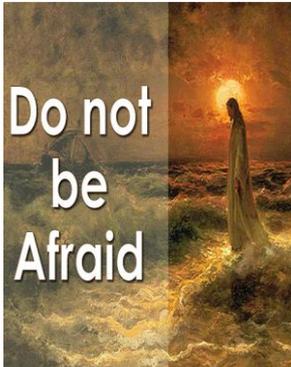


12th Week of Ordinary Time II

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22nd – 28th June 2020

Newsletter, Prayers & Reflections



► COVID-19 Pandemic:

From 22nd June, under strict conditions and for no more than 50 people at a time, but limited by the 4m² rule, there can be Masses and Services in Churches. So the maximum number of people at OLPH church Dromana will be 35. *Fr Joe*

SEE BELOW for details for Masses and how to be one of a group of 20 for a Mass.

Website <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> has Mass online; TV Mass 11am Sun. C31(44).

Information about COVID-19 is found at: www.cam.org.au/coronavirus

NOTE: The Sunday Obligation of the Faithful will not apply till further notice.

● **Groups for Masses:** In accordance with COVID-19 instructions, names and contact numbers of all who attend Masses are to be recorded and appropriate sanitation and social distancing are to be practiced. **Forms are available in front of the HALL**, to record your **FIRST name** for one of a group of 35 for Masses from 22nd June. Please put your name down as early as possible so as not to miss out !!

● CELEBRATIONS 22nd – 28th June 2020 for assigned Groups of 35 only !!

Monday	9.00am	Mass Sts John Fisher & Thomas More, martyrs	
Tuesday	5.00pm	Mass (in lieu of) St Aloysius Gonzaga	
Wednesday	9.00am	Mass Birthday St John the Baptist >>>>>	
Thursday		No Mass	
Friday	5.00pm	Mass of Friday 12th Week Ordinary Time II	
<u>Saturday</u>	6.00pm	Mass of the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time , yr A,	
<u>Sunday</u>	8.00am & 10.00am	Mass of the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time , yr A.	

● **Keep in Touch:** See our website: <http://perpetualhelp.org.au>

● **Support Your Parish:** There will be baskets for 1st & 2nd collections at each Mass during June.

Mass Times etc in Dromana from 1st July 2020:

Weekend: **Saturday: 6pm, Sunday: 11am**

Tuesday: 5pm – 5.30pm Reconciliation, 5pm – 6pm Adoration, 6pm Mass

Thursday: 9.30am Mass

FAMILY PRAYER at HOME – 13th Sunday Ord. Time Yr A

Leader: Alleluia! Do not be afraid! **All:** Alleluia! I am with you to the end of the world!

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. We pray this through our Lord, Jesus Christ. **All:** Amen.



➤ **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:10-13**

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

R Lord in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me.

R

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me.

R

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures.

R

➤ **SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-15**

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

➤ **GOSPEL: Matthew 10:26-33**

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

▶ Think about the readings. You can use Lectio Divina on p3 for reflection on the Gospel.

Leader: Dear Lord, you know that we live in a crazy and chaotic world. You also know our struggles in our daily lives. When life gets to be too much, please help us come to you. Calm our thoughts and emotions and open our hearts to your peace, comfort, and wisdom. Help us not to live in fear. Help us rest in You and trust You as we navigate through this broken world. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Lord you are with us when we pray, so let us pray the prayer that Jesus himself gave us:

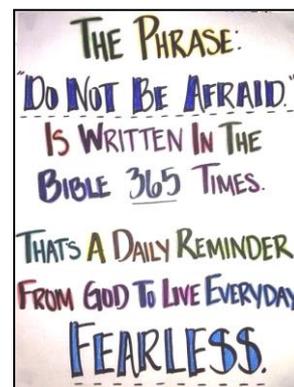
All: Our Father

Leader: May we live our lives always trusting in your presence with us.

All: In the name of the Father, ✚ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Ecumenical prayer from the National Council of Churches. We have been invited to pray this prayer at 7pm each day.)

Gracious God, We give thanks anew for your providence and presence. We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas. We pray for those in need of healing. We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving. We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response. We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders. We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable. This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts, we gather now and pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



St Joseph, Protector of the Church, pray for us.

● **StVdeP Winter Appeal:** This Appeal is more vital than ever with many StVdeP shops closed. Our Conference has 100 needy families on their books. **Please be generous** in supporting their Winter Appeal. You can donate: ① at vinnies.org.au ② ☎ 131812 (for records – mention Dromana Parish) or ③ in the church: use the collection basket or the **Poor box** in the foyer. *Thank you in Anticipation* – Alan Trigg, Conference President.



● **PC & FC Meeting:** After 5pm Mass **THIS Tuesday 23rd June** to plan for changeover.

● **Fr Joe to Retire** on **30th June**. Some books he has used are for the taking in the church foyer.

● **Recipe Book:** Fr Joe is receiving any cooking recipes to put together a 'Dromana Parish Cookbook'.

