

# TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Noticeboard

### Sunday Masses

Saturday, 6 p.m.  
Sunday, 10.30 a.m.

### Weekday Masses

10.15 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 9.30 to 9.50 a.m.  
4.30 to 5 p.m. 5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

*Wednesday is the Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist.*

Our warmest congratulations to **Louie, Dennis, Jessika, and Mateusz**, who last Sunday received the Lord for the first time in Holy Communion. We wish them every blessing in the future.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Raymond Vallely, Mary Moore, Charles Kerr, Richard Reilly, Nellie Burns, Maisie Grant, Anne MacLaren, Flora Currie, Mary Fitzsimons, Angela Brown, Donald MacDonald, Janie Wilson, Joan Morrison and Johnny MacBeth.** May they all rest in eternal peace and joy.

**Father Pamula** has done very well in his exam and has been awarded his Licence in Dogmatic Theology. He thanks you for your prayers and good wishes. We wish him a very happy summer break.

There will be extensive work on the **church guttering and its downpipes**, restoring these to their original condition.

**Holy Communion** will be brought to the housebound from Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July.

A very happy **Fathers' Day** to all the fathers of the parish!

The Solemnity of **Sts. Peter and Paul** on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, is not a Holyday of Obligation this year.



**Papal Encyclicals or Letters are usually identified by their opening words in Latin. Pope Francis's recent Encyclical, "On the Care of Our Common Home", opens with the Umbrian Italian of St. Francis's great Canticle of the Sun, in praise of God's Creation: *Laudato si', mi' Signore.* You will find short extracts from this Encyclical at the back of this bulletin. If you would like to read the Encyclical in its entirety, you can google "Holy See" and you will find it on the Vatican website. If you would like a printed copy of *Laudato Si'*, then please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church, and we will try to get these as soon as possible.**





*“LAUDATO SI’, mi’ Signore” – “Praise be to you, my Lord”*. In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. “Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs” This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will.”

“In this Encyclical, I would like to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home.”

“The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God.”

“The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth.”

“One particularly serious problem is the quality of water available to the poor.”

“The deterioration of the environment and of society affects the most vulnerable people on the planet.”

“One Person of the Trinity entered into the created cosmos, throwing in his lot with it, even to the cross.”

“It is possible that we do not grasp the gravity of the challenge now before us.”

“Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right.”

“We are not God. The earth was here before us and it has been given to us.... Although it is true that we Christians have at times incorrectly interpreted the Scriptures, nowadays we must forcefully reject the notion that our being created in God's image and given dominion over the earth justifies absolute domination over other creatures. “

“When we fail to acknowledge... a poor person, a human embryo... it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself.”

“The emptier a person's heart is, the more he or she needs things to buy, own and consume.”

“Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start, despite their mental and social conditioning. We are able to take an honest look at ourselves, to acknowledge our deep dissatisfaction, and to embark on new paths to authentic freedom.”