

 12th Sunday of the Year (A) Mass Times and Intentions Divine Office – Psalter Week 4 		
Saturday 20 th June	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 21 st June	11.00am	Betty McGuire (Anniversary)
Tuesday 23 rd June	9.30am	Paul Lowrey
Wednesday 24 th June	9.30am	Beverley McDonald
Thursday 25 th June		NO MASS
Saturday 27 th June	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 28 th June	11.00am	Wedding Anniversary

Sunday Liturgy

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June



For the value of Sports. Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

June is the month of the Sacred Heart. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost, which this year is on 16th June. Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church.

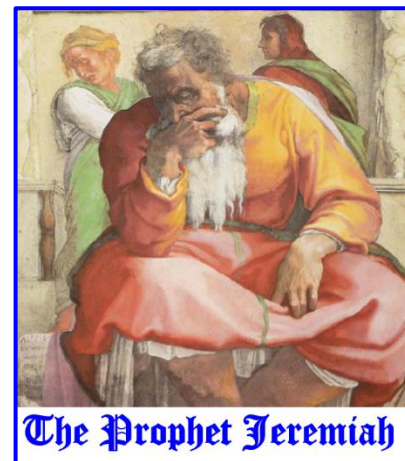


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The Prophet Jeremiah

The First Reading is from the Prophet Jeremiah who was always trying to run away from God because he didn't want to be a prophet. Also, because he was being persecuted by his own people (for preaching what God wanted his people to hear), he wanted God to punish those who were after him. However, God kept telling Jeremiah that in due time he would see his vindication over his enemies. The lesson that we can learn from this reading is that "God's ways are not our ways," and only when we are patient and wait for His timing can we expect to see our reward. This might not be in this world (it wasn't for Jeremiah), but He is faithful and will not let us down.

The Responsorial Psalm is a beautiful prayer and one that Jeremiah might have prayed because it is in line with his thinking. However, the psalmist here recognizes and accepts the faithfulness of God and is willing to wait. In the meantime, he admonishes others to "seek God that your hearts might revive. For the Lord hears the cry of the poor."

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. Paul often compares or contrasts the role that Jesus fulfilled against the time and life of Adam (representing all humankind) who, without the guidance of the Holy Spirit and without "The Law," was dominated by Satan, the father of lies. However, the "gift" that is mentioned here is the gift of Salvation that could only come through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is this gift of "hope" that God holds out to all the faithful.

The Gospel Reading is filled with hope and should be referred to whenever we are in one of those "tough spots" that plague all of us at various times. It could easily refer to Jeremiah, who was killed by his adversaries but is recognized as one of the greatest prophets. We might never be faced with death at gunpoint or some other disaster, but we are often faced with serious trials that test us to the limits. This is when we should turn to God for guidance and direction.



Offertory Collection/Donations

If you do not have any cash you can donate by scanning this QR code with a smart phone.

Portico Fundraisers

Sunday 21st June after Mass.

Coffee morning and tabletop sale, all items just £1 each.

Items include NEW CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR.

Bereavement Group

There will be no meeting of the Bereavement Group this month. The next meeting will be in July.

Day for Life

Next Sunday is the annual 'Day for Life' – the day in the Church's calendar when we celebrate the gift of life from conception to natural death. This year, the theme is 'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'. Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of grief and anxieties. We acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Many parents find consolation in their faith and its assurance that every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after, is created, willed and deeply loved by God from all eternity. . For more information and resources: www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life

There will be a retiring collection this weekend for the pro life work of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales.

Liverpool Bach Collective

The Liverpool Bach Collective aims to put on performances of J S Bach's cantatas in churches in and around Liverpool every month as part of Sunday Evening Prayer. The next event takes place at the Church of Our Lady Immaculate and St Joseph, 1 West Street, Prescott, L34 1LE at 6.30pm on Sunday 21st June.

Peter's Pence Collection

The annual collection for Peter's Pence takes place on the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul (next Sunday) each year. This collection originated in England under the Saxons and spread throughout the world, and is used for the Holy Father's apostolic and charitable ministry.

Feast Days This Week

Monday

St John Fisher and St Thomas Moore – John Fisher was born in 1469. He studied at Cambridge and was ordained priest, then appointed Bishop of Rochester. His life was austere and he became an outstanding pastor of his flock. In addition, he wrote against doctrinal errors prevalent at the time.

Thomas Moore was born in 1477. He studied at Oxford, was married with a son and three daughters, and became Chancellor of England.

Both these men resisted King Henri VIII on the question of dissolving his marriage, and on the King's orders they were executed in 1535. While being held in prison John Fisher was created a Cardinal of the Church of Rome by Pope Paul III.

Tuesday

St Ethelreda – Born in Suffolk in the first quarter of the 7th Century, she founded a monastery of women and men, which she ruled as an abbess, on the present site of Ely Cathedral. Renowned for her dedication to chastity and the austerity of the regimes she imposed upon herself in her later years. Ethelred died in Ely in the year 679.

Wednesday

SOLMNITY OF THE BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST – His name was divinely given. It was to be "John" which derives from a Hebrew term signifying "God is gracious". He was known as "the Baptist" which simply means "an immerger, one who administers the rite of immersion". The Jewish historian Josephus, who lived in the 1st Century, refers to John by this designation. The importance of John in the divine scheme of things is summed up best in the testimony of Jesus, who said "Among them that are born of women there has not arisen a greater than John the Baptist."

Thursday

St William of Vercelli - William of Vercelli, Saint 1085-1142. founder, born in Vercelli Italy he was brought up as an orphan became a hermit on Monte Vergine, Italy after a pilgrimage to Compostella and attracted so many followers that a monastery was built. By 1119 his followers were united in the Benedictine congregation, the Hermits of Monte Vergine (Williamites) which he headed. The austerity of his rule led to dissension among his monks to restore peace he left and was taken under the protection of Roger I of Naples who built a monastery for him in Salerno. He founded monasteries through out Naples, and died at the Guglielmo monastery near Nusco Italy. He is also called William of Monte Vergine.

Friday

St Anthelm – He was a Carthusian monk, bishop, and defender of papal authority. He was born in Savoy in the year 1107, ordained a priest and entered the Carthusian Order aged thirty. Two years later he was appointed minister general, and he standardised rules and allowed women to enter their own charterhouses. After a few years as a hermit he was appointed as Bishop of Belley in France, where he reformed the clergy. He was also sent to England to mediate between King Henry II and Thomas Becket. He died in the year 1178.

Saturday

St Cyril of Alexandria – He was born in the year 370. He entered a monastery, was ordained to the priesthood and then succeeded his uncle as Bishop of Alexandria in 412. He fought strenuously against the teachings of Nestorius and took the lead at the Council of Ephesus. He wrote many works to explain and defend the Catholic faith. He died 444.

St John Southworth – He was born in 1592 at Samlesbury Hall near Preston. He was educated at Douai and returned to the English Mission as a priest in 1619. He ministered mainly in Lancashire. He was caught in 1627 and imprisoned at Lancaster along with St Edmund Arrowsmith to whom he gave the last rights on 28th August 1628. He was sent to the Clink in London but was released in 1630 and banished abroad. In 1636 he returned to England. He was subsequently arrested but escaped. He was eventually captured in 1654 and executed at Tyburn. He was canonised in 1970 as one of the Forty Martyrs.