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Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday 21st June 2026

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The readings this weekend reminds us to trust in God, even when we face difficulties. And show us that faith requires courage, especially when others oppose us. They also remind us that God's grace is greater than our sins and that we should fear God more than human judgement. Through these lessons we learn to rely on God's care and stand firm in faith. God stays with his people in times of fear and trouble and gives them courage. In the first reading Jeremiah feels frustrated and afraid because people are against him for speaking God's message. But he trusts that God is with him, protecting and strengthening him. He believes God will save him from his enemies. Jeremiah's fear reflects the hardship of mission, yet his faith shows that God is his defender. This connects to the book's wider theme of trusting God even when the message is rejected. The Book of Jeremiah often highlights the tension between human weakness and God's power In the second reading from St Paul's letter to the Christian community in Rome, he explains how sin entered through Adam, but salvation comes through Christ and that God's grace is greater than human failure. The whole letter often contrasts law and grace, sin and righteousness, showing God's plan to save all people. It points to the gift of justification through faith in Jesus and that while Adam's act led to death, Christ's gift leads to life. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus tells His disciples not to fear those who oppose them but trust in God's care. This message ties in with the first reading and Matthew's larger theme of discipleship and the cost of following Christ. It shows that witness requires courage rooted in faith. Matthew also stresses that the kingdom of God is worth sacrifice. Jesus assures His followers that their lives are precious to the Father who gives them grace to cope.			

Mass times

Feast Days

6pm: Confessions
6.30pm Vigil Mass
Trevor Delves RIP

Saturday 20th St Alban Born in 3rd century near St Albans. Prominent citizen in Roman town of Verulamium. Alban was a pagan who was converted by a Christian priest fleeing persecution by the pagan Roman authorities. When Roman soldiers arrived, Alban was arrested thinking he was the priest. Judge then asked him to offer sacrifice to pagan gods. Alban refused and then was recognised as not being the priest. Judge furious at deception, sent him to be tortured which did not shake Alban's faith. Ordered to be beheaded. Executioner, moved by Alban's faith, cast down his sword. Roman soldiers also refused to kill him. Taken to a hill and an executioner was found who beheaded Alban and his first executioner. After killing them, the eyes of the executioner popped out. Alban's head rolled down the hill. Stopped where a well sprang up. Judge then honoured Alban's death.

9.30 am Mass

Sunday 21st June

Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

4pm: Reception
into SVP of Ann
Drumgoole

Monday 22nd St John Fisher and St Thomas More

St John Fisher: Born 1469 in Beverley, Yorkshire. Educated at Beverley Minster school and Cambridge University. Became a priest and Fellow of his College. Austere and stern man. Great theologian and preacher. King Henry VIII declared him the most distinguished prelate in the kingdom. Published works against Luther. Gained King Henry the title "Defender of the Faith". Supported Catherine of Aragon when Henry tried to divorce her to Henry's fury. Henry started encroaching on the powers of the Church. Bishop John and other bishops protested in the House of Lords. Was then arrested. Pope Paul II made Bishop John a Cardinal in 1535. Cardinal John Fisher was put on trial for treason. A jury full of Henry's supporters found him guilty. Sentence was being hanged, drawn and quartered but commuted to beheading by Henry due to public reaction. Cardinal John Fisher was martyred at Tyburn on Tower Hill on 22nd June 1535. Canonised 1935.

St Thomas More: Born in London in 1478. Went to Oxford University. Trained as lawyer at Lincoln's Inn in London. Called to the Bar in 1502. From 1500 lived in Carthusian monastery in London for 4 years. Decided against the monastic life and priesthood. Elected to Parliament in 1504. Married Jane Colt in 1505 and had 4 children. He welcomed into his home the greatest scholars and the leading religious thinkers of the time. Helped him with his writings including his great work *Utopia*. Wife died. Remarried an older widow with one daughter. Adopted two girls. Very happy family full of laughter. Returned to public life in 1509 with King Henry VIII. Appointed a Privy Counsellor. Knighted in 1521. Personal advisor to Henry. 1523 elected MP and Speaker of House. In 1525 appointed Lord Chancellor. Tried to avoid opinion on Henry's divorce from Catherine. Counselling Henry against marriage to Anne Boleyn. Refused to attend Anne's coronation. Resigned as Lord Chancellor. He left public life and returned to live quietly with his family. Under *Act of Succession* was asked to *Swear the Oath* but refused. Imprisoned in Tower of London. Tried for treason. Found guilty. Martyred at Tyburn on Tower Hill on 6th July 1535

