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Year B

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Mass Times

Monday - NO Mass
Tuesday & Thursday
6:45am

Wednesday & Friday
5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am

Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,
5:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm
and 4pm—4.30pm

Adoration - Holy Hour

Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

Pray the Rosary

First Saturday each month 3.30pm

If you are in Urgent need of a Priest
out of office hours call - 6248 8253



BOOKINGS FOR WEEKEND MASSES ARE ESSENTIAL.

If you are feeling unwell please **DO NOT** come to church.

Please scan the QR Code & record your name, alternatively please write your name and contact number on the register provided.

PLEASE sanitise your hands on entering the foyer or parish centre.

Please **DO NOT** return your bulletin to the basket, if you are not taking it home put it in the bin.

QR CODE & TRY BOOKING

We are using the online booking system TryBooking (which costs us nothing) and this means we can print off a list of people who have 'booked' for each Mass. This saves you and us time, speeds up the arrival queue at Mass, and helps us manage the numbers at each Mass.

Government Requirements - What are your responsibilities

- Use the Check In CBR app to check in before entering a business or venue, or before being seated.
- If you don't have the Check In CBR app you must provide your details to the church so they can check you in.
- Take personal responsibility for your own COVID safety.

To comply with Government rules we need Welcome Ministers to check parishioners in. Remember that the Welcome Ministers are volunteers who have come to Mass but give their time to welcome you, and to help sign people in. PLEASE make sure you arrived before Mass begins.

TryBooking links for the month of June.

19 / 20 June - The shareable link for your event is:

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

26 / 27 June - The shareable link for your event is:

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

3 - 4 July - The shareable link for your event is:

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

10 - 11 July - The shareable link for your event is:

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

QUERIES CAN BE ANSWERED ONLY IN OFFICE HOURS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Psalm 27:8-9

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 for ever.

FIRST READING

First Reading: Job 38:1. 8-11

A reading from the book of Job

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

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 their distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Cont... 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.

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 144:15

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

[Text - Labora - Brisbane Liturgy](#)

Looking behind I am filled with gratitude.
Looking forward I am filled with vision.
Looking upwards I am filled with strength.

PROVIDENCE

I cannot count how many times I have heard people complain to me that God doesn't seem to care about them or their situation. Often people in this scenario seem abandoned, lost. Despite the fact that they still believe in God, their grip on faith slowly seems to be slipping. Times of sorrow and distress can be times where our faith is challenged to an uncomfortable point.

Our readings highlight the situation of the faithful follower who is all of a sudden challenged. Job in our first reading is responded to by God after Job has vented his frustration to the Almighty. God more or less puts Job back in his place by narrating all of his creational exploits, illustrating his grandeur. More profoundly the response of God to Job is basically the notion of what we call God's providence.

Providence is the overall design of God and how all things move, have their being, and exist because of God's say so. Nothing happens without God's permission, nothing can happen without him either creating it or enabling it to be.

Similarly, in the gospel the disciples make the plaintive cry 'Master, do you not care?' This plea does not fall on deaf ears and Jesus gets up and resolves things for them, not because he had to, but to show up the disciples appalling lack of trust in him. This moment of crisis allows Jesus to teach them what true faith is by rebuking them. Jesus does not mince words, he doesn't hold their hands, he doesn't give them a cup of tea and say 'there there', no, he scolds them.

This traumatic event both reveals to them who Jesus is, he is the God who dealt with Job, but also, Jesus challenges them in that if they had true faith the mere awareness of Jesus presence would've been sufficient for them. True faith would have engendered unfettered trust that if Jesus is there what can truly happen that cannot be resolved in some way.

Both of our stories today highlight who we think God is too. Sometimes our picture of God seems to be the genie in the bottle who, when we command him to do something, he will just go along with it.

Furthermore, there is a kind of transactional faith present as well, in that the rationale on display begets the idea that because we give God some brief attention in prayer we now, in justice, deserve our wills to be fulfilled by the Almighty. In short, this thinking inverts the power ratio between God and us. It is us in those situations that think we're in control. God's diatribe towards Job puts pay to that thinking. "I am in control, not you" God says...

