

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Twelfth Sunday of the Year
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Job is often credited with being a patient man. We talk of the patience of Job perhaps because so many awful things happened to him and yet he kept his faith in God. Yet it didn't stop him from having a go at God and complaining about his circumstances. In today's reading God comes back at him and says, "Where were you when I was creating the world?"

Our relationship with God in Christ is a strange one. On the one hand we keep God at a distance, recognising that he is all-powerful, that he is the author of creation and that we are nothing but impotent compared to the attributes of God. Yet on the other hand we claim enormous intimacy with God, calling him our Father, confiding our hopes and fears to him and expecting him to forgive our faults and failings.

The idea that God is up there in heaven and completely beyond our fathoming is called God's transcendence. The idea that he is very much present here on earth, accessible in Jesus and made visible in the lives of other people is called God's immanence. Today's scripture reveals that our God is both transcendent and immanent. He's both here and there.

When Jesus and the disciples are in the boat and it's in danger of sinking their natural reaction is to turn to Jesus who calms the storm. This teaches us a number of things. Firstly, it teaches us that God hasn't just made the world and then left it to its own devices. Jesus uses the power given by his Father to intervene. God is not simply transcendent, not simply up there. He's here as well. And secondly it shows us the closeness of Jesus' relationship with the Father that he could rebuke nature and it would obey him. This story is perhaps one way in which St Mark tries to let us know how the disciples gradually learned Jesus' secret: that he was the Messiah of God.

Unlike the disciples, Job had no trouble realising that God was up there and yet down here. He recognised that God was responsible for creating the world and keeping it in being and yet he dared to call on God to engage in the most mundane things. If you were looking for God today, would you look up there or down here?

PARISH SUMMER BBQ AND LINE DANCING WITH CINDY AND FRIENDS

Saturday 11th July following 6.30pm Mass, Eleanor Hall

An Evening of fun for everyone with a bar and BBQ food available for purchase. Come and try Line Dancing and you might perhaps like to join the regular classes which we hope to start soon. (Let Stewart know if you are interested in Line Dancing Classes – 01992 634445).



SPONSORED WALK – Sunday 13th September 2pm Lea Valley Park

Following the same route as last year, your sponsor form will be available soon.

ST JOSEPH'S COMMUNION PHOTOS

Please note that the group photos and any individual photos will be available for viewing at the following times:

Saturday 20th June after the 6.30pm Mass in St Joseph's Hall, Sunday 21st June after the 10.45am Mass in St Joseph's Hall and Sunday 28th June after the 10.45am Mass in St. Joseph's Hall. Photos will be available for viewing, and copies may be ordered. Prices are £8 each for an 8x6 photo which includes mounting into a presentation folder and delivery. Other sizes are available. Antonio Albano Tel. 0802 245 3615.

APF COLLECTION

It is time for the next collection from APF red box holders in the Parish. Please take home an APF envelope with your name and address on from the box at the back of the church. Please take it home, fill it with the contents of your APF box, and return it to the Church next Sunday.

The APF is the charity that helps Catholic missionaries to continue to work in countries across the world. We thank you for all the money you give to this important work. If you have any questions, please contact Terry O'Sullivan on 01992 444642.

PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD

The Nigerian Catholic Chaplaincy's Annual Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory is on Saturday 11th July 2009. Please contact Eucharica on 07984 153877 if you are interested. Tickets: £10 per adult, £5 per child.

ST JOSEPH'S GOT TALENT!!!!

Come and see the Talented young people of our Parish play their musical instruments. Make a date on Saturday 27th June at 3.00pm in Eleanor Hall. Enjoy some tasty refreshments. And it's totally free.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

TODAY'S READINGS:	NEXT WEEKS' READINGS:
Job 3:1.8-11	Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11
Psalms 106	Psalms 33
2 Corinthians 5:14-17	2 Timothy 4:6-8.17-18
Mark 4:35-41	Matthew 16:13-19
Mass Times	

SUNDAY	TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	8.30am 10.45am 12.15pm & 6.30pm
Monday	John	10.00am
Tuesday	Etheldreda	10.00am
Wednesday	Nativity of John the Baptist	10.00am
Thursday		10.00am
Friday		10.00am
Saturday	John	6.30pm
SUNDAY	PETER & PAUL	8.30am 10.45am 12.15pm & 6.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation –
Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am & 5.45 – 6.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church each Friday morning from 9.15 to 9.45.

Offertory Last Week: £1,761.04
plus the regular Standing Orders. Thank You!

SVP

The SVP Group meets on Monday evenings at 8.00pm in the Sacristy.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets in the Sacristy at 10.45 on Tuesday mornings.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

A Baptism Preparation Course will take place on Sunday 28th June and Sunday 5th July at 2.30pm at the Convent in Longlands Close. If you wish your child to be baptised in the near future, please contact Father John.

DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZE, FRANCE – 8-16 AUGUST 2009

Join Bishop John Arnold and other young Adults (18-30s) from around the Diocese on pilgrimage to this unique Christian Community. A 'Holiday' with a difference, meet other young adults from the diocese, meet other people from around Europe and the world, a time for prayer, space and reflection, spend time with the Taize brothers. Take time-out in 'sunny' Central France. Price: £200. For further details, contact Dave Burke, tel: 020 7798 9357 or email davidburke@rcdow.org.uk

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

There will be a meeting for all candidates who are preparing for Confirmation on Thursday at 8.00pm in the Church.

GRAVE THREAT TO VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Amendments have been tabled in Parliament to sanction suicide for terminally ill people. The effect of this will be to down-grade the status of people near the end of life leading to euthanasia for disabled and elderly people. Please write to one or more members of the House of Lords by 23rd June at **The House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW** asking them to oppose any move to give approval to assisting suicide or euthanasia. Further information can be obtained on www.spuc.org.uk

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 21st June at 1.30pm – William O'Donnell
Saturday 27th June at 4.30pm – Aiden Kelly
Sunday 28th June at 1.30pm – Mollie & Lillie Fensome

FUNDRAISING MEETING

There will be a meeting for the Fundraising Committee on Monday 22nd June at 8.00pm.

WEDDING THIS WEEK

Saturday 27th June at 1.00pm
Enrico Tefano & Rachel Frost

FAIRTRADE STALL

The Fairtrade Stall will be open after all the Masses next weekend.

'FROM EDUCATION TO PSYCHOTHERAPY – A Vocational Journey'

An evening with Sr Gabriel Robin CSA for young adults aged 18-38 searching for meaning in their lives. Friday 26th June at 7.30pm in the Hinsley Room at Westminster Cathedral. For further details visit www.free2become.org or call 01277 373848.

THE NIGERIAN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION

The Nigerian Catholic Association of Our Lady and St Joseph's Parish meets every 1st Sunday of the month immediately after the 10.45 Mass, in St Joseph's Hall. Next meeting is on Sunday 5th July 2009.