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The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 20th June, 2021

Readings: Sunday: Year B.

Weekdays: Twelfth Week of the Year, Year I

Services This Week

Sunday 20 th – 12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Emily Early RIP
	10:00 am (Streamed)	Holy Mass – Mary & Stanley Poll RIP
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – The People of the Parish
Monday 21 st	St Aloysius 10:00	Holy Mass – Janes family
Tuesday 22 nd	Saints John Fisher and Thomas More 10:00	Holy Mass – Vieira family
Wednesday 23 rd	St Ethelreda 10:00	Holy Mass – Samuel Gagen RIP
Thursday 24 th	The Nativity of John the Baptist 10:00	Holy Mass- Peter Kavanagh RIP
Friday 25 th	Feria 10:00	Holy Mass
Saturday 26 th	Dedication of the Cathedral 10:00	Holy Mass
Sunday 27 th – 13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Vieira family
	10:00 am (Streamed)	Holy Mass
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – The People of the Parish

The 10:00 Mass on Sunday is streamed live. The link to watch this on the Mass Times page of the parish web site.

Under the current restrictions there will be no Children's Liturgy group, no coffee after church and no hymns sung at 10:00 Mass. The bidding prayers will not be said, the homily will be kept short, the collection and offertory procession will be omitted, the sign of peace will not be exchanged and special arrangements for Holy Communion will apply. **We are committed to following the Government guidelines on social distancing.** Please ensure you maintain a 2 metre distance separation from each other whilst entering, leaving and inside church and remember that government regulations require that you wear a face covering whilst in church.

Today's Gospel

As we continue in Ordinary Time, our reading today is taken from the Gospel of Mark, the primary Gospel reading in Lectionary Cycle B. Mark's Gospel presents a vivid portrait of Jesus, whose words and deeds show that he is the Son of God. Today's Gospel passage describes the end of a day of teaching in Jesus' ministry. Jesus taught the crowd in parables and then offered explanations of these parables to his disciples. Jesus then led his disciples away from the crowds and into the boats that they will use to cross the Sea of Galilee. The sea and its surrounding area are the settings for Jesus' teachings and miracles in this part of Mark's Gospel. Today's reading describes how Jesus calmed a storm at sea. It is the first of four miracles that are presented in sequence at this point in Mark's Gospel.

As is typical in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him.

The disciples' words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake him. Their words to him are words of reproach, questioning his care for them. A careful reader might wonder what the disciples expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus' inattentiveness to their needs? How many of us have chided a family member or friend for not agreeing with our assessment of the severity of a situation?

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity - only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring theme in Mark's Gospel.

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping." We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.

First Holy Communion 2022

Parents who would like their children to celebrate their First Holy communion in 2022 are welcomed to book their places. Enrolment forms are available in the narthex, or can be found on the parish web site. An enrolment form must be completed for each child, signed, dated and returned to Fr Mathew no later than Sunday 10th October 2021. There will be a kick-off meeting for the parents of all the children enrolled and this will take place at 4:00 pm in the Parish Room on Sunday 17th October. We hope to begin the classes in November 2021.

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. This year's *Day for Life* is celebrated in England and Wales today, Sunday, 20th June. This day, inaugurated by Saint 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. The proceeds of the *Day for Life* collection to be held in parishes in England and Wales assists the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church. For more information, visit dayforlife.org

Living Stones Prayer group

A joyful, friendly community which meets every 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at St Mark's church, Hawthorne Drive, Ipswich, to praise, worship and listen to the word of God together in a way that is open to the Holy Spirit and affiliated to the English Charis National Service Communion. These sessions are open and all are welcome.

Walsingham Retreat

The Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Commission is putting on a retreat day for Catholic men at Walsingham on Saturday 3rd July. The day will consist of Holy Mass in the Slipper Chapel, talks on the life of St Joseph by Fr Henry Whisenant, a Pilgrim Mass in the Basilica and the Holy Mile walk with Rosary. The cost is £10 and you can book a place on the Diocesan web site, or use the link on the parish web site.

