

12TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

21st June 2020

Year A · Weekday II · Psalter Week 4

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Liturgies in the Cathedral

The Cathedral is open for private prayer:

Mon-Sat 1130-1330 & 1600 – 1900 and Sun 1130 - 1600

Celebrant's Intention

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Sunday 21 st June 12 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mass · 1000 Vespers & Benediction · 1630	For the people
Monday 22 nd June S JOHN FISHER & S THOMAS MORE	Mass · 1000	Frank & Brenda Devany
Tuesday 23 rd June S Etheldreda	Mass · 1000	Pridie Family
Wednesday 24 th June NATIVITY OF S JOHN THE BAPTIST	Mass · 1000	C. Shepherd +
Thursday 25 th June Feria	Mass · 1000 Mass · 1900 <i>National Mass for Key Workers</i>	Tanya MacDonald + Key Workers
Friday 26 th June DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL	Mass · 1000	Jonathan & Jenyajo Cajello
Saturday 27 th June BVM	Mass · 1000 Rosary · 1500	Margaret Luckett +
Sunday 28 th June S PETER & S PAUL	Mass · 1000 <i>with the blessing of oils</i> Vespers & Benediction · 1630	For the people

AN ACT OF CONTRITION: *Oh my God, I am very sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins, because they offend you, my God, who are deserving of all my love. Firmly I resolve, by the help of your grace, to sin no more. Amen.*

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: *Lord Jesus, though I may not at this moment receive you physically in Holy Communion, please come into my heart, your whole Soul and Divinity, and remain there, and keep me safe. I love you Jesus, always. Amen.*

Prayers for the sick: Canon Paul, Fr John Warrington, Peter Warrington, Paul Horan, Liam McKenna, Philippa Barnes, Anthony Preston, Nancy Horner, Joan Marshall, Wood Family, Eleanor Bray, Lily Reid, Joe Heaney, Nina Strivens, Mary Ward, Dianne Yeadon, Chris Gillham, Peter Willets, Justina Adamska, Reece Sales, Nicholle Sales, Amanda Caistor, Patrick Campion and Brian Whitlam. *This sick list has not been updated, and, because of GDPR, we cannot add new people for data protection reasons without their written permission. Please pray for all the sick, and let us know if a name on this list needs removing, or if you would like to be added to the list.*

Going into hospital? If you or a relative are in hospital, please inform the hospital ward itself (not the parish) that you or your relative are Catholic and would like to see the chaplain. The hospital chaplaincy arranges the Catholic chaplain to visit those who are admitted to hospital. **Priests will only be able to make physical home visits (other than phone visits) to those who are in danger of death.** The chaplain can only go into the hospital in an emergency situation and by the invitation of the hospital.

If you are visiting the Cathedral now we can open for private prayer, we accept donations by cash or cheque through the pillar box or by using our contactless donation units near the exit. Or contact us about Standing Orders.

WE ARE OPEN FOR PRAYER

It was wonderful to “fling wide the gates” last week, now that we are able to open for private prayer. It was lovely to be able to see so many of you, too.

We are open Monday – Saturday:

- 1130 – 1330
- 1600 – 1900
- *This Thursday, we need to be closed by 1845*

And on Sunday:

- 1130 – 1600

A priest will be available during opening hours in the Church itself – please forgive emergency situations if he is not there! Entrance by Earlham Road only. Unfortunately, our toilets are unavailable.

Thank you to all our volunteer stewards who have been invaluable in enabling us to open. With 137 hour-long shifts every week to fill, we still need more help. **If you would like to volunteer**, please e-mail Fr Simon fathersimondavies@gmail.com

Norfolk County Council helpline for the vulnerable in need: 0344 800 8020. **If you live in NR2**, you can also contact a local group which is helping support our neighbours. Please call 07375 965 908 or visit nr2corona.canobe.com

Following our virtual June meeting, the **Justice and Peace Group** invite you to partner with us through prayer this month in response to the tragic killing of George Floyd and the discrimination faced by people of colour, including in our own country. We pray for the repose of George's soul, and for his bereaved family, friends and community. “We pray for peace and dialogue as a way forward, that we will see in the heart of Jesus a love that sees a way out of tragedy, sees light in the midst of darkness, peace in the midst of violence, a love that affirms and upholds” - *Fr Seelan*

“St Oscar Romero, when early in his ministry was moving to work in a parish in a coffee growing area, came to a realisation in his second year there, of the great suffering of his people. He heard their cry, echoed that cry and responded to that cry” - *Fray Brian Pearce OP*

May we respond to the injustices faced by people of colour in our world. May St Charles Lwanga and St Oscar Romero pray for us.

CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal - many people in our own country and throughout the world continue to suffer from the effects of Coronavirus. Please think about countries facing the pandemic with fragile health systems, limited access to clean water and food shortages. As a Christian community there are 3 actions we can take:

- 1: **Pray** for the poor and suffering.
- 2: **Donate** what you can on-line via cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal
- 3: **Sign** the petition to our Prime Minister asking for fair treatment for all via cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-treatments Thank you.

Daily Live Broadcasts from the Cathedral: view Mass online at **10am every day**. Visit: sjbcathedral.org.uk/live

National Mass for the sick and healthcare workers – this Thursday, Bishop Alan will celebrate the national Mass for the sick and key workers, which will be broadcast as usual by us, and also by the national Bishops' Conference. To help us prepare, **the Cathedral will close a little earlier than 7pm this Thursday.**

Rosary every Saturday at 15.00

This Sunday, we go “back to green” since this is a Sunday of Ordinary Time. Green is the colour of Christian hope (like the new green growth of plants). In the eastern tradition, green is the colour of the Holy Spirit for the same reason. Ordinary Time is far from “ordinary” – in the first half of the year, we celebrate the great cycle of Paschal festivity – from Christmas to Easter to Pentecost. Now, in the second half, we contemplate the mystery of the “Christ-event” and the constant work of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in the world bringing the whole of creation back to the Father through Christ. Like green shoots, we are called to sprout into a life of holiness and spiritual fruition. Our ability to open up for private prayer this week is a green shoot of hope for many of us.

We can contemplate the work of the Holy Spirit by reflecting on the lives of the saints – sanctity is hope fulfilled in joy. This week, we celebrate many saints: our English Martyrs, **John Fisher** and **Thomas More**, saints of conscience and courage for both the clergy and the laity; **Etheldreda**, a woman who use her creative and leadership gifts for the glory of God; **John the Baptist**, whom Christ called the greatest of those born of women, and, of course, our own patron saint here at the Cathedral. The Mother of God and St John the Baptist are the only saints to celebrate a feast day commemorating their earthly births, which highlights their vital importance and significance in the story of our salvation.

Fittingly we also celebrate on Friday the **Solemnity of the Dedication of the Cathedral Church** – the anniversary of the consecration of this Church in 1957. It holds the rank of solemnity within the bounds of the parish, and so, for those of us lucky enough to live within those boundaries, the Friday abstinence is suspended on that day.

Next Sunday is the transferred solemnity of **St Peter and St Paul**. On that day, at the parish Mass at 10am, Bishop Alan will bless the three sacred oils (of Chrism, of the Sick and of Catechumens), which normally takes place during Holy Week.

Fr Andrew's Podcast - the fifteenth episode of Fr Andrew's podcast, *Ego Sum Via*, will be available to download on Sunday at egosumvia.podbean.com, and will include the readings and homily for Sunday's Mass.