



Twelfth Sunday of the Year - Yr A

20th/21st June 2026

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS		
Sat 20 9.30am 6pm	Raveendra Fernandes Domingos Santana Fernandes	RIP RIP (4 th A)
Sun 21 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Teresa Macken Milfred & Quizanin Trevor Mackrodt Naigaga Family	RIP T’GIVING RIP (A) T’GIVING
Mon 22 9.30am	Shirley Stokes	RIP
Tue 23 9.30am 7pm	Lorna Baker Alcan & Audrey Fernandes	T’GIVING SP. INT
Wed 24 9.30am 12noon	Antonia Fernandes (B’d day Rem.) KONKANI MASS	RIP T’GIVING
Thur 25 9.30am	Maggie McDonagh	RIP
Fri 26 9.30am 12.30pm 7pm	Zorina Gilbert (O.L. Vailakanni) TERESA L MACKEN - REQUIEM Clodomino Victor Rodrigues	T’GIVING RIP RIP
Sat 27 9.30am 6pm	Alice & Jean Pereira Daire O’Gallachoir (B’d day Rem.)	RIP RIP
Sun 28 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Sharifah Naigaga (New Job) Sebastian Lazarus Deceased members Hamill Family Asiel & Aldrich Da Costa	T’GIVING RIP (A) RIP T’GIVING
Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the soul of Teresa Louise Macken RIP		
OTHER REGULAR MASSES, LITURGY		
Confessions and Adoration: Saturday 10.15am-11.15am Confessions: Saturday 4pm-5pm; Morning Prayer: Mon-Fri 9.10am Rosary: Monday & Friday 10am; St Anthony Devotion: Tues 10am Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help: Wednesday 10am Sacred Heart Devotion First Friday 10am Charismatic Prayer & Intercessory Group: 3 rd & 4 th Saturday 7pm Polish Mass: Every Sunday 1pm; Malayalam Mass: 3rd Sun 2.30pm Filipino Mass: 4th Sat 2.30pm; Nigerian Mass: 4th Sun 2.30pm		

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES
Mon, Wed, Thurs: 10.00am–12noon & Fri: 12.30-2.30pm
Tues, Sat & Sun: Office Closed

Dear Friends,

Pope Leo XIV released his first encyclical letter, titled *Magnifica Humanitas*, on May 25, 2026. He had formally signed the document ten days earlier on May 15 which intentionally coincided with the 135th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII’s landmark 1891 encyclical *Rerum Novarum* (which was written to address the extreme poverty, worker exploitation, and social unrest caused by the Industrial Revolution). I am more than halfway done reading the 245-paragraph *Magnifica Humanitas* which is on safeguarding the human person in an age of AI. It is a really deep, brilliant, thoughtful, well-written, and engaging document. During its public presentation at the Vatican in the presence of the Holy Father, Christopher Olah, a non-Catholic, computer scientist, and co-founder of a \$7 billion net worth AI research company in the U.S. named “Anthropic” commended Pope Leo for the great work. He said: “We need more of the world - religious communities, civil society, scholars, governments - to do what His Holiness has done here: to take this seriously, to look closely, and to push events in a better direction.” After all is said and done, we must be grateful for the gift of the Catholic Church to humanity. If not, which other global institution has the strong and respected moral voice to command the world’s attention when it comes to talking about big ethical issues of our time? I am recommending this encyclical to all of us which can be read here: https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html#_ftnref49

Have a blessed week
Fr Andrew

REST IN PEACE – We pray for the repose of the souls of Anne O’Hagan, Michael Connor, Tom Stokes and Teresa Louise Macken. Teresa’s Requiem takes place here on **Friday 26th June** at 12.30pm. May they rest in eternal peace.

SAINT OF THE WEEK
St John the Baptist BC6-30AD
Feast Day: 24th June, Preacher
"Take me and break me, for I am willing to be broken; that you may have the bread of life."

SCRIPTURE READINGS (Year A)
Today: 12th Sunday of the Year Vol 2 p.93
Morning Prayer Week 4
Next week: Ss Peter & Paul p170

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CATECHESIS CORNER

Drawing on Old Testament Scripture the Catechism underlines that when one lives in sickness, we do so in the presence of God. For the Catechism presents that 'it is before God that [one] laments [ones] illness, and it is of God, Master of life and death, that [one] implores healing. Illness becomes a way to conversion; God's forgiveness initiates the healing...' in which 'faithfulness to God according to his law restores life: "For I am the Lord, your healer"' (CCC 1502). The New testament points us to many of the healings performed by Jesus, and His 'compassion towards the sick...are a resplendent sign that "God has visited his people" and that the kingdom of God is close at hand'. Here Christ aligns and identifies himself with those who are sick or suffering—this is all part of the Lord Jesus' compassion towards them—that he says 'I was sick and you visited me, *Mt 25:36*' (CCC 1503). Whenever I speak with someone who is undergoing surgery, I always offer them the image of Jesus and Mary standing in the operating room 'keeping an eye', in which their compassionate presence is to bring comfort, prayer, and healing.

