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Sunday 20th June 2021

As we try to picture the scene in this Sunday's gospel we can sense the fear in the disciples. The power of nature can leave us feeling utterly insignificant; we are powerless and totally at the mercy of the elements. So too life can make us feel powerless because of illness, bereavement, broken relationships and shattered dreams. So when the storms of life are blowing we pray that Jesus will be close by and willing to help. His calming presence always gives us reassurance and hope, frees us from fear and fills us with faith.

Creator of the universe, we can count on You to calm the storms in our lives. When fear seems to take hold of us we can call out to You through prayer and know that You hear us, just as you heard the disciples cries in the storm. Bring order to our lives and in doing so take care of all those concerns that rise up around us like storm waves. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



This Sunday is a Day of Prayer for Human Life . . . It is dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death.

"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. We too have each made sacrifices for the greater good during this pandemic. 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." (Bishop John Sherrington, the Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Church in England and Wales,)

On this Day for Life we give thanks for the witness of all prolife organisations who work tirelessly to promote, protect and support life from conception to natural death. May the Lord continue to bless their work and witness. We pray for all those working in health and social care, especially those involved in end-of-life care. We give thanks for their extraordinary dedication and loving care for the sick and dying, particularly during this pandemic. Amen.

12th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
20	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
21	Monday St Aloysius Gonzaga	9.15am After Mass	Albert James Pro-Life Holy Hour
22	Tuesday St John Fisher and Thomas More		
23	Wednesday St Etheldreda		
24	Thursday The Nativity of St John the Baptist		
25	Friday	9.15am	Olympia Cmiech
26	Saturday Vigil Mass	4.00pm	Special Intention Confessions after Mass
13th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
27	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Anniversaries:		Agnes Sheridan, James Horan	
		Riska Okninski Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Veronica Connors, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Teresa Carrick	



Thursday is the Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist

Lord, you brought the prophet John into this world to proclaim the coming of your Son, man's redeemer, Jesus Christ. Like him, may we be heralds of our salvation, and spread the Gospel to all in need of it. So as we have been baptized, let us baptize others anticipation of the kingdom of God, and bring the world into your fold. Amen.

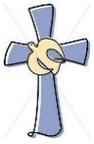
THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Job 38:1, 8-11**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 106:23-26, 28-31**
- **Second Reading ~ 2 Corinthians 5:14-17**
- **Gospel ~ Mark 4:35-41**



Holy God, we thank you for the joy of human love, and for all those among whom we live and work. We especially pray for those among our friends and families who do not know you, or whose faith has been shaken. **Lord hear our prayer**

Lord, we give thanks for all those who have died in faith and now rejoice in your presence on a further shore. Draw them to yourself to be lifted into eternal life and grant them the peace that passes all understanding. **Lord hear our prayer**



A Pro-Life Holy Hour will take place on Monday 21st June after the 9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Fairfield. Please come and join us to pray for the unborn and sanctity of life. Thank you

SPUC CLUB DRAW . . . The next draw will take place on Sunday, 20th June. Please let Christine, Eileen or Maurice have any outstanding monies. Many thanks.



'FATIMA' . . . Showcase Cinema, Teesside Park. In cinemas and on demand from 25th June to 1st July, 2021. In 1917 in the midst of a world war people needed hope. They received a miracle. To reserve a seat visit www.showcasecinemas.co.uk



PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY . . . *We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways, both big and small they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach. We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life have been welcomed into Your loving embrace, and that our family will one day be reunited in your Heavenly Kingdom. In union with St. Joseph, whom you entrusted with Your Son, we ask Your generous blessings today and every day. Amen.*

This Father's Day, we remember to thank priests for their gift of spiritual fatherhood. They have dedicated their lives to taking care of us spiritually through prayer, the Sacraments, teaching and personal witness.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the Sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation and grant them the wisdom, understanding and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom and give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry and help them to become instruments of your divine grace. Amen.



Clothes are desperately needed for children aged 1-14 years old and also for adults, male and female. They are desperately needed for Asylum seekers, refugees and needy families. If you can help please contact Veronica Lindo anytime on Mob: 07523077656 or see any St Patrick's SVP member.

(For safety please do not leave bags of clothing at the back of church. Please arrange for collection with Veronica or SVP members)

John Bradburne Centenary . . . A centenary is a moment to reflect on someone's achievements. This one is particularly significant as it coincides with the movement for Beatification. At present the Beatification process is still in the initial stages. He has been declared 'Servant of God' and the next step is Venerable.

John Bradburne cared for the poor and relates to many current issues that are making headlines today, such as looking after immigrants. To mark his 100th birthday the centenary celebrations will take place at the Holy Name of Jesus Church, Oxford Rd., Manchester from 2pm on Saturday 25th September. One of his great achievements was as a poet and the quality of his writing is increasingly being appreciated, his poems are being set to music by world class composers which will be part of the celebration. The event lasts for two hours with an interval for refreshments. Admission will be by ticket only, for more details and to find out more about Bradburne's remarkable life and this special and unique Centenary Celebration visit www.johnbradburne.com

May his love of Christ and of Mary, His Mother, together with his selfless service to those considered least in the world be a model for us to follow. Amen.

Thank You to all St. Patrick's parishioners who have delivered bulletins, providing treats and for all other acts of kindness during these difficult times.

Please forward any prayers, thoughts, poems, news, anniversaries or any item that you would like to share and they will be included on the bulletin. Thank you.

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