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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time –20 June 2021

“A great prophet has appeared among us.

God has visited his people.”

Luke 7, 16

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul Betty Brown who died recently. May she rest in peace.

On the Wednesdays of July 7, 14, 21 and 26, a **SUMMER SCHOOL OF PRAYER** will be held in the presbytery garden from 11.00 until 12.00 noon, weather permitting. It will be a four-week study of **The Psalms**: 40 minutes input, 10 minutes questions, 10 minutes prayer. There will be supporting material for each session and it will be led by Fr Patrick.

PARISH SURVEY

A parish survey will be made available in the near future - please take a moment to fill it in. It will be available on the website to be completed electronically [the preferred response] and a paper copy will be prepared for those without access to the internet. The more responses that come in, the better the picture of the thoughts in the parish.

SPONSORING OUR LADY'S LAMPS

We are preparing to organise for people to have a seven-day lamp lit for their intention in the Shrine Chapel. Would you like one of these to burn in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention? To buy a lamp which will burn in front of our Blessed Lady will cost a donation of £10 per week, which will go towards the costs of running the sacristy. Please take an envelope and place it in the basket marked SHRINE LAMP at the back of the church.

Please make sure you write on the envelope a note stating your particular intention which will be published in our weekly bulletin and mentioned during the weekend Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES UPDATE

This year there will be separate Masses @ 12.00 on a Sunday just for children who are making their first Holy Communion.

St Anne's School

- Y4 & above: Sunday 27th June 2021

Children at non-Catholic schools

[those who started to prepare last year with Mrs Freddi & Mrs Carr]:

- Sunday 11th July 2021

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION IN THE PARISH FOR CHILDREN NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The next First Communion & Confirmation preparation for children not attending a Catholic school will happen in the new academic year 2021-22. Dates will be published as soon as a programme has been established.



OUR LADY'S LAMPS

This week's lamp is lit for:

the people of the parish

Please keep this intention in your prayers.

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): We often hear that God’s ways are not ours, that God intervenes in our lives in such a way as to surprise us and to defy our expectations of him. And the unexpected actions of God are often very much to our advantage. Jesus is the totally human face of God, he is fully man and shares our condition in all things but sin. And yet he makes the divine present in our world and it is frequently the case that he reverses the laws of nature, not to show that he can, but so that we may be saved from catastrophe or so that we can better understand the way God sees things. The scripture readings this weekend assure us of the degree to which God empathises with our human condition and how present he is to us, especially in moments of need and trial. Last week we reflected on images of the Church and today we hear about the boat in the storm. He was in the stern, he calmed the storm, and so it is we believe that he is in the barque of Peter (i.e. the Church) and will guide it to a safe harbour.

First Reading (OT): Job 3, 1. 8 – 11: The Book of Job belongs to the wisdom literature of the OT and is rightly regarded as a classic of world literature. It deals with the problem of innocent suffering and the idea of a just God, and does so through the eyes of Job, a good man who experiences dreadful suffering though he has done nothing to incur punishment. For most of the story Job argues his case with his friends, who try to persuade him that since God is just his suffering is somehow merited. Job stands his ground, refusing to accept their explanation of his plight. Finally he demands that God should take the stand and answer the charge that he is in fact unjust. The reading for today marks the beginning of God’s reply, which consists of a series of unanswerable questions that will force Job into conceding that proof of his innocence is not evidence of God’s guilt. This text portrays God’s sovereignty over the forces of nature, a point that is made in today’s gospel.

Second Reading (NT): 2 Corinthians 5, 14 – 17: Today we find St. Paul writing simply and clearly. He is using the words ‘dead’ and ‘alive’ to highlight what Christ has achieved. He died for us out of love so that we might be dead to ourselves and alive to others. This is the remarkable mystery of the life of those baptised into Christ. Paul makes the staggering claim that the resurrection has changed everything and even those who knew the earthly Jesus must now come to know him as the risen Christ because we now have nothing less than a new creation, a new world order.

Gospel: Mark 4, 35 – 41: There are many who in the seemingly never-ending pandemic, especially with the further extension of restrictions until 19 July, feel that God has somehow abandoned us. Worse things have happened in human history – World War II for example – but because it is happening now and we are feeling it, the pandemic has an urgency which makes us all full of doubts and anxiety. So, a bit like the disciples in the boat in the storm, we feel abandoned and threatened, in fear of our lives. And yet Jesus is there in the stern, he is with us.

Mass Intentions for Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

All weekday Masses are now open.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

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| Saturday | 19 th June | 17.30 | John Gaughan RIP |
| Sunday | 20 th June | 10.00 | Anne Morris RIP |
| | | 12.00 | St Anne's Y3 First Communion Mass |
| | | 15.00 | Baptism |
| Monday | 21 st June | 09.15 | Jim Aherne & Family |
| | <i>Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious</i> | | |
| Tuesday | 22 nd June | 09.15 | Michael & Nora Daly |
| | <i>Feast of Ss John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs</i> | | |
| Wednesday | 23 rd June | No Mass | |
| | <i>Memorial of St Ethelreda, Abbess</i> | | |
| Thursday | 24 th June | 18.00 | Betty Brown RIP |
| | <i>Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist</i> | | |
| Friday | 25 th June | 12.30 | John Heep |
| | <i>Friday of week 12 in Ordinary Time</i> | 13.45 | Requiem - Betty Brown |
| Saturday | 26 th June | 10.00 | People of the parish |
| | <i>Saturday of week 12 in Ordinary Time</i> | | |

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

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| Saturday | 26 th June | 17.30 | Canon Giles Goward RIP |
| Sunday | 27 th June | 10.00 | Kazimierz Dubaj RIP |
| | | 12.00 | St Anne's Y4 First Communion Mass |
| | | 15.00 | Baptism |