



TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SUNDAY 25TH JUNE 2023 (A)**

Hope in the face of Evil

On this Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we learn to find hope in the face of evil – through God’s grace.

To fully appreciate the passage from Jeremiah, we need to know the backstory. The prophet has been complaining against God for tricking him into becoming a prophet and bringing disgrace upon him. He tries to keep his mouth shut, he says, but he cannot contain God’s Word (Jer 20:7-9). God’s words of condemnation and warning incite the people’s anger. This is why Jeremiah sounds so paranoid in the opening lines of today’s first reading. But notice how quickly his despair turns to hope. Although the imagery is violent for today’s readers, Jeremiah sees God as the mighty warrior who stands at his side to vindicate him before his enemies. What better reason to praise God!

Today’s Gospel is the last part of Jesus’ instruction to the twelve apostles before he sends them on mission. He has just told them that because of their message they will be beaten and dragged before civil authorities, but they need not fear because the Holy Spirit will give them words to speak (see Mt 10:16-20). Although their situation may be dire, they should be full of hope, because God knows even the number of hairs on their heads.

And what is the reason for our hope? In today’s second reading, Paul calls Adam a type of Jesus Christ. A type is a pattern or blueprint of the more perfect thing that is to come. But this type is more like a photo negative, yielding a more perfect opposite. Paul says Adam brought sin into the world and everyone suffered its effects, but Christ brought grace into the world and it overflowed for everyone. He is the reason for our hope.



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 25th June 2023 (A)

Parish Diary

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| Sunday Masses | 10.00 am & 6.30 pm |
| Weekday Masses | 9.00 am |
| Wednesdays | 9.00 am – Eucharistic Service – Office Closed |
| Friday | Adoration following 9.00 am Mass |
| Holy Days of Obligation | 9.30am & 7.30pm |
| Confessions | Saturdays 9.30 am - 10.00 am |
| Legion of Mary | After Sunday morning mass (11.30 am onwards) |
| Baptisms | By Appointment (Saturdays 12.00 pm - 12.30 pm) |

Liturgical Calendar

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| Sunday 25 th June | Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) |
| Wednesday 28 th June | St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr |
| Thursday 29 th June | SS Peter and Paul, Apostles – Solemnity Holyday of Obligation |
| Sunday 2 nd July | Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) |

Masses & Intentions This Week

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| Sunday 25 th June | 10.00 am | Tony Yates – RIP (donor – David Perry) For Parishioners |
| | 6.30 pm | |
| Monday 26 th June | 9.00 am | |
| Tuesday 27 th June | 9.00 am | |
| Wednesday 28 th June | 9.00 am | Eucharistic Minister |
| Thursday 29 th June | 9.00 am | |
| Friday 30 th June | 9.00 am | |
| Saturday 1 st July | 9.00 am | Maria Salamonowicz – RIP/Anni (donor – Yelena) |
| Sunday 2 nd July | 10.00 am | Juliette & Michael Okafor (in Thanksgiving) (donor – Maria Poddington) |
| | 6.30 pm | For Parishioners |

Parish Notice Board

Second Collection – Sunday 2nd July

Peter's Pence

Social Committee - Dates for your diary

Sunday 25th June

Going Forth Mass and party for all First Holy Communion children.

Sunday 9th July after mass

In the coffee morning lounge, a special thankyou and celebration coffee morning for all English Martyrs confirmation candidates, parents & siblings, all confirmation sponsors and all the prayer sponsors.

Sunday 23rd July 10am mass

An outdoor mass in the church garden with a community summer lunch & drinks afterwards.

(Please bring along donations of food, snacks & drinks to share with the community on the day)

Friday 8th September - 7pm

Rehearsal evening for all confirmation candidates and their sponsors.

Attendance is compulsory.

Sunday 10th September

Confirmation mass for all candidates.

The Social Committee would like volunteers for their regular coffee mornings after 10am mass on Sundays. If you are interested and would like to help out, please let Father know or a member of the social committee, who can be found in the lounge after 10am mass.

Parish Finance:

Weekly Collection

The weekly collection for 18.06.23 was as follows:

Main Collection: £409.81 (Envelopes: £110, LP: £299.81)

Second Collection (Sick Clergy): £148.17 (Envelopes: £32.10, LP: £116.07)

Repository: £10

Hall bookings: £150

Total: £717.98

Communication Desk

The Campion School

Open Evening for admission of boys who will be 11 years old during the current academic year will be held at the school on Thursday, 29th June 2023 from 4.30 pm to 7 pm. Talks by the Headteacher will be at 5.15 pm and 6.30 pm.

The Supplementary Information Form (SIF) will be available online.

Calais Light

Calais Light the refugee charity, invites you to join their 7-9th July convoy & help refugees directly by volunteering with the NGOs that support them. It's their 23rd trip and volunteers, experienced continental drivers (& cars) are urgently needed.

Everything is booked for you - £95 all in. You'll never regret helping refugees. Especially now. To register: www.calaislight.com

Talk On The Our Father

On Wednesday 12th July at 7 pm in the parish hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH), Fr Adrian Graffy will give a short talk entitled 'The Prayer of Prayers: An exploration of the Our Father'. The talk is free of charge, and tea and coffee will be available from 6.30 pm. Ample free parking, and easy access on the Elizabeth Line. The talk is available also by live stream on www.whatgoodnews.org No booking necessary.

Year 13 Retreat at Walsingham House

Made for a purpose. Will you be in Yr13 in September 2023? Are you currently making decisions about your next steps? Would you like some time to step back, reflect, pray and think about the different pathways ahead of you? Then if so, the Yr13 retreat at Walsingham House is just the opportunity to do that. There will be two retreats on offer, either 13th-15th Sept or 22nd-24th Sept. The cost is £35 and there is more information on the website www.bcys.net/events/ or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

Vacancies

St John's RC Special School Woodford Bridge is recruiting for a Secretary/Administrator who will be responsible for our students annual review meetings. Previous experience within a secretarial role is essential, hours 9am-4pm Monday to Friday term time only for a job description and application form please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

Alice Briody, Maureen Chaliss, Anna Heneghan, Brenda Humphreys, Colin Johns, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Margaret, Eileen McCaffery, Sheila McCurdy, Doris Mizzi, Sheila Murphy, Sheila Nugent, Mary O'Hagan, Rachel, Pradeepan Ragunathan, Mary Scully, Greta Street, Voni Tesi, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court.

Anniversaries Occurring at this time – June/July

Oliver Carey, Cheryl Carey, Marie D'arcy, Alfie Medlin, James Poddington, Gabriel Rayappan Michael Townsend.

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| Parish Priest: Fr Britto Belevendran, (01708 507020) |
| Parish Administrator: Daphne Thomas, Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri (10am-1pm) (01708 507020) |
| Pastoral Team Leader: Graham Daniels (07542 588763) |
| Steward of the Gospel: Mandy Meadway (07801 470516) |
| Parish Finance: Mrs Stephanie Mallen (07983 962465) |
| Diocesan Safeguarding Representative: Katie Nash (07825 293308) |
| Hall & Lounge Bookings: English Martyrs Parish Office (01708 507020) |
| Church & Hall Caretaker: Mike Dineen (07415 727926) |
| Legion of Mary: Michael Okafor (07956 586370) |

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