

**Rosters for This Week 20th & 21st June 2020**

Mass Readers	5.30pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Anne Cooper
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**Rosters for Next Week 27th & 28th June 2020**

Mass Readers	5.30pm Josie Penna 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Jane McLaughlin
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**IN OUR PRAYERS**

We pray for, Leo O'Brien, Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Kevin Murphy, Kevin Featherstone, Bridget Walsh, Cathryn Walsh.



*Remembering you every single day*



**RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES**

We pray for Kathleen Canavan, Mateja Gashi, Gerry Miller, Silvatrice Pecora, Marie Pinzone, Brendan O'Grady, Maria Djopa, Fr. John Cunningham, Vittorio, Adele & Mario Rigoni, Dorrie O'Neill, Mary Bell, Stewart Fisher, John Morris, Lyn Trojkovic, Brian Deagan, Mary Allsopp, Bruce Calman, Vin Hogan, Peter Page, Lawrence Kennedy, Martin Mahy, Jessie Pace, Bernie Kelly, Ernie Jackson, Eric Hudson, Carlo Misley, John Thompson, Peter McDonald, Noel Bean, Lino Lechich, Herbert Richardson, Lino Tominovi, Marcel McKay, Josephine O'Driscoll, Gordon Alexander, Nicholas Cassar, Emilio Cini, Angelina & Natalino Meilak, Maria Falzon, Michael Meilak, Joan Spiteri, Blondina and Lawrence Sammut,

Carmela Pisano, Vincent Mifsud, Rosalba Failla, Antonio Basilone, Rosaria, Albert, Maria Meloni, Celestina, Ersilia, Guisepppe, Natalino, Margherita, Carmelo, George and Emanuele Mangion, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Rita, Pietro, Francesca, Benedetto, Ignazio, Angeolina Saragozza, Mario Camilleri and Giuseppe Azzaro, whose anniversaries are at this time.



# St Mary's Parish



*A community where we bring together our gifts and talents*

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21st June, 2020

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**Parish Office Manager-Secretary**

Heidi Zahra  
Tuesday 8:30am – 4pm  
Thursday 8:30am – 4pm  
Friday 8:30am – 4pm

**Wednesday Secretary**

Kylie Skinner  
8.30am–3.30pm

**St. Mary's School**

Principal  
Anthony Hockey

**Normal Mass Times**

Consult bulletin inside for any changes.  
Saturday at 5:30pm  
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am  
Tuesday to Thursday 9:15am

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 10:00am

**Silent Adoration in Church**

2:30pm – 3:30pm  
Wednesday

**Baptism Preparation Night**

Third Thursday monthly 7.00pm at Parish Centre. Baptism must be booked prior to attending Preparation Night.

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah. 20:10-13

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

**SECOND READING:**

The First Second of Paul to the Romans. 5:12-15

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW: 10:26-33**

Therefore do not be afraid of them. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear



whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.



Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.



Tuesday 23rd June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm Continuation of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at the Presbytery.
Wednesday 24th June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 25th June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

There appear to be a few less clouds on the horizon as regards ability to attend Mass. Early this week there is the likelihood that there will be an extension allowed at weekend Mass from 20 to 50. However, **I will still be operating the extra Mass on Sunday afternoon at 4:30pm until the foreseeable future.** This should mean that most parishioners will be able to attend Mass from next weekend onward. **If you want certainty on that please text me on 0400524363** and I will confirm that a space exists for yourself and any members of your family who wish to attend.



I am still operating the YouTube site: [fathergreg.online](http://fathergreg.online) for opportunity for any extra Masses online, and also for one type of sermon/reflection as well as another different type below – just to give you some variety for your spiritual life –prayer-reflection at this unusual time.

***EXTRA SERMON/REFLECTION  
FOR SUNDAY 12A.***



Phillip 11 was King of Macedon around the middle of the 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C.E. Phillip was the kind of leader who always managed to claim by conquest when he failed to win by diplomacy. He had subdued all the major Greek city states, all of them except one. Sparta had remained stubbornly independent and Philip decided to make them an offer they couldn't refuse. This was his message:

**"You must submit without further delay. If I bring my army into your land, I will destroy your farms, I will slay your people, and I will raze your city."**

The Spartan's reply was one word, taken from Philip's threat: **"If"** The Spartans



had no intention of being intimidated by Philip, and he decided to leave them alone. When push came to shove, people react differently. Likewise, in the first reading of the Holy Scriptures taken from the prophet Jeremiah, Jeremiah refuses to be intimidated by the terror that was coming at him from every side.

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That doesn't mean that the terror didn't get to him but without doubt he turned out to be a truly great and courageous person. He is even considered by the Jews as the second of the greatest prophets, while both Islam and Christianity admire him and praise him as a prophet of God for his

enormous courage of not letting fear write the script of his life, and dictate who he would finally be. At that time around 600 BCE Jeremiah had been abandoned by all of his friends. Due to his fearlessly preaching against the corrupt political leadership of his day he was even thrown into prison as he refused to back down, and the army council threatened him with death if he didn't change his tune. But Jeremiah refuses to be bullied into agreement because he believed that

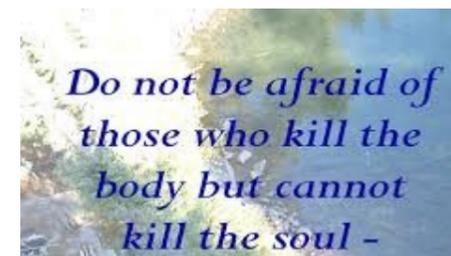


**"the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero".**

Indeed, what keep Jeremiah sane amidst all this persecution is the profound belief that God cares for him.

Likewise, in today's Gospel Jesus appears in strong voice against intimidation. He does not disguise the truth that his disciples will be confronted by those who threaten, bully, and intimidate others into a submissive agreement. Rather, Jesus' advice is clear: not only does he want his disciples to refuse to submit to the merchants of death, he tells them not to be afraid of them:

**"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."**



Yours "in Christ"  
Fr. Greg 19/6/2020



***NEXT WORKING BEE  
SATURDAY 4TH JULY  
9.00AM—11.00AM***

All are welcome at our next working bee. Any help at all would be greatly appreciated and it would also be wonderful if you could bring your own equipment to use.

