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Gospel Reflection for the Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

20 June 2021

Fear of what others might think of us; Fear of getting things wrong; Fear of our children getting things wrong; Fear of poverty; Fear of the bills in the letter box; Fear of opposition; Fear of illness; Fear of loneliness or alienation; Fear of running out of time; Most of us fear something, and our fears all have something in common. We fear most, the things that seem beyond our control.

In today's gospel the disciples are out in their fishing boat when a storm whips up the waves. Water crashes into the little fishing boat threatening to sink it. Jesus sleeps on a cushion in the stern, and to the disciples he seems not to care. Can we identify with the frightened disciples? When our lives are out of control that's when most of us pray our hardest, and when our prayers are answered we either thank God, or perhaps if we're honest, we imagine that the problem wasn't as bad as we thought in the first place. Only when God seems indifferent to our prayers is our faith called into real question. If God has the power to quell life's storms why does he seem to remain indifferent? The trouble with God is that he doesn't rush round fixing the lottery for us or texting us with our dream job. Would we really expect God to behave like this? Yet it's at times when God seems to do nothing that we need our faith most. It's at times like this that our faith is hardest to find.

It's a very useful exercise to look back at life and take a second look at the seemingly insurmountable problems that we have navigated in the past. We might imagine that we have conquered our own problems single handed. In retrospect, it is clear that God has steered us safely through the storms often in totally unexpected and surprising ways. The great comfort is that if God has helped us before, he will help us again and again.

We will always have fear, it's part of our human condition, but as Christians we have a way of transcending it. We are asked to remember Jesus' words "Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?" We are asked to remember that even the wind and the sea obey him. If we have faith that Jesus is the master of our lives and that God has ultimate control, then we need feel no fear.

Service Times

St. Joseph & Benildus

Weekday Masses:

7:30 am & 10:30 am

Saturdays 10:30 am only

Holy Days

6:30 vigil & 10:30 am

Evening Prayer of the Church

Wednesdays 4:45

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6:30 pm

Sunday Mass:

10:00 am & 12:00 noon

St. Mary's:

Weekday Masses:

First Fridays 9:30 am

Holy Days

11:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm

Sunday Mass:

11:00 am

Upcoming Masses 19/20 June

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6:30 pm Vigil Margaret Byrne

10:00 am Patrick Keyes
Betty & John Mullane

12 noon Ingrid Walsh

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00 pm:

11.00am: Brian Cully & Hannah Coffey
Gerry O'Carroll
Luke Kenny
John Cunningham (4th A)
Paddy Foley (26th A)

26/27 June

William McGrath (MM)

Michael Dowling (A)

Richard Murray (A)

Pierce Kennedy Sr & Jr
Patricia Kennedy



Pray for those who died recently:

Phyllis Drohan, Joan Davis, Paddy O'Neill, Peggy Murphy

Those whose Month's Mind Occurs this week:

William McGrath

And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs this week:

Edward Hartley, Eileen Nevins, Paddy Foley, Theresa Forde, Hugh
Greene, Noel Cooke

This Week at a glance in the Parish and in the Diocese:

Week of Sunday June 20th - Saturday June 26th

[For the full texts of Daily Mass Readings, click here](#)

Sun 20th	12:15 pm Mass	St. Gregorios (St. Mary's Ballygunner)
Mon 21st	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	Mass Intention: Eileen Nevins
	8:00 pm	Liturgy Team Meeting (rescheduled from Bank Holiday Monday)
Tues 22nd	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	Mass Intentions: Peggy Murphy (recently died) & Paddy Foley (26th A)
Weds 23rd	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
	11:15 am	Wednesday Morning Coffee Hour
	4:45 pm	Evening Prayer of the Church
Thurs 24th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	Mass Intention: Theresa Forde (A)
	9:00 am	Prayer and Praise Prayer & Praise Zoom Link Meeting ID: 899 4117 8783 Passcode: 079339
Fri 25th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	Mass Intention: Hugh Greene (25th A)
Sat 26th	10:30 am Mass	Mass Intention: Noel Cooke
Priests are available to hear confessions every Saturday morning after Mass in St. Benildus Church		

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

*13th Sunday of Ordinary
Time*

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24
Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13, R/v2
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
Mark 5:21-43



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Ancient Pilgrim Path
Ardmore - Aglish - Lismore - Cappoquin
Goatenbridge - Ardinnan - Cahir - Cashel



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**Saturday & Sunday
July 24th & 25th
&
Saturday, Sunday & Monday
July 31st, August 1st & 2nd**

All 5 Stages Over 2 Weekends

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“The love of Christ impels us...”

**May Christ be calling you to a new life in Him as
a priest or consecrated religious?**

If you think God may be offering you this
grace, Speak to your local priest
or email: info@vocations.ie

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for June: Intention for
Evangelisation — The beauty of marriage—**

*Let us pray for young people who are preparing for
marriage with the support of a Christian community:
may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and
patience.*

Diocese of Waterford & Lismore presents:

*Eucharistic
Amazement*

June 30 / Just a symbol or something more?

With Fr Patrick Cahill, Holy Family
Mission

July 7 / Eucharistic Miracles

With Nodlaig Lillis, Youth Ministry
Officer Waterford & Lismore

July 14 / Little Nellie of Holy God

With John Donovan, Little Nellie
Of Holy God Foundation

July 21 / Eucharistic Mystics and Martyrs

With Nodlaig Lillis, Youth Ministry
Officer Waterford & Lismore

**Wednesdays 8-9.15pm
Zoom series**

Email events@waterfordlismore.ie / call 085 8623705 to register