit card to make a donation.

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader.

You will also be able to donate from home via our website



### Times of Mass and Devotions for the Week beginning Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June

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| <b>Saturday 19th June</b><br><i>St Romuald</i>                          | 6.00 pm Mass<br>followed by Confessions                                   |
| <b>Sunday 20th June</b><br><i>12th Sunday, [Yr B]</i>                   | 8.30 am Mass<br>10.00 am Mass<br>11.30 am Mass<br>followed by Confessions |
| <b>Monday 21st June</b><br><i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>                   | 6.00 pm Mass  |
| <b>Tuesday 22nd June</b><br><i>SS John Fisher<br/>&amp; Thomas More</i> | 6.00 pm Mass<br>followed by Rosary  |
| <b>Wednesday 23rd June</b><br><i>St Etheldreda</i>                      | 9.00 am Mass  |
| <b>Thursday 24th June</b><br><i>Nativity of St John Baptist</i>         | 9.00 am Mass  |
| <b>Friday 25th June</b><br><i>feria [Wk 12, Yr B]</i>                   | 9.00 am Mass<br>followed by Divine Mercy Prayers                          |
| <b>Saturday 26th June</b><br><i>feria – of B V Mary</i>                 | 6.00 pm Mass<br>followed by Confessions                                   |
| <b>Sunday 27th June</b><br><i>13th Sunday, [Yr B]</i>                   | 8.30 am Mass<br>10.00 am Mass<br>11.30 am Mass<br>followed by Confessions |

<https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/about.html> is a well-regarded Catholic resource for couples with marital problems including those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced who want help to try again. The next virtual weekend is 1st- 4th July 2021

<https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/> founded in the Diocese of Westminster, Marriage Care provides a donation only counselling service for couples

### **The Day for Life - 19th / 20th June**

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The fragility of life and the reality of death has been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. In the UK alone, more than 126,000 people have died from Covid-19. Yet in the face of such suffering and death, we have also witnessed the extraordinary dedication of healthcare professionals and their loving care for the sick and dying. We too have each made sacrifices for the greater good during this pandemic. These acts of heroic love are a powerful testimony to the fundamental dignity of the human person and to the respect owed to each life, particularly through proper care and love in the last moments of life.

Against this backdrop of loving care, we are now faced with the very real threat of the legalisation of 'assisted suicide' in our country. It is not a question of 'if' this challenge will come, it is now a question of 'when?' There is now a Private Members Bill in the House of Lords on so-called 'Assisted Dying' and it is only a matter of time before the issue is back in the House of Commons. This year's theme for 'Day for Life' focuses on assisted suicide and the respect owed to life. The online resources are produced to inform Catholics about this threat to life and to share with people our response to such a threat: a true compassion as the just response to the immense value of the human person.

'Day for Life' adds an authenticity to our witness to the dignity of life and this is enabled by the generosity of people in supporting our work. In 2020, we were unable to hold our annual 'Day for Life' collection due to the pandemic, our funds are very much depleted and the threats to life have never been greater. 'Day for Life' is a simple practical response which pushes back against 'the use and throwaway logic' often at the heart of a culture which seeks to abandon its elderly, sick and dying when 'they no longer serve our interests.' The Day for Life website is <https://www.dayforlife.org/>.

Bishop John Sherrington, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster



### **2021 – The Year of St Joseph**

marking the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. On 10th December 1898 Cardinal Vaughan added St Joseph as a Patron of our Diocese, noting "the Church itself is an expansion of the Holy Family".

#### **A Prayer to St Joseph**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.