6.30 pm Mass

10.30am: Funeral and Requiem Mass of Ann Drumgoole	Tuesday 23rd St Etheldreda of Ely Born in 636 near Newmarket in Suffolk to King Ana of East Anglia. The kingdom was gradually converting to Christianity. She married a prince of a subkingdom in the Fens but he respected her vow of perpetual virginity and she lived as a nun. Father was killed in battle with pagan King Penda of Mercia and husband died. Wanted to retire to her estate of Isle of Ely given to her as a gift at her marriage. For political reasons she was made to marry Prince Egfrith, son of King Oswy of Northumbria. He was only 14 and assisted her in good works. Became King Egfrith at 24 and wanted marriage consummated. Queen Etheldreda refused preferring the company of nuns and monks including St Cuthbert, Prior of Lindisfarne and St Wilfred Bishop of York. Bishop Wilfred pretended to help the King but helped the Queen to escape to a Scottish monastery as a nun. Left in 673 to her estate in Isle of Ely and founded a double monastery and became Abbess of Ely. Built church on site of the now Ely Cathedral. After her death in 679 her sister Sexburga became Abbess.
6.30 pm Mass Thanksgiving Mass by Alan Morris	Wednesday 24th St Bartholomew of Farne Island Born in the 12 th century in Whitby, Yorkshire of Scandinavian decent. Left home to avoid a marriage. Went to Norway to find his roots. Returned to Durham to become a monk. Took name Bartholomew. Had a great devotion to St Cuthbert of Lindisfarne. Became a hermit who occupied the ancient cell of St Cuthbert on Farne Island and practised a very austere life style. Remained on Farne Island for the rest of his life. He cheerfully enjoying fishing, keeping a pet bird and receiving some guests, but mostly engaging in prayer and manual labour. Forewarned of his approaching death, Bartholomew announced it to some visiting monks from Durham who then stayed with him till he died peacefully in 1193 and buried him on Farne Island. He had spent 42 years of his life upon the isolated desolate haunt of birds off the east coast of England
10 am Mass	Thursday 25th St William of Vercelli Born 1085 in Vercelli east of Milan in Italy. He was very pious and desired a penitential life. Age 15 he undertook a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, claimed as the burial site of St James. Then started a pilgrimage to Jerusalem but was robbed in southern Italy. Decided to stay in Italy as a hermit on Monte Vergine, Mountain of the Virgin, east of Naples. Attracted followers and founded a monastery there which still exists today. Became known for miracles and wisdom. Many sort him for advice including King Roger II of Sicily who became his patron. Supported him to build other monasteries including one opposite his place at Salerno south of Naples. Founded the Order of <i>Hermits of Monte Vergine</i> . A wild wolf killed his donkey which he used to carry his belongings. William spoke to the wolf and told him he now had to carry his load which he did. Life as a hermit compromised so moved to plains of Goletto nearby and founded the Abbey of San Gulielmo al Goletto which still exists. Died there on 25 th June 1142 aged 57.
NO MASS	Friday 26th St Anthelm of Belley Born 1107 into nobility in a castle near Chambéry, south east France. He was ordained a priest but got entangled in Church politics. Aged 30 he renounced his prestigious offices and became a Carthusian monk at nearby Portes. After 2 years he was made prior of the Motherhouse, Grande Chartreuse in Grenoble which had recently been badly damaged. He was a great administrator. Carried out repairs, constructed a defensive wall and an aqueduct. He reformed the Order, standardised the rules and allowed women to join the Order. He brought other houses into closer alignment with the Motherhouse. The Carthusians flourished and deepened their spirituality. He was then made Bishop of Belley, the local area. He was fearless and uncompromising in reforming the clergy and regulating the affairs of the diocese. Pope Alexander sent him to England to reconcile King Henry II and Archbishop Thomas Becket but due to ill health he returned to Belley to care for the poor and lepers in the area. He died there on 26 th June 1178 aged 71.
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Trevor Delves RIP	Saturday 27th St Cyril of Alexandria Born in 376 in Egypt. His uncle was Patriarch of Alexandria a powerful position. Attended with his uncle Theophilus the <i>Synod of the Oak</i> in Constantinople. Succeeded his uncle as Patriarch of Alexandria. Controversial theologian who had strong opinions and made impulsive decisions. Quarrelled with civil authorities and antagonised people. Eventually mellowed, controlled his temper and developed humility. Very able theologian. Wrote against heresies and gained the title “Doctor of the Incarnation”.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 28th June St Peter and St Paul
PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION	
Your prayers are needed for the following people	
Hazel Sale Mary Light Pat Sweeney Phil Boulton David Keates	