● **Return Raffle Tickets** for the combined churches raffle **ASAP or no later than 1st August**. Ticket butts can be returned to the Parish office or the drop-off box beside the presbytery door. *Thanks.* ✍ Fr Joe

Readings of next Sunday:
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A
 1st Reading: **2nd Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16**
 Resp. Psalm: **Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19**
 2nd Reading: **Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11**
 Gospel: **Matthew 10: 37-42**

WORD of God – are we Listening better ?

→ **Use these notes** to pray through **Lectio Divina** on the text of this Sunday's Gospel:

Lectio: Our text is part of Jesus' instructions to the twelve disciples, his apostles. He has shown his power through miracles before all the people people of good will. He has given given directions to them beginning with the Beatitudes. His instructions to the twelve are to prepare them for their missionary role; apostle = the sent ones. Firstly they would help organize matters now that the number of disciples had swelled and Jesus' reputation had grown. In due time they would be the first leaders in the his Church. Their task would not be easy. There would be dependence (on others and not on money or possessions), as well as: rejection, persecution and betrayal. So Jesus' message is: "Do not be afraid". They must trust in God's intimate and personal care for them !

Read: **Matthew 10: 26 – 33**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.' ■ (Mt 10:26-33)

Meditatio: Do I leave missionary work to others because the task is too great and/or too difficult? As a Christian, a follower of Jesus, of what am I afraid? Do I only share about my faith in private, i.e. with those I trust and I know will react favourably? Do I have a proper 'fear of God'? Do I have an inordinate fear of of what people might think of me or do to me if I live a life of faith? Do I truly understand that Jesus cares for me personally and intimately? "*God does not make junk*", do I know my worth to God? Am I ready to 'go public' about my Christian Convictions? How far would I go to stand up for my faith – consider St Thomas More?

Oratio: Pray for courageous faith for us all. Pray for missionaries especially those who put their lives on the line for Jesus. Pray for a renewal in missionary focus in our Church and in our Parish. Pray for an awareness of the depth of love of God for each and every person. Pray for a proper 'Fear of God' – we are not in charge, rather, we are dependant on our loving and merciful God.

Contemplatio – Dwell in stillness, simply aware of the boundless expanse of mercy that surrounds you.

After your prayer – Support the outreach of Vinnies this winter. ✍ Fr Joe

*** Please pray for those who are sick especially:**

Bernice Robertson, Carl Rooney (Fr Joe's nephew), John Jose, Raelene Watt, John Coughlin, Mike Henry, Denise Vidoni, Mark Burns, Jenny Brewer, Hank Morris, and all those who need our prayers. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength.

(Because we respect your privacy – For people to be named on the list of the prayers for the sick: their names must first be submitted on an AUTHORIZATION FORM available from the Parish Office.)

+ Please pray for Helen Schultze who died recently, and for Bernadette Black whose anniversary occurs about this time, and for all who have died. May they rest in peace.

✦ Please pray for Trust: Pray for trust in the Lord who keeps saying to us: "*Do not be afraid*". When it is hard to love it is then we must put our trust in the Lord's care for us. **Pray the Prayer:** "*When it's Hard to be Loving*" on p5 & 6.

● **More Prayers etc for 12th Sunday:**

Connect to <https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/>

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When it's Hard to be Loving

God, our most holy Friend, we lift up to you in prayer those usually kind-hearted people who in some difficult situations find it exceedingly hard to love certain people.

▣ For all who have suffered at the hands of terrorism or military or criminal aggression, and are feeling consumed with anger and the thirst for revenge.

RESPONSE:

**Heal us with your suffering love, O God,
and bring us into the spirit of Christ Jesus.**

▣ For parliamentarians who tried to express genuine love and compassion, even within the intrigues and compromises of politics, and have found their Christian values being corroded by the acids of cynicism. **RESPONSE**

▣ For Christian social workers and police officers who try to give their best in spite of dealing with many unlikeable or sometimes evil characters, and who are now sensing the springs of respect and compassion becoming dried up within them. **RESPONSE**

▣ For the aggrieved parties in broken marriages, and for the parents of delinquent children who are at their wits' end, and those children who have lost respect for manipulative or violent parents. **RESPONSE**

▣ For those who work under bosses who are mean-spirited or bullying, any who have suffered any abuse in their workplace, and those who are being demoted or are about to be made redundant. **RESPONSE**

▣ For doctors and nurses and physiotherapists who care for uncooperative patients who demand healing without pain or self-discipline, and for all those receptionists in clinics and surgeries who deal with dissatisfied clients. **RESPONSE**

▣ For ministers and church leaders who are harried by disgruntled members, and for church councils and committees that are frustrated by the negativity of critics, or by apathy. **RESPONSE**

▣ For any in this congregation on this day who are nursing deep hurts inflicted by another person and find themselves with vengeful thoughts, and therefore fear they have become hypocrites. **RESPONSE**

Loving God, you are able to do that which seems impossible, and out of hurt and anger you bring understanding and growth: We now place ourselves in your hands to break us down or build us up according to the wisdom of your all-seeing, all-enduring love. We make these our prayers through Jesus, your Son, our model, guide and Saviour. AMEN.