

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has
anointed.**

**Save your people, Lord, and bless your
heritage,
and govern them for ever.**

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.

FIRST READING 38:1.8-11

A reading from the book of Job

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave
Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;
when I marked the bounds it was not to
cross
and made it fast with a bolted gate?
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:
here your proud waves shall break.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 106

Response:

**O give thanks to the Lord,
for his love endures for ever.**

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships
to trade on the mighty waters.
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,
the wonders he does in the deep. (R.)
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale
tossing the waves of the sea
up to heaven and back into the deep;
their soul melted away in their distress.
(R.)
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need
and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper:
all the waves of the sea were hushed. (R.)
4. They rejoiced because of the calm
and he led them to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the Lord for his love,
the wonders he does for men. (R.)

SECOND READING 5:14-17

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians*

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we
reflect that if one man has died for all, then
all men should be dead; and the reason he
died for all was so that living men should

live no longer for themselves, but for him
who died and was raised to life for them.
From now onwards, therefore, we do not
judge anyone by the standards of the flesh.
Even if we did once know Christ in the
flesh, that is not how we know him now.
And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a
new creation; the old creation has gone, and
now the new one is here.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call
holds for us.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL 4:35-41

*A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Mark*

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 the 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of
conciliation and praise and grant that,
cleansed by its action, we may make
offering of a heart pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

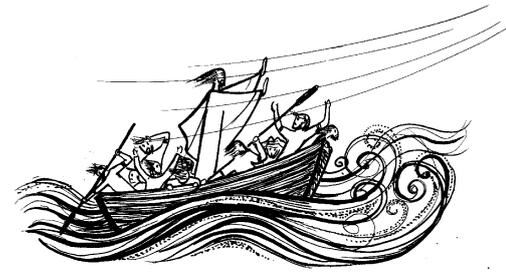
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due
season.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed and nourished
by the Sacred Blood and Precious Blood of
your Son,
we ask of your mercy, O Lord,
that what we celebrate with constant
devotion
may be our sure pledge of redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL REFLECTION



How does your life compare to a journey in
a boat? Do you ever feel as if you are
sinking or being swamped by rough times?
When and why?

If you trust in the love of God, why do you
continue to be frightened? Do you ever
think Jesus is asleep and not paying
attention to what is going on in your life?

Do you sometimes challenge Jesus as the
disciples did when they asked him if he did
not care that they were perishing? How?

Do you have the power to 'calm the seas,'
the difficult times in your life? How are you
helped in this by your faith?

*Describe your faith. What do you believe in?
What are the anchors in your life?*

Do you feel that you are alone in your boat,
or are you in the company of others? Are
you aware of the needs of others around you
as they weather their own journeys?

What level of faith would it take to not be
afraid of the unknown? Do you have that
level of faith?

How can Christians help one another find
peace in their lives?

GOSPEL ACTION

*Identify three things this week that interfere
with your faith life. Meditate on your life
experiences and identify the things that truly
frighten you. Resolve to turn them over to
God.*



Readings – St Peter & St Paul Year B

First Reading: Acts 12:1-11
Second Reading: Timothy 4:6-8.17-18
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Homily

20th June 2021

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Dear friends, last week we heard the parables of the two seeds as we reflected on the kingdom of God and how it continues to grow and develop. As predicted we now know that we will have to be patient for a little while longer before the restrictions are fully lifted.

Today we have the next section of Mark's Gospel and we hear how Jesus calms the storm. In the scriptures the calming of the storm is a sign of divine power because the sea and the wind are seen as forces of evil and chaos which only God can control. I think that the storm also stands for the trials and difficulties which people suffer and how the power of God can help them.

In the Gospel, the calming of the storm was witnessed by the apostles as a work that only God could accomplish, which meant that Jesus had divine power. I think at the same time the miracle shows the care and concern that Jesus had for his friends. Mark uses the account for catechetical purposes because the storm reflects the post-Easter experience of the early Church. The disciples of the early Church struggled and they felt that Jesus had abandoned them but they were called to have faith in his presence with them and his care for them.

Do you remember that amazing image in March last year of Pope Francis standing on his own in a windswept and empty St Peter's Square, he held the Blessed Sacrament before the world in blessing. On that unforgettable evening he gave a special message to the Church and the world as the pandemic was starting to take a real hold. He read today's Gospel of the calming of the storm and in his address he said, *'Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to Him who can conquer them. Like the disciples we will discover with Him on board there will be no shipwreck.....He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.'*

Over this last year or so I know that for many their faith has been tested as they have endured the many trials of the pandemic; the fear, anxiety and isolation that has been suffered has not been easy. We pray today that this may be a time to renew our faith and trust in Jesus' presence among us. No matter what trials and tribulations that we may be suffering the Gospel today encourages us to have faith and hand them over to God because he is the one who helps us. It doesn't necessarily mean that they will all be taken away, but Jesus is the one who will help us cope with them. With Jesus we find a serenity and peace that the world cannot give, with and through Jesus all will be well.

As Pope Francis suggested let's invite Jesus into the boats of our lives and hand over any worries, fears and anxieties that may be troubling us. Sending love and prayers, **Fr Phil x.**

Bidding Prayers and Spiritual Communion

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We bring all our needs before the Lord in faith and trust.

For the Church and for Christians everywhere: may they bear witness to the presence of God in their lives and continue to build the kingdom of God here on earth. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For ourselves: nourished by the Body & Blood of Christ may we reach out to all, especially those who are most in need. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of our world; may all they do be for the common good of the whole human family particularly those who are most poor and in need and for the care of the earth and all creation. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all peoples that they may be drawn together in unity and peace, we especially pray for peace in the troubled areas of our world.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those in our parish who are sick, housebound or finding life difficult that they may experience the healing peace, love and grace of Christ amidst the storms of their lives. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For our parish and our local community: that through the grace of God we may hear the urgent cry of the earth and of the poor and be inspired to respond at this crucial time. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all the faithful departed especially **Tom Ward, Connie Bell** and all those who have died recently: **“Eternal rest grant unto them...”**

For all those who mourn the loss of loved ones; may Christ’s message of hope in eternal life bring them comfort and consolation.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We ask Our Lady and all the Saints to join their prayers with ours as we say:
“Hail Mary...”

Loving Father,
We offer these and all our prayers to you,
through Jesus your Son,
who is Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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Spiritual Communion

Prayer of St Alphonsus

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things and
I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul
so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.
Amen.

CAFOD Prayer for Glasgow

Creator God,
We cry out to you
The earth is damaged and in chaos
People in poverty are suffering the most
Greed and consumerism are a disease
And your Church is too often asleep

Merciful Lord,
Protect your people and restore your earth,
Embolden governments to take action,
Awaken Church leaders
Give the youth influence
And guide businesses to change

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord
May we unite and be bold
Take heart and find hope in you,
Worship you with our lifestyles
Walk in your truth
and see justice and renewal in the earth

Amen