

OUR LADY AND ST. HELEN'S



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Mass times

Monday to Friday	10 am
Saturday Vigil Mass	6 pm
Sunday	10 am & 12 noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday	9:00 -9:45 am
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Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday	9:20 am
Saturday	5:20 pm

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time -A

Sunday, 21st of June, 2026.

Father's Day Celebration

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 10-13

He has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of the evildoers.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 69(68)

In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12-15

The free gift is not like the trespass.

Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33

Do not fear those who kill the body.

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Reflection: Trusting God Amid Betrayal

A businessman once shared a lesson he learned early in his career. After years of hard work, he secured a major contract that transformed his company. Expecting his friends to celebrate with him, he organized a small gathering. To his surprise, while many congratulated him, a few whom he considered close friends seemed uncomfortable. Later, he discovered that some had questioned whether he deserved the success, and others had quietly hoped that he would fail. That experience taught him that not everyone who smiles with you is happy for you. Sometimes, your pain becomes their gain. So, what kind of friend are you? And what kind of friends do you keep?

The prophet Jeremiah (20: 10-13) finds himself surrounded by hostility. What hurts him most is not simply the criticism of his enemies but the betrayal of those he once trusted. He laments that even his friends are watching for him to stumble. Criticism from an enemy is a stab, but betrayal from a friend cuts deeper. Many of us have experienced this. We have known the pain of disappointment, gossip, rejection, or betrayal from people we thought were on our side.

Yet Jeremiah refuses to allow betrayal to define him. In the midst of his suffering, he declares confidently, "But the Lord is with me like a mighty champion." He recognizes that while human loyalty may fail, God's faithfulness never fails. His confidence is not rooted in the support of friends but in the presence of God. Following Christ is not always popular. There will be times when standing for Christian values brings criticism, ridicule, or even rejection from those closest to us. Some friendships may be tested when we choose faithfulness to the commandments of God.

In the Gospel, Jesus repeatedly tells His disciples, "Do not be afraid." He knows that following Him will not always be easy. There will be times when choosing Christ means standing against the crowd and making decisions that others do not understand. There may even be occasions when friends distance themselves from us because we take our Christian vocation seriously. Jesus, therefore, encourages us not to be controlled by the fear of human opinion. Do not be held back by what others might say when you refuse an invitation

to sin. Do not be afraid of losing a friend because you profess Christ as your Lord. If someone chooses to walk away because of your commitment to the Gospel, perhaps it is time to let them go. True friends respect one another's convictions and values, even when they do not always agree. So, do not depend on human approval. Human relationships may disappoint us. Fake friends still exist. Betrayal may still come. Our greatest defender are not friends or a social circle. Our greatest defender is the Lord Jesus Christ. When you are in such a dilemma, declare, **“The Lord is with me like a mighty champion.”**

Hymns for Sunday

Entrance: Do not be afraid	No. 240
Offertory: Be still and know that I am with you	No. 163
Communion 1: Love is his word	No. 462
Communion 2: O let all who thirst	No. 525
Recession: I will be with you wherever you go	No. 379

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (Solemnity, Wednesday), St. Benedict (Feast, Friday).

The **Funeral of Catherine Docherty** comes up on **Tuesday**, the **22nd of June**, at the 10 AM Mass, with a reception on **Monday**, the 21st, at **7 PM**.

The **Funeral of Robert Leddy (Snr)** comes up on **Thursday**, the **25th of June**, at the 10 AM Mass, with a reception on **Wednesday**, the 24th, at **7 PM**.

The **Funeral of Andrew John Miller** comes up on **Friday**, the **26th of June**, at the 10 AM Mass. Let us continue to keep the families in our prayers.

Death: *Maureen McKeown, Helena McLean, Alacoque McGauley, Antoinette Girasoli, Robert Barr, Joseph Cahill, Maureen Weir, Mary McManagle, Shamus Coleman.*

Anniversary: *Daniel Cassidy, Matt Armour, Denis Hackett, Raymond Millar, Cathie Gallagher, Joseph Hearty.*

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Second Collection next week is for **“Peter’s Pence”**

Choir Practice

The next choir practice will take place on Thursday, 25 June, at 7.00 pm in the church. All choir members are encouraged to attend. Members of the congregation who wish to join the choir or take part in the practice are also warmly welcome.

Church Garden Appeal

Thanks to all volunteers who care for the church garden. More help is needed over the summer to maintain the grounds. We are also seeking skilled volunteers (e.g., handy persons or joiners) to replace the wooden edging in the Church house garden. If you can help, please speak to Fr. Paulinus or Lawrence Miller.

Collections for 14/06/2026

Offertory: £452.61

Gift Aid envelopes: £312. Thank you.

Collections for 21/06/2026

Offertory: £585.19

Gift Aid envelopes: £291.60. Thank you.

Happy Father’s Day

On this Father’s Day, we extend warm greetings and heartfelt gratitude to all fathers in our parish community. We thank you for your love, sacrifices, quiet strength, and steadfast guidance within your families. May God bless and reward your dedication. We also remember fathers who have passed away, praying that the Lord grants them eternal rest and peace. Happy Father’s Day.