

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!*

COLLECT

O God, strength of those who hope in you,
graciously hear our pleas,
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,
grant us always the help of your grace,
that in following your commands
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Exodus 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, 'You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.'"

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 99

RESPONSE: *We are his people:
the sheep of his flock.*

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!*

Or

*Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is close at hand.
Repent, and believe the good news.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest."

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

"Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the offerings presented here
provide for the twofold needs of human nature,
nourishing us with food
and renewing us with your Sacrament,
grant, we pray,
that the sustenance they provide
may not fail us in body or in spirit.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

Or

*Holy Father, keep in your name those you have given me,
that they may be one as we are one, says the Lord.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord,
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,
so may it bring about unity in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 18th June 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A Services during the coming week – Eleventh Week of the Year, Year I

Saturday 17 th June	5:30 pm Confessions 6:00 pm Vigil Mass for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Reader R Cork, offertory Cork Family
Sunday 18 th June	8:00 am Holy Mass, offered for Emily Earley RIP. Reader F Vieira, Eucharistic Minister E Cleary 10:00 am Holy Mass offered for the People of the Parish. Reader M Pakes, offertory M Geisel, Eucharistic Minister M Feisel
<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass, today prepared and served by Michael & Karen</i>	
Monday 19 th June	Feria No Mass Today
Tuesday 20 th June	Feria 10:00 am The Repose of the Soul of Peter Kavanagh RIP (Foundation Mass)
Wednesday 21 st June	St Aloysius 12 noon Holy Mass offered for the Vieira Family
Thursday 22 nd June	Saints John Fisher and Thomas Moore 10:00 am Holy Mass, open intention
Friday 23 rd June	St Etheldreda 10:00 am Holy Mass offered for the Vieira Family followed by Exposition and a chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday 24 th June	5:30 pm Confessions 6:00 pm Vigil Mass of 12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for the people of the parish.

Today's Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out, and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel, where the focus shifts from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated. More than any other Gospel, Matthew's Gospel elaborates on the work of the Church, which is to continue after Jesus' death and resurrection. The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolise the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church. Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples, as do Mark and Luke. Matthew also uses the word *apostle* when referring to the Twelve. The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed. As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth, and every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission. *Courtesy Loyola Press.*

Day for Life

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, *Day for Life* is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls today, 18th June, and for the first time, it will be celebrated in Scotland and Ireland on the same day. This year's theme is *'Listen to Her'* and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others. Each year a message is released, usually by the Church's Lead Bishop for Life Issues, but the 2023 message is unique in that the bishops have given it over to a Catholic woman who has had an abortion to share her experiences. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in Church and in society and the hope is that this will help break this silence and offer further opportunities for healing and reconciliation. You can find Jane's story on the CBCEW web site, or follow the link on the parish web site. This weekend, there will be a special collection at each Mass to support the work of Life charities.

The Sick of the Parish

We ask your prayers for all our brothers and sisters who are unwell, afflicted, housebound or distressed. Comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit: John Anderson-Hurst, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Sheila Curry, Fabiana Di Mascio, Patrick Doran, Josephine Kalagira, Jo Kelly, Molly McGarry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, David Nash, Pauline Newton, Mary O'Reilly, Carol Sims and Pippa Williamson.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for George "Mick" O'Halloran (2009), Thomas Akers (1966), Elizabeth Oxborrow (1982), Bridget Slevin, Alexander Parkinson (2020), Felix Shipp (1983), Hilda Brant (1993), June Teuma (2017), Paulo Borghese, Leonora Kielly (1985), Joan "Betty" Melhuish (2006), Kathleen Rush (1968), Michael Shelvin (2000), Francis Sutton (1976), Teresa Turner (2015) and Mabel "Mabs" Kavanagh (2015) whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace