

**ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY**  
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**SUNDAY 20 JUNE 2021**  
**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**



**Collect**

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.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen**

## **Gospel** (Mark 4: 35 – 41)

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on a cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

## **Reflection**

Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him.

The disciples' words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake him. Their words to him are words of reproach, questioning his care for them. A careful reader might wonder what the disciples expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus' inattentiveness to their needs?

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping."

We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him.

Instead he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.

### **Celebration of Mass**

Saturday 19 June: Mass at St Joseph's at 5.30pm

Sunday 20 June: Mass at St Dominic's at 10.30am

Wednesday 23 June: Mass at St Dominic's at 9.00am

Please remember to wear masks, use sanitiser and maintain social distancing. Thank you

## Children and Young People

Restrictions are gradually easing, so that we are now able to resume some of our normal activities.

We have one **Confirmation candidate**, Magda, who had completed her preparation before the first lockdown. As there have not yet been any Confirmation services in the Deanery, the Bishop has authorised Father Philip to confirm Magda during the 10.30 Mass on Sunday 20 June. We wish her well

We are thinking that it may also be possible for a group of candidates to be prepared for **Confirmation** in the autumn. In this case, classes would need to start before the summer holidays. Candidates should already be at Secondary School. If you know of young people who would like to join such a group, please get in touch with the Church Office as soon as possible, certainly by the end of June

**First Communion** preparation is now underway for a group of about a dozen children, who will take their First Communion on the weekend Saturday 3 / Sunday 4 July

We hope to be able to resume the **Children's Liturgy of the Word** in the Parish Hall on Sundays during the 10.30 Mass. In the meantime a Children's Liturgy is published each week on the Parish website

### Day for Life

The Day for Life for 2021 is to be held during the weekend of 19 / 20 June. This day, inaugurated by St. John Paul II, presents an opportunity to pray for the gift of life from conception to natural death, to raise awareness of the precious gift of life, and to support the work of protecting life in its most vulnerable stages through the annual collection.

The fragility of life and the reality of death has been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. In the UK alone, more than 126,000 people have died from Covid-19. Yet in the face of such suffering and death, we have also witnessed the extraordinary dedication of healthcare professionals and their loving care for the sick and dying. These acts of heroic love are a powerful testimony to the fundamental dignity of the human person and to the respect owed to each life, particularly through proper care and love in the last moments of life.

Against this backdrop of loving care, we are now faced with the very real threat of the legalisation of 'assisted suicide' in our country. There is now a Private Members Bill in the House of Lords on so-called 'Assisted Dying' and it is only a matter of time before the issue is back in the House of Commons.

This year's theme for 'Day for Life' focuses on assisted suicide and the respect owed to life.

In 2020, we were unable to hold our annual 'Day for Life' collection due to the pandemic, our funds are very much depleted. 'Day for Life' is a simple practical response which pushes back against 'the use and throwaway logic' often at the heart of a culture which seeks to abandon its elderly, sick and dying when 'they no longer serve our interests.'

*The Rt Rev John Sherrington*

*Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, Bishop for Life Issues*

## GL11 Community Hub Oral History Project

GL11 Community Hub has been funded by the Heritage Lottery to record the memories and reminiscences of local residents who worked for past companies such as Listers, Mawdsleys, Baileys or Bymacks in order to provide an archive of a significant period of working life in GL11. We are particularly interested in hearing from people who came from other countries and moved to the Dursley/Cam area to work in these local industries. We are aware that a significant number of people have come to the area from countries such as Poland, Italy and Ukraine for instance.

We have a small number of local people who have been trained to interview and record people's memories and we hope to carry out these interviews over the next three months. The recordings will become part of Gloucestershire Archives and from this work we aim to produce an exhibition of the project at the Dursley Heritage Centre.

Paul Rummer, a Dursley resident of 28 years and a trustee of GL11 Community Hub is coordinating the project with staff at GL11 Community Hub. If you would like to know more about the project and perhaps have your memories recorded for the archive, please contact Paul by email [paulrummer8@gmail.com](mailto:paulrummer8@gmail.com).

We look forward to hearing from you.

### Wild Lawn

This summer we are again supporting wildlife at St Dominic's by leaving some of the lawns unmown. It is fascinating to see the large number of different grasses that have appeared. We now have orchids, which we believe to have protected status, and yellow rattle



### Our Parish

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently:

Mary Philpott

#### Diocesan Prayer Link:

Immaculate Conception, Clevedon    St Francis of Assisi, Nailsea

St Joseph, Portishead

#### Churches Together Prayer Rota:

St Bartholomew, Coaley

#### Parish Prayer Rota:

The choirs of our parishes