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Twelfth Sunday



Dear Friends,

Jesus reached out to the disciples who were frightened by the storm in the sea. This is one of the rare stories in the Gospels, very human, very ordinary, down to earth experience of Jesus and the disciples.

We meet Jesus “soundly” asleep. The Sea of Galilee was known for sudden and violent storms. Jesus trusted his men with the boat in an unpredictable Sea and went to sleep.

We meet the disciples who were afraid of the storm but unafraid to wake up their master in their

urgent need! Jesus woke up to save his men. What a wonderful relationship between master and disciples...trusting each other...being free with each other... unafraid of each other!

The Lord trusted his men with his mission and today he trusts us with his mission. It is up to us to trust in his presence, in his being with us in all our needs and to call him in our difficult moments with confidence. Be confident, the Lord is with you!

The allegoric meaning: Many of the Fathers of the Church consider this miracle story as an allegory of the early Church. The boat in the stormy lake is a symbol of the Church, facing challenges and heresies from inside and various forms of suppression and persecution from outside. The early Church faced fierce persecution in the first three centuries. A calm period followed, but that period was plagued with heresies, culminating in the Protestant Reformation Movement. The faithful in such situations wondered if Jesus had deserted the Church. But in their desperate cry for help they were able to experience the inner peace and strength of Jesus. Very often the Church and the faithful have no control over the political and social developments of our society. But, no matter what we are experiencing, we can — with the help of Jesus — find peace. It is the peace which only Jesus can give. And it is a peace which no person, no thing, and no situation can take away from us.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

		Masses Requested	Saints & Feast
Sat 22 nd June 5.30 pm	St. Peter's		Adoration followed by Mass
Sun 23 rd June 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's	Jack Hardip - RIP	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 24 th June 9.30am	St. Peter's		The Nativity of St. John the Baptist - Solemnity
Tue 25 th June	No Mass		
Wed 26 th June 10.00am	St. Michael's	Librado Caravana - RIP Librado Lagman - RIP	
Thu 27 th June 9.30am	St. Peter's	Philip Langton - RIP	St. Cyril of Alexandria
Fri 28 th June 9.30am	St. Peter's		

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

In St. Peter's Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

In St. Michael's Wednesday 10.45am to 11.15am and by appointment, please ring to arrange.

Thank you.

A Warm Welcome: today is Sunday 23rd June. As always, we welcome visitors and newcomers to join our "regulars," asking Almighty God to bestow His blessings and graces on us all. You are most welcome to join us for coffee and tea in the Parish Hall.

Monday (24th) being the **Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist**, there will be Mass at St. Peter's at 9.30am.

BBQ: The St. Peter's Parish BBQ will be held on **14th July** after the mass. Please enter this date in your diary... Volunteers to help needed. Please speak to John

Diocesan Day: This will be held on Saturday 6th July at St. Bernadettes Secondary School Whitchurch Bristol starting with refreshments at 9.30am and it will finish at 4.00pm. The poster includes booking details.

Diocesan Glastonbury Pilgrimage: Bishop Bosco invites you to join him on Sunday 14th July on the Diocesan Glastonbury Pilgrimage. Please see the poster for further information. If you require information regards to parking, please contact the parish office.

Pastoral Ministry Formation course which begins in the Autumn 2024. The course is ideal for ANY parishioner who seeks to develop their capacity to serve the parish in anyway which they believe the Lord is calling them. Please do come to one of our information evenings which will be taking place around the Diocese in June/July. Here you will hear in more detail about what is being offered, time commitment involved, interview process and costs including the role of parishes to support those who are successful in obtaining a place. One of the information evenings is being held in St Peter's Hall, Cirencester on Tuesday 16th July 2024 commencing @ 7.00pm. Please see the poster on for further information.

General Election 2024

The Prime Minister has called a general election for Thursday, 4th July.

The Bishops' Conference for England and Wales has a section of resources offering information and guidance on key issues of importance to us. There you will find information and guidance on key issues of importance to us, as Catholics, to help inform how we vote.

More information can be found here: [General Election 2024 - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £542.52 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

Second Collection: £207.58

St. Michael's: £142.25

Second Collection: £63.00

On Sea Sunday let us remember seafarers facing conflict, abandonment and tough times

“Some of the seafarers I meet have travelled through the conflict area of the Red Sea, with its risks of attacks from Houthis, then have sailed on to the Black Sea with its own dangers, given there is no agreement on maritime safety,” says Stella Maris’ Odesa port chaplain Fr. Alex Smerechynsky in Ukraine.

As a result of the conflict in Gaza, ships sailing through the Red Sea face the threat of Houthi missiles, drone attacks and raiding parties. Since last November, the Houthis have targeted more than 80 merchant vessels.

Catholic charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is one of the few maritime charities with chaplains based in Ukraine. They carry out ship visits from the southern port city of Odesa. Here they work with seafarers on the frontline, witnessing the impact it is having on them.

Many ship owners are not allowing crew members to go ashore during their time in Odesa, for security reasons. So visits on board ships by the Stella Maris team there are proving increasingly important in countering the isolation and loneliness that seafarers often experience.

On Sea Sunday, which falls on 14th July this year, let us pray for seafarers, fishers, and the work of Stella Maris. Let us remember especially those seafarers who are sailing through conflict zones and those who have been abandoned in distant lands.

To find out more about Sea Sunday, please visit: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday/>

Full report: [On Sea Sunday let us remember seafarers facing conflict, abandonment and tough times](#)

Thank You