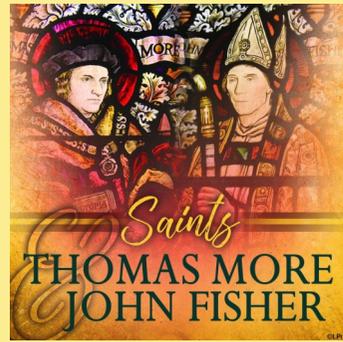




Murillo captures the moment when Zechariah prophesies to his newborn son, foretelling his mission and message: "And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins . . ." The entire text of Zechariah's Song can be found in Luke 1:68-79.

Bartolomé-Esteban Murillo: *The Birth of St. John the Baptist*, c. 1655, oil on canvas, 145 x 185 cm. Norton Simon Museum, Pasadena, CA, USA



John Fisher was executed on 22 June 1535 by order of Henry VIII during the English Reformation for refusing to accept the King as Supreme Head of the Church of England and for upholding the Catholic Church's doctrine of Papal supremacy.

Thomas More also opposed the king's separation from the Catholic Church, refusing to acknowledge Henry as Supreme Head of the Church of England and the annulment of his marriage to Catherine of Aragon. After refusing to take the Oath of Supremacy, he was convicted of treason and beheaded on 6th July 1535

"For a stalk to grow or a flower to open there must be a time that cannot be forced; nine months must go before the birth of a human child; to write a book or compose music often years must be dedicated to patient research. To find the mystery there must be patience, interior purification, silence, waiting."

Saint John Paul II

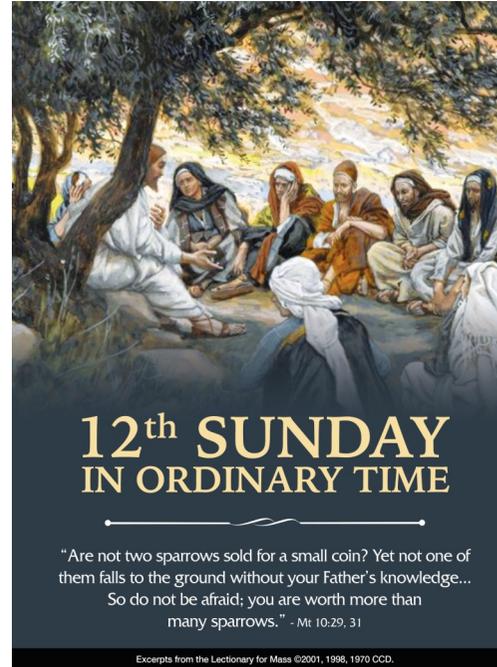
Saints of the Week

Mon 22	St Paulinus of Nola, bishop Ss John Fisher, bishop and Thomas More, martyrs
Wed 24	THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
Sat 27	St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and doctor of the Church



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
21st JUNE 2020



**12th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge... So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." - Mt 10:29, 31

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Recently Deceased
Margaret (Peggy) Egan
Marjorie Harvey
Elizabeth Hegarty
Ray Alexander
Maureen Walsh
Alice Regan
May they rest in peace



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 11.30

Sean Brosnan Recently Deceased
Ciss Gannon Recently Deceased
Tom Kirley/Months Mind
Vincent & Ian Connolly Anniversaries
Catherine & Sean Fitzpatrick Anniversaries
Paddy & Gertie Orr & Deceased
Members of the Orr, Bartley & Flood Families Anniversaries
Carmel Keane Anniversary
Thomas (Tommy) Burns Anniversary

Father's Day Remembrance For Matt Mc Cusker RIP

Anniversaries:-

Fr. Gerry Doyle	Carmel O' Brien
Ruth Walsh	John Lenehan
Jim O' Brien	Anne Ganly
Mary Towers	Peter Munro
Noel Cullen	Albert Walsh
Catherine and Sean Fitzpatrick	Don Ryan



June 21, 2020
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

many things: failure, death, violence, the rise of terrorism and religious intolerance in our world and in our country. Donald Trump talks of building a wall. This is the language of separation, segregation and exclusion. It is neither the message nor the values of the Gospel.

Like Mary and Joseph each of us is called by name by God. We are called to be examples and witnesses of Jesus in our world today. In the Gospel, Jesus asks us to declare ourselves for him in the presence of others. At times this can be difficult and challenging. The values of the Gospel are often and generally not the values of the world. Through the quality of our daily lives and how we behave, we are to be the real and credible witnesses to Jesus and his Gospel. We won't be left on our own, Jesus will be with us. As Mary and Joseph were called and encouraged, so too will we with the words, 'do not be afraid.'

Let us not be afraid of what is being asked of us. Let us not be paralysed by our fear. Instead, let the words of Pope Francis encourage us, 'go out again and again, without fear and proclaim the good news which is for all people'.

Michael Moore OMI

Rumour and tradition tells us that the phrase do not be afraid appears in the Bible 365 times! That's one for every day of the year. Whether or not it actually does appear this many times in the Bible, it still offers us hope, strength and courage when we are in doubt or struggling in any way. When Mary was called and chosen to be the mother of Jesus, we are told that she was deeply disturbed and wondered what the words and message meant.

Immediately she was encouraged with the words, 'Mary, do not be afraid'. When Joseph heard that Mary was pregnant he was going to divorce her informally. But in a dream he had, he too heard these words, 'Joseph, do not be afraid'. In each experience God called Mary and Joseph by their names and asked them to take on what seemed like an impossible task. But having been called, they were not to rely on their own strength and determination; God who called them would also strengthen, support and encourage them. They would never be alone.

Fear is part of life and part of each of our own daily lives. We are afraid of



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TWELFT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Jeremiah said:
I hear so many disparaging me,
Terror from every side!
(Jr 20:10-13)

PSALM

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my
brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
(Ps 68:8-10.14-17.33-35)

SECOND READING

Sin entered the world through one man,
and through sin death, and thus death has
spread throughout the whole human race
because everyone has sinned.
(Rm 5:12-15)

GOSPEL

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:
'Do not be afraid. For everything that is
now covered will be uncovered and
everything now hidden will be made clear'
(Mt 10:26-33)

**PRO CATHEDRAL
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For the next four Sundays, beginning 21st June, a core ensemble of orchestral players and professional singers - Aisling Kenny, soprano, Andrew Gavin, tenor – all have volunteered to perform a lunchtime recital following the conclusion of the

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