This understanding of God can at first seem a little confronting - you mean you really are the Almighty? But when we reflect on it it is quite comforting, though scary, because we don't have all the information; God does not really brief us as to what will occur. In some sense it then feels like we are on a rollercoaster ride and the breaks are not on, where are we going?

Rather the solution is always patient and loving trust toward God. In the words of Cardinal Pell when he was first sitting in his prison cell at the start of his six years sentence for a crime he did not commit. "Lord I trust you, but I don't know what you've got planned".

And this is the crux for us. The realization that our worries, anxiety, depression, feelings of injustice are very real but if we say that we have faith in Christ it then follows that Jesus will be there for us despite the waves and storms of

Cont...life. We note in the gospel that despite the waves and storms, the boat does not capsize or go down as the disciples feared, Jesus would not have permitted that. God does however permit storms to occur and large waves to alert us to the fact that He has things in hand, we just can't see it, sometimes we only see it in hindsight.

At the heart of our readings today is the fundamental complexity of faith. Are we willing to accept life's challenges and know that God will resolve them in some way we know not? Or, do we plod through life allowing each challenge to overwhelm us, and give further ammunition to ditch God, ditch faith, ditch the Church, and try and resolve things for ourselves? These are the only two avenues for us, allow God's providential hand to work albeit mysteriously in our lives, or do a DIY job.

Maybe Jesus' challenge to the disciples is the same challenge for us: 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?'

Perhaps today we can pray in the silence of our hearts for an increase in faith, an increase in the very awareness of God's providence. We must realise everything that occurs good and not so good will play a hand in our own salvation, sanctification and deification.

God love you all.

You're all in my prayers.

Fr Mannes OP

STORMY WEATHER

The idea of the Church as a ship has always been popular. In today's gospel reading we can see the biblical inspiration for nautical themes. It is imagery the early church was quick to pick up on. Many of the early disciples were fishermen, and the apostles spread the Gospel along the sea routes. For people's whose daily lives revolved around the sea and had knowledge of what life at sea was like, using seafaring imagery to communicate the gospel was an obvious thing to do.

A church buffeted by persecution could identify with sailors in a ship, at the mercy of a storm. The Apostle Paul was shipwrecked. Even in a modern ship today, a major storm is a very unpleasant experience, and sailors are very conscious how calm waters can become dangerous in a moment. The early Church, and even the Church now, can feel it is about to be swamped.

What is true of the Church is also true of the individual. There is the voyage through life and the storms are the crises we meet. Some will encounter more storms than others, but everybody will experience some storms. As with the disciples in the Gospel, it is often only in moments of crisis that people, and perhaps even the Church, really turn towards God, and not always in a good sense. They turn to ask what God is doing. 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' Our minds turn to God in moments of crisis and then only to doubt Him. That may not actually be quite as bad as we think. It is one better than not thinking of God at all in a moment of crisis. Doubting God in moments of crisis is the same as questioning God. If you question you get answers. The disciples ask Jesus if he cares and they get an answer.

We are first told in the Gospel that Jesus is asleep in the stern during the storm. It seems that Jesus doesn't care. But are we here talking about reality or the disciples' perception? Is God absent and uncaring or is that the disciples' perception of the situation? Jesus is of course acutely aware of what is going on all the time. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is not God who is asleep, but we who are asleep to him. We have faith in a God who is always with us.

Cont...He is a God who wants to bring us to our salvation. We may at times have difficulty seeing our path to salvation. But we keep faith that God is always leading us to Him.

Excerpt from a homily by Fr David McLean OP

LITURGY ROSTER

The new Liturgy Roster will be prepared by the end of June. Please consider volunteering for one of the following: Acolyte, Reader, Data Projector, Welcome Minister, Counter. Due to covid the current volunteers could use some help, there is a need to have more volunteers to share the load. Please contact the office to volunteer or leave your name and contact telephone and email on the sheet in the foyer.

