

**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.

**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**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,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**FIRST READING**

Job 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,  
then 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 106

Response:

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

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** 2 Corinthians 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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**

Mark 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.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,**

**born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with  
the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
(all bow during the next three lines)  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the  
dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

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.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

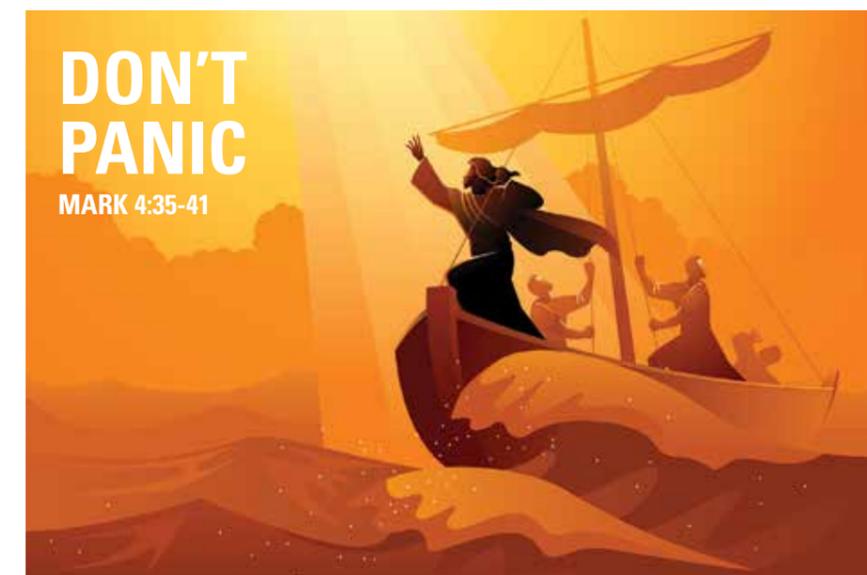
**The eyes of all look to you, Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Renewed and nourished  
by the Sacred Body 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.  
Amen.

You say grace before meals. All right. But I  
say grace before the concert and the opera,  
and grace before the play and pantomime,  
and grace before I open a book, and grace  
before sketching, painting, swimming,  
fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing  
and grace before I dip the pen in the ink.

GK Chesterton

**THE WORD**

Imagine the disciples' panic. There they are in the boat when a storm begins to rage. It's so bad the boat is in danger of sinking, and they are full of fear. All seems lost...

Meanwhile Jesus, there in the boat with them, is fast asleep. Mark gives us the little detail that "his head [was] on the cushion" – it almost seems like a personal reminiscence. In their fear and panic, the disciples wake him up: "Master, do you not care? We are going down!"

When Jesus wakes, first of all he tells the wind and the sea to "Be calm!" Immediately the wind drops and the waves become calm. Then he rebukes the disciples for their lack of faith. They are amazed. "Who can this be?" they ask each other.

For us, the message is clear: the boat represents the Church, and the disciples represent all believers, while the storm represents the difficulties and doubts the Church is facing. Only when they let go of fear and trust in him do the disciples recognise who Jesus truly is and his power to save them. Trust in Jesus can overcome all our fears. ■

**REFLECT**

Almost 33 years ago I began my career as a Redemptorist parish missionary. I gave missions throughout Ulster and north Leinster, and spoke from a lot of pulpits. I loved it. Churches were full, people were enthusiastic, the buzz was wonderful. In my sermons I lauded people for their centuries-long fidelity to the Church and encouraged them to do even better. While vocations and church attendance were beginning to fall, the future seemed bright. All appeared tranquil, at least on the surface. I had no idea of the violent storms that lay just ahead.

Then, suddenly, in the space of a few years, scandals and crises began to

engulf the Church and it found itself in the eye of a terrible unrelenting storm, waves crashing against it from every side. Revelations of sex abuse and other scandals shook people to the core. Catholics began to abandon the practice of the faith, while an aggressive secularism found new strength.

Preaching parish missions became more challenging. I had to rewrite my sermons. I felt seasick.

But the storm had been brewing for a long time. The Church had big problems long before the abuse scandals came along. It was too priest-centred and clerical. It failed to make use of the talents

**DO**

All kinds of storms can upset the equilibrium of our lives. Think about how you cope with major crises or setbacks. Do you deal with them constructively? Is there somebody you can turn to for support? Do you know anybody who might need your support right now?

**SAY**

**"Lord, help us to trust  
in you. Strengthen our  
faith so that we can speak  
your truth without fear.  
Amen."**

**PRAY**

Pray for the Pope and for all in authority in the Church. Ask the Holy Spirit to help them steer the Church with confidence and courage through the many storms it encounters.

