

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 June 2020



Readings for this week:

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33



Readings

for next

Sunday

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Romans 6:3-4,8-11

Matthew 10:37-42



Liturgical Jottings

Gospel Sequence

The Gospels for the Ordinary Time Year A Sundays: Eleventh (omitted this year), Twelfth (today) Thirteenth (next week) are from Matthew Chapter 10 and Fourteenth Sunday from Chapter 11 form "The Apostolic Discourse" as described by the editors of the Jerusalem Bible. Jesus calls and names the twelve apostles, He instructs them and sends them on the mission. He finally thanks the Father for their return and work. The mission is not without difficulty. The first readings from the Prophets, Jeremiah, Elisha and Zechariah remind us that the Lord's call requires some suffering, and a spirit of service and offered in humility.

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Looking at the Readings

The apostles are sent to proclaim the "Good News". It is an ageless vocation for all disciples of Christ. Unfortunately the Good News is not good news for some: they prefer to hear bad news! Some are killjoys, others are blind and deaf to God's Word and some others are hostile and reject the message completely. Those negative responses do not diminish the impact of the message nor the fervour and perseverance of the messengers. Jesus' words: "Do not be afraid" are just as relevant today as it was for the original twelve. We need courage and God's support to face the troubles, anxieties and violence we may encounter. It may be the neighbour who complains about the church bells ringing or our mates that "mock" our faith to the gangs and institutions that constantly ridicule, persecute or lobby for legislation against Christian morals and practices.

Jeremiah in anticipation of God's rescue prayed "Praise the Lord for his deliverance" and Christ promises us eternal life with the Father in heaven. Also today's Psalm gives us a great prayer for comfort.

A Prayer from Pope Francis

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Did You Know?

Christians who die rather than renounce their faith are called martyrs. The word 'martyr' literally means 'witness'. Throughout history many have given their lives for the faith and in our own time people are still martyred because they will not swerve from their commitment to Christ and his mission.

Quote of the Day

The love which God pours in our hearts and which allows us to love him in return, banishes fear. Only a right and good trembling is left, caused not by fear but by fervour. *Pierre-Yves Emery, The Fear of God, 1972 La Vie Spirituelle*

On the Lighter Side

What's wrong, Tom?" asked the priest. "I need you to pray for my hearing," said Tom. The Priest anointed Tom's ears and prayed over them. Then he asked, "So how's your hearing?" "I don't know," said Tom: "It's not sitting until next Tuesday."



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Raffaeluza Iulano (Muto) and Michele Muto
	Our sick and their carers	

This week on the Journey (Ep 359)

This week on the Journey Jesus says the only thing we have to fear is fear itself and Fr Graham reflects that if we have a “Why” to live for, we can live with any “How” -- This gospel gives us an opportunity to reflect on what it is we most fear in following Jesus. Mother Hilda’s wisdom– take time to stare at God & everything else will be OK. Plus, Smart Loving with Byron & Francine Pirola in their continuing series The Art of Apology – Expressing Sorrow. Plus, all your favourites and great music! And it doesn't stop there! Have a listen and let us know what you think!

The Journey is a weekly program developed by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong and is the only Catholic radio program in Australia aired on general Christian radio.

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The closing date for this year’s entries will be Friday 31 July 2020.

Rosary & Mass on Wednesday Morning

Commencing on Wednesday 3rd June, Fr John Paul, will be celebrating Mass on Wednesday Mornings at 9:15 am. Rosary will commence at 9:00 am

Please note you will need to fill in the attendance form and the Church will be closed at 10:00 am following Mass for cleaning.

MASS NUMBERS INCREASING

Assuming that Premier Dan Andrews, moves Victoria to the next Stage numbers for Mass will increase to 50 people. At this stage we will still be taking bookings as we don't want people get ready for Mass only to turn up and be told that we are at the capacity. So please ensure you book, by either calling Mary on 0484 332 397, or Debbie on 0417 051 366 or preferably do it on-line through our website or go to

<https://www.trybooking.com/BKDHS>

Please let your family, neighbours and other parish members know, and help them to book to come along and celebrate Mass together.

Mass Times

Saturday 27 June: 6:00 pm Sunday 28 June: 9:30 am

Sandhurst Diocese ‘Wheel of Prayer Day’ 2020 Saturday 8th August 2020 10.00 am – 3.15 pm.

Live via Zoom (diocesan website video available later) including: **Prayer of the Church** led by Bishop Shane Mackinlay; **Family Prayer**, Anthony & Rosey Kilmartin; **Taize Prayer**, Ruth Lawlor; **Devotional Prayer**, Fr Stephen Bolling; **Praying with Scripture**, Lyn Breen.

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