ST THOMAS MORE FORUM

The Pell Case: Lessons for Church and State

Friday 25 June 2021 | 7 for 7.30PM - Keynote Speaker: Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO Rector of Newman College at the University of Melbourne. Venue: Mercure Hotel, Limestone Avenue, Braddon. Cost: \$90.00 (Dinner and wine) Canapes and complimentary glass of sparkling wine on arrival, followed by a two course dinner with a bottle of red and white wine per table and tea/coffee and cake. RSVP: Noon Friday 11 June 2021 Enquiries: Parish Office on 0416 823 447 or forum@stthomasmore.org.au

1 WAY FM - APPEAL

1WAY FM, Canberra's Christian Community radio station, broadcasts a Christian message of hope and encouragement throughout our local region on 91.9FM and 94.3FM. From 15-20 June, 1WAY FM is holding our financial appeal, *Sharing Faith, Bringing Hope*, to ensure that we can continue presenting the Christian message over the airwaves 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It costs \$50 to fund one hour of radio. Can you give an hour of hope? Go to www.1wayfm.com.au to donate.

PARISH

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION - Parish School of Religion has recommenced in the Parish Centre from 9am. All children between from Year 3 – 6 are welcome – especially families wanting their children to prepare for sacraments, where the child does not attend a Catholic school. Contact Nicole Webb - 0414139170.

PRAY THE ROSARY - First Saturday each month 3.30pm

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets 2.00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th **Thursdays** in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP will meet on **Thursday** evenings at the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 / Michael Flynn 6257 1038 / www.wccm.org

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre every **Wednesday** .

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

WEEKLY READER FORMATION - Formation sessions have are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday.

All parishioners are invited. – Meet at the door of the office at 7.30pm OR join us online using Zoom. Zoom details are - <https://zoom.us/j/91493407836>

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The Meeting ID is 983 138 1937 and the passcode is 815443.

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE NOON TUESDAY
Ph. 6248 5925 or Email: watson@cg.org.au

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

Alexia Harris, Maria Martiniello, Greg O'Neill, Ruth Burke, Frank Zobec, Carol Hallam, Mary Martin, Barbara Wilson, Ursula Ramsay, Edith Jensen, June Pollard, Philip Bailey, Fr Ellis Clifford, Mimma Gia, Awny El-Ghitany, Bob Hackett, Rosa Maria Santos, Margaret Sullivan, Mary Lou Pentony, Zelma McManus, Elizabeth Webster, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Joe Schimizzi, Terry Stephens, Bernard Druett, Patricia Sargent, Anne Corver, Veronica & Paul Cornelly

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.

Fr Kevin Condon OP, Colette Dawes, Betty Rutter, Graeme Baker

TIM FISCHER ORATION

Join us for the inaugural Tim Fischer Oration on 'Ethics in Public and Political Life' with John Anderson AO. On Thursday 26th August, starting at 6:30pm in the Great Hall, Parliament House. Cost \$30.00 Purchase tickets at www.tffo.org.au or contact Jeanie.alberto@cg.org.au

WINTER WOOLLIES STALL - Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Winter Woollies Stall on Thursday 17 June, 8am-4pm. There will be a wide variety of hand-knitted and crocheted goods including beanies, jumpers, mittens, children's clothes, rugs, quilts etc, all at bargain prices. Come along to the Main Foyer, Calvary Public Hospital, cnr Belconnen Way & Haydon Drive, Bruce. All proceeds go towards the purchase of medical equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff.

ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S TASKFORCE - On 16 July 2021 the Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce will host a dinner at the Southern Cross Club Woden to celebrate women's ministry. Scholar and teacher, Sr Margaret Beirne RSC will give a talk on St Mary Magdalene. Three course meal \$65. All welcome. Bookings at <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>

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The Law of Common Sense:

If too many people enjoy the free ride...and not enough people help pull the wagon, the wagon isn't going anywhere.

ROSTER 26 / 27 June 2021

Saturday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	P. Farrelly	

Sunday 8am

Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson

Sunday 10am

Acolyte / Server	R. Tanzer	
Readers	C. Barbaro	P. McDonald

Sunday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	K. Watson	
Counters	J. Smith	W. Wade