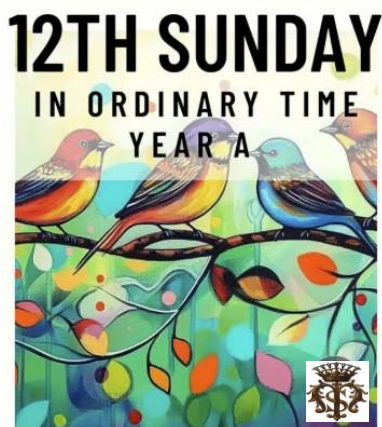




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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR. A 21ST JUNE 2026

Reflection

The readings for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, invite us to reflect on courage, faith, and the transformative power of God's love on the face of fear and adversity.

The 1st reading from the prophet Jeremiah 20:10-13, we witness the prophet's deep anguish as he expresses his feeling of betrayal and isolation.

Jeremiah faces opposition for proclaiming God's message, and yet, despite his fear and despair, he ultimately recognizes the unwavering truth and strength that comes from trusting God. His cries remind us that even the strongest believers can experience moments of doubt and struggle.

Psalms 68:8-35, echoes this theme, with the psalmist calling out to God for deliverances, reflecting a profound longing for help amid distress. In our lives, we may also feel the weight of rejection or hardship, but we are reminded that God hears our cries and is present in our pain. He is committed to caring for those who are suffering and overlooked.

The Gospel is taken from Matthew 10:26-33, Jesus speaks directly to our fears and anxieties. He encourages us not to be afraid, for we are more valuable than we can possibly imagine. Jesus challenges us to acknowledge Him openly, assuring us that those who stand with Him in this life will be recognized in the light of eternity. This profound invitation encourages us to live authentically and fearlessly for our faith, even when it is difficult or unpopular.



Rosary

Every Wednesday after
10am Mass followed by Tea
in the Founders Room.

- Rosary also held on Sundays
at 3pm in the Colonnade.

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the
Parlour.

Holy Hour

1st Friday of every month after
10am Mass. The hour will include
Rosary, Litany Divine Mercy &
Benediction.

Saints Days

Mon 22nd – St. Thomas More
Tue 23rd – St. John Fisher
Wed 24th – Nativity of St. John
the Baptist
Thu 25th – Bl. Jutta of Thuringia
Fri 26th – Bl. Raymond Lull
Sat 27th – Bl. Thomas of Orvieto



St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Our next St. Peregrine Mass of
Healing is on **24th June 2026** at
6.30pm.

Relic of St. Carlo Acutis

Exposition of this Relic on every
Monday after our 10am Mass.

St. Carlo Acutis, Pray for us.

Appeal for the Lighting System – As previously announced, the completed major repair and upgrade of our church lighting system has cost £40,000. We are deeply grateful that a generous parishioner has donated £10,000 toward this project. This will eventually increase to £12,500 due to the 25% of Gift Aid. We prayerfully invite other parishioners and friends of the parish to help match this generous gift, whether individually or together. Every donation, great or small, will help us meet the remaining cost and continue caring for our parish church. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and faithful support. May God bless you abundantly.

Mass Collections (13th & 14th June 2026) – £1,133 was received in the main collection, and £576 in the second collection for the Church Restoration. Thank you for your faithful kindness and wholehearted support.

YOUR GIVING BUILDS THE PARISH

Through Gift Aid, every £1 you donate becomes £1.25 for the parish. Gift Aid increases your donation by 25% — and it costs you nothing. Come and visit the parish office for further information.

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FIRST READING

A reading from the book of

Jeremiah

20:10-13

Jeremiah said: I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! 'Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' say all my close friends, watching for my fall. 'Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.' But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 69(68):8-10. 14, 17. 33-35. R14c

R. In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame has covered my face. To my own kin I have become an outcast, a stranger to the children of my mother. Zeal for your house consumes me, and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2. But I pray to you, O Lord, at an acceptable time. In your great mercy, answer me, O God, with your faithful salvation. Lord, answer, for your mercy is kind; in your great compassion, turn towards me. **R.**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad, and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord attends to the needy, and does not spurn his own in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the seas and everything that moves in them. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of

St. Paul to the Romans 5:12-15

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many.



The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Year A) 21st June 2026

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord, and you also will bear witness.

Alleluia, alleluia!



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

10:26-33

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus instructed his Apostles:

'Have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father knowing. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you,

Lord Jesus Christ.



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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our

salvation he came down from heaven, (All bow for following three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified

under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.