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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) – 20th June 2021

1st Reading – Job 38:1, 8-11

Psalm – O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

2nd Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Gospel – Mark 4:35-41

“Master, do you not care?” It could be a cry of desperation, considering that the disciples are on a boat in danger of sinking. Jesus, however, does not see it quite the same way. He names the problem instantly: lack of faith. The disciples do not see things properly and hence their reaction. They fail to recognize who is truly in their midst. Yes, they know His name and things about Him, but they do not recognize Him. How true can that be of us as well? We know a lot of stories about the Lord, we can quote Scriptures to argue our case and defend what we believe in, we can pray to Him, we can do things for Him – and yet at the end of the day, we could also be charged with the same lack of faith.

If we take the Gospel to heart, then a person of faith will be recognized by how they respond to whatever life brings them at this specific moment. It is important for us to reflect on what a person of faith looks like. The first thing to notice from the Gospel is that one who has faith sees reality as it truly is. God is ever present, He is the source of all that is and all that happens, and that means in all my challenging times, all my failures, my weaknesses, the Lord is here next to me. If I recognize Him, then I will be at peace, peace which this world cannot give nor understand. Essentially a person of faith will be able to respond with peace in all circumstances, rather than react and be disturbed.

In order to convince us of the Lord’s power over all events of our life, the Lord is reminding us in the book of Job as well as the Gospel of how all powers of nature are obedient to His voice. He is the one who sets limits which need to be obeyed by the elements, He is the one who calms the storms and the winds. At times this conviction may be shaken by the evil that comes our way, but the Lord is stronger. He promises us to never let us carry more than He knows we are capable of. Let us pray for the gift of faith to be renewed within us, that we may see as God sees and that we may remain at peace.

News from the life of the friars – Earlier today on Saturday 19th June, our Province has become a Delegation of Great Britain and our new Provincial Minister is the Provincial of the Irish Province. The new Delegate is Br. James Boner, and the two councillors are Br. Martin Mikuskiewicz and Br. Michael Hargan. Please keep all the friars in your prayers in this new chapter of our life in the UK.

Please note that Mass will not be celebrated on Thursday morning. We will have the Liturgy of the Word and distribution of Holy Communion.

Readers – I would like to invite all those who read the Word of God during our Masses for a couple of hours of prayer / reflection on Saturday 26th June at 4pm in the church. It will be a great time to meet all of you, and hopefully a good opportunity to remind ourselves of the important ministry that you do for the community. I look forward to meeting all of you, as well as anyone who may be interested in reading during Mass. If you cannot attend, please let me know.

Day for Life – This weekend we are celebrating a Day for Life. We will have a second collection to fund the work of organizations that support the dignity of human life and the Church's teaching. Your prayers and your generosity will help the Church's campaign to oppose the Bill on assisted suicide.

Franciscan Spirituality Sessions – Our next session will be on Friday 25th June at 7.30pm. I will be sharing the Franciscan spiritual journey according to St. Bonaventure's 'Itinerarium Mentis in Deum'. It is a short piece of writing commonly translated as the soul's journey into God. A reflection of a saint on the spiritual life of another saint – aimed at helping all of us to deepen our love and experience of God in everyday life.

Held on Zoom. Meeting ID **845 9492 0169** Passcode **934692**

Open to everyone, invite your friends.

CAFOD Campaign to Reclaim our common home - Cafod have launched a campaign 'to reclaim our common home' in advance of the G7 meeting in June of leaders from seven of the world's richest countries under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister and the COP26 climate talks in November also under Mr Johnson's chairmanship. The aim of the campaign is to bring before our political leaders in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic the plight of the poorest nations of the world and to adopt measures to help rebuild them by ending unjust debt repayment and tackling the climate crisis.

The easiest way to sign the petition is to do so online

at <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>

Parish donations – Our website provides you with details of how you can support our parish financially during this time, whether you are a member of our GIFT AID scheme

or not. If you are a tax payer, please take a moment to fill in the relevant form you will find on our website – all at no cost to yourself, but helping us immensely. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Intercessory Prayer Group

If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

Diocesan Newsletter

To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email.

Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news to sign up.

Important information for EU Citizens

30th June: There's a Very Important Deadline Looming!

Please spread the word. There are just over three weeks to go. EU 26 citizens who do not register an application for Settled Status before 30th June may find their freedom to live and work in the UK is jeopardised. It applies regardless of how long you have been resident in the UK; it **also applies to children born here of EU citizens, and non-EU family members of EU citizens.** You can read more on this Government website <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

You can ask for help with your application at Europa Welcome, a branch of Asylum Welcome, based in East Oxford. They can help with language problems and have information on their website in Romanian, Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, and **Tetum**, the language of East Timor, many of whose citizens hold Portuguese passports. Here is the website for Europa Welcome: <https://www.asylum-welcome.org/europa-welcome%20%C2%A0>

NB The information above does **NOT** apply to Irish citizens as they are covered by the Common Travel Area legislation and do not need to apply for Settled Status.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 20th June

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9.00am	Margaret Anne Colton R.I.P.
11.00am	Parishioners
5.30pm	Joao Babtista Xavier R.I.P.

Monday 21st June

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

7.30am

Penelope James R.I.P.

Tuesday 22nd June

Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More

7.30am

John Walter Gregory R.I.P.

Wednesday 23rd June

7.30am

Veressimo Da Cunha R.I.P.

Thursday 24th June

The Birth of St. John the Baptist

No Mass today – there will be a Liturgy of the Word and distribution of Holy Communion at 7.30am

Friday 25th June

7.30am

Br. Lucjan's Intentions

Saturday 26th June

8.00am

In thanksgiving

6.30pm

Holy Souls

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley**. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.