**LEARN**

As Christians, we know that Jesus is with us in the midst of the storms in which we find ourselves. But he is more than with us; he calls on us to face those storms. What might facing the storms mean today? It means speaking truth to power in the Church and doing so in love. It means trusting totally in Jesus. It means letting go of fear. It means being ready to venture everything on Jesus' word.

of lay people. It didn't encourage an adult faith. It allowed a whole generation of young people to be lost. It was too complacent, too casual, too smug, rather like the crew of the *Titanic* on its maiden voyage. And so it was left shocked and stricken by the storm when it broke, just like the apostles in today's Gospel.

Jesus challenges us to face today's storms head-on, to place our faith and trust in him, knowing that with him we will be safe, but without him all will be lost. ■

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As announced on the website last weekend and in the Diocesan eNews this week, **Fr Andrew will be retiring in September**. Fr Andrew is grateful for all the support he has received during his happy tenure here at Our Lady Immaculate and in particular for the patience, understanding and cooperation during the difficult period of the pandemic. The name of a successor parish priest will be announced in due course.

It is good to see more people are feeling confident enough to return to mass. However, with the continuing restrictions it is not easy to accommodate everyone who might like to come as often as they might like. **Sunday masses are now FULLY BOOKED through to the end of July** and it will not be possible to take any further reservations. Weekday mass, however, does not require booking and there is good capacity. Our neighbouring, much larger churches may have greater flexibility.

A word of explanation about the restrictions that apply to us and why things are not as easy as some might suppose:

At Our Lady Immaculate we have only one entrance/exit, there is no possibility of uni-directional movement within the church, and ventilation, particularly in hot weather, is far from ideal. Moreover, the requirements for social distancing significantly restrict numbers. The capacity depends very much on the configuration of those attending. If there were only single people attending, the maximum is 20, that number can increase if there are couples, and with family groups / bubbles the number can increase further but even then, the maximum capacity we are working on is about 40. (Pre-pandemic attendance was 120 – 150.) Working out how best to manage equitably and fairly the allocation of places on Sunday is not an easy task and we owe a big debt of gratitude to Denise Atkins, our volunteer 'Bookings Clerk', who has done such sterling work. She will now be taking a well-earned short break. Towards the end of July, it should be much clearer how things may go forward, though it is to be expected that some restrictions will still apply at Our Lady Immaculate.

There is a second collection today for *Day for Life*. 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. This assists prolife organisations who raise awareness, engage in parliamentary work and pastoral outreach. Donations may be made at the church, online through the 'Donate' button on the parish website with the reference 'Day for Life' or through the diocesan website [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Please remember in your prayers Diane Kinch, Liz de Rozario and Hubert Chediak who died recently. May they rest in peace.

## Liturgical Calendar

To request mass intentions, please email or phone the Parish Office or leave an envelope at the church.

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Twelfth Sunday of the Year (B)	People of the Parish
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	of the day (12 <sup>th</sup> week)	-
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ss John Fisher & Thomas More	-
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	of the day (12 <sup>th</sup> week)	Ann Challis RIP
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity of St John the Baptist	-
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	of the day (12 <sup>th</sup> week)	-
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	of the day (12 <sup>th</sup> week)	-
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thirteenth Sunday of the Year (B)	People of the Parish

**Prayer Corner:** Please remember all the sick and housebound of our parish especially: Patricia Kowalewska, Win Sheridan, Patricia Plumb, Kathleen Wood, Peter Henry, Phillip Rockford, Germain McAulay, Geoffrey Dixon, Joe Bonnici, and Marjorie Lee.

## Mass times and church opening:

**Sunday mass** is at 9.30 & 11.00 a.m. **FULLY BOOKED TO THE END OF JULY**

**Weekday mass** (Tuesday – Friday) is at 10.00 a.m. No need to book. There is generally good capacity on all days.

For all masses **please be punctual**. The doors will be closed five minutes before mass starts and it will not be possible to admit latecomers.

Please be advised that the Sunday obligation remains suspended and so, for some, it might be beneficial to attend during the week.

On Sundays, the church will remain open after the 9.30 mass until 10.30 for those who may wish to make short individual visits but will then be closed for cleaning before the 11.00 a.m. mass. During the week, the church will remain open after the 10.00 a.m. mass until 11.00 a.m.

**Please note: There will be no access to the Hall, the lift or to the toilets.**

**Finance.** A 'Thank you' to those who are using the 'Donate' button on the website. The 'Donate' button has the facility of adding a reference in the 'leave a message' box and also the option to Gift Aid any donation. Any donation with no specific reference will be treated as ordinary offertory. The parish's bank details are set out below for those who may wish to take out a standing order or make a bank transfer.

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