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Funeral of Ann Drumgoole

Ann's coffin will be received into St Vincent de Paul on Monday 22nd June at 4pm followed by a Requiem Mass at 10.30am on Tuesday 23rd June. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 1st July – 1pm to 3 pm

Another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Come along with your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes or 2 hours, whatever suits you

Message from St Vincent de Paul Parish Pastoral Council on National Volunteer's Week

Last week was **National Volunteers' Week**, we are reminded of the beautiful truth at the heart of our faith: that every baptised person is called to serve. St Paul tells us that *“there are many gifts, but the same Spirit”*, and our parish is alive because so many of you share those gifts generously.

Here at **St Vincent de Paul**, our ministries are not just tasks. They are acts of love, expressions of faith, and ways of building up the Body of Christ. Today, I invite you to consider how God might be calling you to serve. We need **readers** who can proclaim the Word of God with reverence, helping Scripture come alive for our community. We need **meeters and greeters** who can offer Christ's welcome to every person who enters our church. We need **children's liturgy leaders** who can help our youngest parishioners encounter Jesus in a joyful and meaningful way. We need **collectors, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, musicians**, and many others who help our liturgy reflect the beauty and dignity of our Catholic faith. You don't need to be perfect. You simply need a willing heart and the desire to serve God by serving His people. Let us give thanks for those who already minister among us, our Sacristan, Readers, Children's Liturgists, maintenance and cleaners and let us also be open to the possibility that God is inviting *you* to step forward. We encourage all of you over the age of 15 to not rush out after Mass, but before you leave the church to feel that gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit today, and sign up for a role. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. Your "yes" can strengthen our parish, deepen our worship, and bring Christ's love to others in ways you may never fully see. No matter how busy you are you can sign up to something, even once and do your bit for our faith community. Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity,

Parish Collection for last weekend 6th and 7th June 2026

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Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other Money	Gift Aid for last week	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£102	£25.50	£156.25	£242.54	£51.98	£578.27				£578.27

Message from Stella Maris Regional Port Chaplain. Volunteers needed for Southampton Seafarers Lounge
 Stella Maris, Southampton branch of the Apostleship of the Sea, the Catholic charity supporting seafarers is seeking volunteers to help run the Seafarers Lounge near St Joseph's Catholic Church during daytime hours from Monday to Friday. This is a simple and rewarding ministry of welcome and hospitality to visiting seafarers from around the world. It is an opportunity to support the Church's mission to people of the sea, meet new people and enjoy fellowship. Training is provided by the two Port Chaplains Luke Phillips and Gregory Hogan. For more information please contact Luke Phillips at luke.phillips@stellamarismail.org

Portsmouth Diocese Pack on guidelines on Catholic Funerals and care of terminally ill

Very soon the parish should receive a pack which gives advice on:

- ❖ Guidelines for Funerals and the care of the terminally ill
- ❖ Instructions for my Catholic Funeral
- ❖ My Will Planner
- ❖ Asset Inventory Record.

Many parishioners choose to leave gifts to their parish in their wills. These guidelines have been developed to make this as easy as possible and have pulled together some existing and new materials to help people to put their affairs in order. Copies of all these materials can be found on <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/legacy>

This message comes from Sarah Ponsford, Lead Manager for Communications and Fundraising for the Diocese.