Teaching Vacancies

Two Catholic teaching vacancies have been announced:

Coastal Executive Head Executive head teacher for St Mary's (Lowestoft) and St Mary & St Peter (Gorleston)

Head of School Head of school at St Mary & St Peter Catholic Primary School, Gorleston.

Full details of these posts, along with application forms, can be found on the Diocesan Website, <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/schools/school-vacancies/>

The closing date for applications for both vacancies is midday Friday 2nd July, 2021.

Offertory Receipts

During the lockdown, and restricted Mass attendance post-lockdown, the parish income through the "collection plate" has been reduced, but we are grateful to those who have switched to standing order payments or have made direct payments on-line to help keep the bills paid! The income year to date is as follows: **January:** £1897 of which £1021 was Gift Aided. **February:** £1318 of which £965 was Gift Aided. **March:** £2232 of which £1502 was Gift Aided. **April:** £1625 of which £970 was Gift Aided. **May:** £2070 of which £1160 was Gift Aided. Thank you all for your generosity.

Returning to Normal

As Government restrictions are gradually being lifted, we can begin to return to something a little closer to normality. With that in mind we are seeking people to think about signing up for the various roles and duties normal parish life involves. We need volunteers to read at Mass, we need flower arrangers, we need cleaners, we need collection counters, we need people to make coffee after Sunday Mass, we need people who can sew and help repair vestments and altar cloths, we need people to help with children's liturgy, we need people to help as catechists – to prepare First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates and adult converts, we need people with practical skills to help with maintenance (carpentry, electrical work, plumbing, gardening), we need people who can help by providing lifts to church for the elderly or housebound – the list is endless!

We all have God-given talents and everybody is asked to think about how they can use the talents they have to help contribute to the life of our parish, and to make your offer of service known either using the contact form on the parish web site, or by speaking to Fr Mathew. To get things fully back up and running we need lots of help so please do think seriously about what you can do to play your part. The more volunteers we have, the more life we can bring back to our parish post-lockdown, and the wider we can spread the workload so as not to over-burden a few. But it would be nice not just to get back to normal but to build and improve on what we had before and use this restart as a catalyst to help rejuvenate the parish. Thank you in anticipation.

The Sick of the Parish

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound: John Anderson-Hurst, William Barnes, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Josephine Kalagira, Fabiana Di Mascio, Ron Green, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Anna Nelli, Mary O'Reilly, Pippa Williamson, Carol Sims and Annick Smith.

Parish Anniversaries

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Leonora Kielly (1985), Joan "Betty" Melhuish (2006), Kathleen Rush (1968), Michael Shelvin (2000), Francis Sutton (1976), Teresa Turner (2015), Mabel "Mabs" Kavangh (2015) and Frederick Albon (1996) whose anniversaries occur this week. A complete list of anniversaries of all the dear departed of the parish can be found on the web site.

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

Mass Readings: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 20th June, 2021.

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them forever.

Collect:

Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

First Reading: Job 38:1,8-11 *Here your proud waves shall break.*

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said: Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 106:23-26,28-31

Response to the psalm is: *O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever*

Some sailed to the sea in ships
to trade on the mighty waters.

These men have seen the Lord's deeds,
the wonders he does in the deep. *℟*

For he spoke; he summoned the gale,
tossing the waves of the sea
up to heaven and back into the deep;
their soul melted away in distress. *℟*

Then they cried to the Lord in their need
And he rescued them from their distress'
He stilled the storm to a whisper:
All the waves of the sea were hushed. *℟*

They rejoiced because of the calm
and he led them to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the Lord for his love,
the wonders he does for men. *℟*

Second Reading: 2Cor 5:14-17 *Now the new creation is here.*

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them. From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41 *Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.*

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

Prayer over the Offerings:

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise, and grant that, cleansed by its action, we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you. Through Christ Our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

Prayer after Communion:

Renewed and nourished by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son, we ask of your mercy, O Lord, that what we celebrate with devotion may be our sure pledge of redemption. Through Christ our Lord.