

Sunday 25 June 2017

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Twelfth Sunday of the Year

(Year A/Weekdays 1)

Sunday Liturgy: Order of Mass: 479

Hymns:

Entry: 794 *God Is Love*
Offertory: 865 *Here I am Lord*
Communion: 632 *Table of Plenty*
968 *Be still and know*
Recessional: 883 *Christ be our Light*

Summary of Readings:

Jeremiah 20:10-13 *The knowledge that God was with him enabled Jeremiah to remain faithful to his difficult task as a prophet.*

Romans 5:12-15 *St Paul draws a contrast between Christ and Adam: sin came into the world through Adam; abundant grace came through Jesus Christ.*

Matthew 10:26-33 *Christ exhorts his disciples to open and fearless witness to the Gospel, assuring them of God's special care for them in their trials.*

Today's Liturgy: Today's Gospel is an affirmation for all those who feel persecuted in any way because of their beliefs or because people are speaking badly about them, or those who feel alienated from their community, their family or even from God. During such times it can be extremely lonely to the point where one can lose their sense of purpose in this world. While we might not want to shout from the rooftops, as Jesus suggests, there is a message here to speak out, to talk it out. Today, spend time on the beautiful words of Jesus in this Gospel – 'Even the hairs of your head are all counted, so do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows!' The sparrow, one of the smallest of birds, is cared for and loved by God. This is a reminder that no matter how insignificant we might feel or how challenging the circumstances get, God is with us, each of us. Once again, we are being told how sacred each and every person is and how much we are loved by God. In his eyes, each of us are precious. Today, recall the times or places where you felt God's supporting presence.

'When we travel through those wilderness places of our lives where we feel lost, insecure, lonely, frustrated, discouraged, or overcome by busyness: Help us to trust in you, God of the journey. When we catch glimpses of the tremendous love you have for us and experience a deep, loving connection with others: Help us to trust in you, God of the journey.'
Joyce Rupp (Reflection by Jane Mellett)

This week's Services and Mass Intentions

Sunday: Twelfth Sunday of the Year
10.15 am Mass Gerry Robb

Monday:
10.00 am *Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion*

Tuesday:
10.00 am Mass Rose & John Flaherty

Wednesday: St Irenaeus
10.00 am Mass Rose Boyle

Thursday: Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul
9.00 am Mass People of the Parish
7.00 pm Mass Mary Kernan

Friday:
10.00 am Mass Peter Aitken

Saturday:
10.00 am Mass Margaret Riddell

Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday of the Year
10.15 am Mass People of the Parish

The Church is open for prayer every day from 9.00 am until after Mass.

Every Wednesday there is tea and coffee after Mass in the Parish Room.

Thursday is the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul and is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at **9.00am** and **7.00pm**. The children from St Andrew's Fox Covert RC will join us for the 9.00am Mass, which will also be celebrated as the Primary 7 Leaver's Mass, with Primary 7 leading us in our readings and prayers.

Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Welcome Mass, prior to the Pilgrimage, St Cuthbert's Church, Slateford Road, Sunday 2 July, 3pm. All welcome.

Readers: There is a New List on the Notice Board for July and August. Could Readers please add their name against the Sundays they are available. Thank you.

YFL - Petitions: There is a box at the back of the Church for your petition which will be offered in Lourdes at the grotto. Put your petition in a sealed envelope marked Lourdes by the end of June. Do not put any money in the envelope.

YFL - Raffle: Unclaimed tickets - Katie West. Helen Irwin, Paddy Ferry. Prizes can be picked up in the Parish Room.

Financial Matters:

Last Sunday's Collection: tba
Contributions by Standing Order: £234.69

Church Cleaning: Team 5; **Tea Team for Next Sunday:** YFL

Special Collection next Sunday for Peter's Pence.

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