

23rd JUNE 2024: TWELFTH SUNDAY (B)

Mass book: p98

1st Reading: Job 38: 1, 8-11

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17

Gospel: Mark 4: 35-41

11am Hymns	Entrance: 907 Gloria: 489	Gospel Accl. ⁿ : <i>Alleluia, Alleluia...</i> Communion: 423	Offertory: 727 & 944 Post-Communion: 111	Memorial Accl. ⁿ : <i>We Proclaim...</i> Recessional: 966
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Why are you so frightened?

Fear plays too large a part in our lives. Love casts out fear, and God's love endures for ever. Fear may be due to a lack of faith that God really cares for us. Christ may seem to be asleep, but he is with us always, and has the power to calm even the stormiest troubles of our lives.

Who can this be? Even the wind and sea obey him.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For those fleeing their own countries

Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 22 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Wellbeing - Mary Baldwin
Sun 23 09:30 11:00	✠ TWELFTH SUNDAY (B) Wellbeing - Tony Rawsthorne Thanksgiving - Mariathas & family
Mon 24 09:30	<i>The Nativity of Saint John † The Baptist</i> Wambuke Bungeti RIP Rosary
Tue 25 09:30	Guisepina De Masi RIP Rosary
Wed 26 09:30	Uda Rosey RIP Rosary
Thu 27 09:30	Andrew Healy RIP Rosary
Fri 28 09:30	<i>Saint Irenaeus</i> Special Intention - Mary O'Driscoll Exposition
Sat 29 09:30 18:30	People of the Parish <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Posthumous Birthday Blessings - Regina Ehiman Okoh
Sun 30 09:30 11:00	✠ SAINTS † PETER AND † PAUL (B) John Richard Jammeh RIP Wellbeing & Birthday Blessings - Mr Anthony S.A. Iwekuba

Prayer Requests

If you request for yourself or an immediate family member to be listed in the Parish Newsletter. Please send an email to: regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk.

Please Pray for the wellbeing of:

Patrick Watts, Tony Rawsthorne and Elisabetta de Masi.

Background on the Gospel

As we continue in Ordinary Time, our reading today is taken from the Gospel of Mark, the primary Gospel reading in Lectionary Cycle B. Mark's Gospel presents a vivid portrait of Jesus, whose words and deeds show that he is the Son of God. Today's Gospel describes the end of a day of teaching in Jesus' ministry. Jesus taught the crowd in parables and then offered explanations of these parables to his disciples. Jesus then led his disciples away from the crowds and into the boats that they will use to cross the Sea of Galilee. The sea and its surrounding area are the settings for Jesus' teachings and miracles in this part of Mark's Gospel. Today's reading describes how Jesus calmed a storm at sea. It is the first of four miracles that are presented in sequence at this point in Mark's Gospel.

As is typical in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him.

The disciples' words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake him. Their words to him are words of reproach, questioning his care for them. A careful reader might wonder what the disciples

expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus' inattentiveness to their needs? How many of us have chided a family member or friend for not agreeing with our assessment of the severity of a situation?

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring theme in Mark's Gospel. This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping." We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.

Sick and Housebound

If your neighbour or anyone you know is unable to attend mass because they are in poor health, please let Fr Regis know and he will take them Holy Communion.

Aylesford Priory - 7th July - Celebrating Disability.

The Friars, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BY

A day planned and led by disabled people. All are welcome. Music on the day led by the choir of Our Lady of the Rosary parish Bexhill.

12.00 Noon - Welcome service led by Bishop Paul Hendrix. Activities during the afternoon include: Rosary Way, Sensory Prayer Room, Art Activities, Spiritual Retreat on Edith Stein, Singing led by Anne Ward and the Bognor LArch group.

4.00 p.m. - Mass led by Bishop Paul Hendrix

All are welcome.

Peter's Pence Our Second Collection Next Week

By reason of the bond of unity and charity, the bishops of the Church, with their people, join together to produce those means which the Holy Father and the Apostolic See need to exercise works of mercy and

charity and its service of the Universal Church. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The Pope, being pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and faithful in grave difficulties: the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalised and the victims of war and natural disasters. Concrete aid is thus made available to bishops or dioceses in need, to Catholic education, assistance, to refugees, and immigrants, etc.

Catholic Women Praying Together

We are meeting in the parish house for our group meeting on Sunday the 23rd June.

Gift Aid

Did you register for Gift Aid in the last few years?

Do not know your Gift aid Number?

Have moved since you first registered?

To obtain your Gift Aid number, or Gift Aid Envelopes if you would like them, please email the secretary with your name and postcode, and we will respond to your request.

If you have changed your address please email the secretary as addresses used for Gift Aid do need to be current.

Thank you.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

The next Rota is now available in the church porch for those who have not received it via email.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £197 Not Gift Aided: £329

Mass Count: Sat (52), Sun 09.30 (102), 11.00 (99)

Second Collection

Last week: Day for Life (£260)

This week: None

Next Week: Peter's Pence (Non-Gift Aid)

Donate

Gift Aid: Tax payers, please sign up, so we can claim 25p for every £1 donated. Email Treasurer for details.

Card: Card Machine in Church Foyer or www.olspn.church

Standing Order: Email Treasurer for details.

Cheque: Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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