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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th/20th June 2021

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 2: Job 38:1, 8-11; Psalm 106; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41

Next Week: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24; Psalm 29; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-41



Dear Friends.

Sometimes, I find it useful to try to imagine myself in the gospel of the day and today is no exception. How frightening must it have been to be in a boat, in a storm, without any modern life rafts or life vests, and quite frankly death would be the only outcome if the boat sank! I'm sure that panic and despair would be all that I was feeling.

I think it would be fair to refer to the pandemic and the subsequent events of the last eighteen months or so as a storm. And perhaps we as ordinary people are stuck in our own boat riding this storm. If that wasn't bad enough, Jesus is asleep and it seems we need to awaken him to calm the waters of the pandemic on our behalf.

Even before the pandemic each and every one of us will have experienced some kind of personal storm and at these times we have to wake Jesus up by asking him and praying to him to calm our own storms. Even then, the storm that rages around us may well still be active but the calming of the heart and the mind in the full knowledge that all will be well if we can rest with the sleeping Jesus.

I know that there have been times in my own life when it seems to me that Jesus isn't even in my boat at all, but is that because it is I who have kept him out? It certainly isn't because it is he who has chosen to stay outside of my boat. Jesus does of course always dwell within me but it is only through prayer and the power of The Holy Spirit that Jesus is able to fulfil all that is within me.

I realise it is disappointing that the easing of lockdown restrictions has been put back by at least 28 days, and this will of course be challenging, but even though this particular storm has not yet calmed down we do have tools at our disposal (in the form of vaccinations and continued social distancing) that have been given to us to enable us to return to calm waters and eventually a safe harbour.

Have a blessed week,

Deacon Colin.

REMINDER: Please remember to leave the Church promptly at the end of Mass. You should not mix outside church and you are encouraged to go straight home after Mass, even though some restrictions have been lifted. The Indian Variant is very high in the Hounslow borough and we have to take extra care. Please have the vaccine if you have not yet done so and avail yourselves to the tests.

MASSES TIMES

- Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass for Sunday in Church only.
- Sunday 9am and 11am Church and the Parish Centre
(Mass outdoors in nice weather)
- On Saturdays there will be Confession at 10.30am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and on request.
- Weekday Masses Monday to Saturday will be celebrated in church at 11.00am with limited numbers

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HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!

Motivation for Mark 4:35-41

"What do you think of when you think of creation? For me, my mind goes to beautiful sunsets, stunning landscapes or powerful winds, and the Gospel we are about to listen to gives one example of this awesome power of nature, that points us towards the Creator; the one whose Word brought it all into being. But when I think of creation, my mind does not go immediately towards myself- a wonderfully created being.

Today, I invite you to recognise that you were created perfect. It can be easy to feel that you are not good enough, to worry about what other people think of you, or to get consumed in the confusion of what's going on around you and lose your sense of self. But have faith- God created you in his very own image and loves you with an overwhelming love, just as you are. I invite you to create a space of stillness in your heart now, calm all other fears and prepare yourself to receive a Word from your Creator who wants to speak to you now."

Bidding Prayers for the week:

We ask our Father to help us make our way through life, in the company of his Son:

For the whole Church: that we may be confident in the wisdom of God which blends our separate lives together in a greater unity.

We pray for the people especially called to help others in their suffering: that they may share in the joy of God's ultimate victory.

We pray for all those who struggle with depression, addiction, or any form of mental distress: that the Lord in his kindness will heal them.

For people who are sick and feel they are a burden, for all who are in hospital and residential care, for those suffering with Covid-19, and for all those who love and care for them.

For all the faithful departed: that they may find rest for their souls and be led rejoicing through the gates of paradise.

Loving Father, we offer our prayers with ardent faith. Strengthen that faith and keep us true to you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Dear Friends

Our parishioner's response to our appeal to help with our parish funds by paying through standing order, cash or cheque has been tremendous – **THANK YOU!** You can also use the contactless machine in Church. For those who would like to take advantage of the standing order facility we have in place, our parish bank details are:

HSBC Bank: WRCDT Feltham

Sort code: **40-05-20** – Account No: **71095528**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FR. JOHN AND FR. JOHN LOUIS

DAY FOR LIFE 19/20 JUNE

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 prolife 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. If you wish to donate towards this cause, the Day for Life website is <https://www.dayforlife.org/>.

RICHARD REYNOLDS COLLEGE

"Would you be interested in this exciting opportunity to teach Physics or support Physics teaching with us? Or you may know of someone recently graduated or retired in the field of Physics.

In addition to this, we are looking at strengthening our A-level Economics welcome any interest in this role.

If you are or know someone who fits either of these criteria, or indeed would like to find out more, please email Mrs Simmons at s.simmons@srrcc.org.uk by Friday 18th June."

OPEN EVENTS – ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY

For admission to Year 7 in 2022 – **Thursday 23rd September 2021**

For admission to St Paul's Sixth Form (Year 12) in 2022 – **Wednesday 29th September 2021. Further information to follow.**

DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS

We have received copies of Day by Day for June and July. These are available for sale in the repository at £1.00 per copy. Copies of Bible Alive are also available £3.00 per copy.

MARRIAGE CARE

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

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Stuart Leslie Thomas Spicer, Rebecca West, Bernard Polley and Joseph Graham Steer**, and all those who have passed away recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families and friends who mourn them.

Stuart Leslie Thomas Spicer RIP - his Requiem will take place here on **Monday 28th June** at 11am.

Rebecca West RIP – her Requiem will take place here on **Tuesday 29th June** at 11am.

Joseph Graham Steer RIP – his funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Wednesday 30th June**.

Bernard Polley RIP – His Requiem will take place here on **Thursday 1st July** at 11am.

Please note that the family and friends of the deceased take precedence for seats in Church. **Mass Intentions for the 28th, 29th June and 1st July have been moved to the first available dates.**

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 19	11am 5pm	Bishut Themudo RIP (Month's Mind) Francisquinha Fernandes RIP
Sun 20	9am 9am 11am 11am	Jose Pereira RIP [C] People of the Parish [PC] Veronica Pires RIP [C] People of the Parish [PC]
Mon 21	11am	Lancelot Fernandes RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Tues 22	11am	Coseassau & Carmina Ribeiro RIP
Wed 23	11am	Bridget Monica De Souza RIP
Thurs 24	11am	Halycon Suzette Worrell RIP
Fri 25	11am	Thomas Mendes RIP
Sat 26	11am 5pm	Piotr Berk RIP Gladys & Anthony Gellineau RIP
Sun 27	9am 9am 11am 11am	Mario Pereira RIP [C] People of the Parish [PC] Deceased members of the Rodrigues Family RIP [C] People of the Parish [PC]

Sanctuary Lamp: Ermelinda & Edgar Cota Cruz RIP

Prayer for the Year of 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 as Father
and guide us on the path of life.*

*Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Father's Day Prayer

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. (author unknown)

Prayer to St. John the Baptist (24 June)

Oh God, you gave St. Elizabeth, in her old age, the gift of a son, St. John the Baptist, who would prepare the way for Jesus to begin His ministry here on earth.

Lord, Fill Your people with the joy of possessing graces like those of Saint John the Baptist, and direct the minds of all us in the way of salvation and peace. St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so may we Dear God, energetically profess our Faith in You, and help us to lead others to Your Way, Your Truth, and Your Eternal Life. Amen.

