

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20th JUNE

REFUGEE SUNDAY

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11

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,
when 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**R. Give thanks to the Lord,
his love is everlasting.**

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.

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.

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.

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

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

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.'

REFUGEE SUNDAY - Reflection

"Within days, or even hours, violent oppressors will occupy your town centre." For refugees around the world, this scenario typifies an immediate threat. With no time to respond, they abandon livelihood, community and homeland to escape civil war, political unrest, religious persecution, effects of climate change and exploitation or systematic abuse of basic human rights. Their desperate attempts to find refuge are often not final solutions but new beginnings. A long journey into the unknown is marked by fear, danger and daunting obstacles. Mid-2020 data from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees estimated that worldwide numbers of forcibly displaced people surpassed 80 million. According to their statistics, 26.3 million were refugees, an additional 4.2 million were recorded as asylum-seekers and tens of millions of others classified as internally displaced or stateless. From Matthew's Gospel narrative of Jesus' birth and the roles of Joseph and Mary, we learn of the many challenges faced by this young family. Joseph followed the example of his ancient Biblical Fathers of Faith — Abraham, Isaac and Jacob — under the guidance of the angel's visionary message: "Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you'" (Mt 2: 13). Joseph's protective response to Herod's imminent threat to the life of his newborn son Jesus, mirrored that of many parents among today's displaced people. (Continued on next page!)

Welcome

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St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday/ 5pm 4th Sunday
St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led/Mass 1st Sunday

ST BRENDAN'S: 27th June Mass 5pm

Commentator: M Allan

Reader: Speirs Family

Communion: M Carmody

Leaders:

ST JOSEPH'S: 27th June @10:30

Family: Manson/ Everett

Communion: D Ryan

Lay-leaders: M&J Melville

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

St Brendan's: 13th - 20th June: A Bayne/M McGee

20th - 27 June: C Grist & M Allan

St. Joseph's: Mulheron

Counters: June 20: J Miller

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Susie Allan , Betty Lee, Noel Riches, Shelia Brady, Terry Keast, Mary Theresa Flynn, Frances Monaco, Kelvin Gleeson, Frank Barrow.

Those seeking our prayers for healing and wellbeing:

***Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn,
Goldie Elsum***

Good Samaritan's Web site

– seen all over the world!

St Brendan's community is hands-on in caring for the environment: (a copy is available to read in the back of the Church)

<https://www.goodsams.org.au/2021/06/15/st-brendans-community-is-hands-on-in-caring-for-the-environment/>

Memorial Mass:

Fr Michael will offer the 5.00pm Mass at St Brendan's on Sunday 27th June as a Memorial Mass for Peter Finn.

It will be followed by soup and sandwiches in the hall. **ALL WELCOME.**

Thank You....

We would like to sincerely thank the communities of St Brendan's and St Joseph's for their love and support following the death of our dearly love husband and father - Peter. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of our Parish community, Maureen, Michelle and the Finn family

Planned Giving:

If you would like to contribute to your planned giving via direct deposit please transfer funds into the below bank account. Please list your name & three digit number as reference. Your three digit number can be found in the corner of your planned giving envelope. Otherwise please contact Gracesyn on 0400268122 and she can provide the number to you.

Account Name: Cororooke Catholic Church

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Refugee Sunday Reflection ...continued...

At short notice, Joseph got up to protect his young family from danger. He embarked on an escape into the unknown; a journey involving fear, danger and an uncertain future. At the same time, it was a venture filled with deep hope and trust in God's providence. For the family, settling in a new place was just the beginning. Soon he would discover that being separated from home and immediate family meant that the fundamental means of social support was no longer available. Joseph and Mary would also have had a sense of being lowly strangers stranded in a new place under an unknown local language and unfamiliar cultures and customs. As a family still dealing with the trauma of flight and estrangement, those challenges would have impacted heavily on Joseph, Mary and Jesus. Similar conditions and circumstances continue to confront the 80 million refugees and displaced people today. Joseph demonstrated his commitment to safeguard his family. Like so many displaced parents who care for their families in our contemporary world, Joseph protected and supported Mary and Jesus. Joseph's example is an inspiration for us to generously embrace the encounter with our displaced brothers and sisters who are likewise seeking refuge and security for their families. The Gospel account encourages us to compassionately listen to their stories of suffering, isolation and hopelessness.