FR ANDREW We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Father Andrew who became a British Citizen at a ceremony last weekend, supported by Bishop Oliver Doeme and other close friends.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT Friday July 3rd. Gather your family and friends and test your brains! Come have some fun at our Friday Quiz & Curry Night. Teams of 4 - 8max. £10.00 pp which will include delicious Curry & Soft Drink. Doors open at 7:00 and quiz starts at 07:30.

Great prizes on the night including a Raffle. Get your team tickets outside after Mass today.

PASSPORTS, CITIZENSHIP, PENSIONS If you require a priest to certify any part of your application for these and other Government lead processes, we are happy to help; however, there is usually a minimum amount of time for which a referee / certifier must have known an applicant. Please check this with the relevant body to which you are applying, prior to making an appointment to see us. Usually, the expected period of knowing an applicant is a minimum of two years. Having only been in the parish two years this coming September, with Father Andrew later still, we are often excluded from the list of certifiers, until September.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP As part of our ongoing commitment to the capital works required in the parish, supported by our Planned Giving Drive, I am looking for volunteers to apply to join this steering group, especially if you have expertise and experience in architecture, design, buildings consultancy etc. I would like to get a cross-section of people from the parish, around 5 or so, to support our planning and delivery of the new lighting and sound systems, the redecorating of the church, the new kneelers and lectern, which I hope we can begin to move forward with. If you are interested, please email Fr Mike with a short summary of your experience, to assist with recruitment.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL If you are going into hospital, please remember it is possible to ask the hospital ward staff to contact the hospital chaplaincy team with a request to bring you the sacraments while you are there, to strengthen you for the journey. If you wish to, please also inform the Parish Office so that we can keep you in prayer and visit you when we visiting those hospitals.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION Thank you to so many of you for offering us your encouraging feedback regarding our recent parish drive to revisit and reinforce the reverent, careful and approved ways of receiving Holy Communion. There really was a powerful, visible difference in how we each received Holy Communion last weekend. *Thank You!* More details on this topic are available on the notice boards in the porch. Remember, please consume the Blessed Sacrament in front of the minister rather than walking away or stepping aside. Aid Memoirs of the homily points from last weekend are available in the porch, in various languages, representing our wonderful parish culture.

HOT WEATHER AND DRESS CODE Please do take care in this hot weather to remain well hydrated and as cool as possible, and please remember the importance of maintaining modesty and reverence in what we wear. People often ask us what modest dress means and a general consensus is that what we wear should cover the shoulders and knees, while keeping comfortable in the heat with breathable and lightweight fabrics. I often say: How would you dress if you met a King or Queen? Every time we are at Mass we are meeting our Saviour King, and how we dress for this occasion is a gift to that encounter. Please also note that it is tradition and respect for men to remove hats and headdress when entering a Church. Even the Bishop removes his headdress for the Eucharistic Prayer.

UPPER ROOM LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME The Upper Room Leadership Programme will take participants on a journey of profound discovery and formation, both practical and spiritual. Its aim is simple: to form young Catholic leaders and to give them the tools necessary to lead young people in their parishes. It has been a positive experience last year for one of our parishioners who has completed the programme, so, if you are interested, please see the church notice board or use this link <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/outreach/upper-room-leadership-programme/>

TABERNACLE We have had to buy a new tabernacle! I am excited to write this because our current tabernacle is now too small for the size of our parish, with the growing numbers we are seeing coming to Mass week-on-week. The new tabernacle is a very beautiful, second-hand tabernacle, that fits the design of our church very well, with its dome shape. A photograph of the new tabernacle is on the notice boards in the church. We hope it might be in situ for September.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING For all volunteers who are required to complete safeguarding training, please can I ask you to do so ASAP and email the parish office when completed, also giving the name of the volunteering role you undertake. More information on the notice boards in the porch.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

13th-14th June Loose: £1,426.68, Envelopes: £301.50
Total: £1,728.18

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