

## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

*Liturgical Colour: Green.*

### Readings at Mass

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#### Entrance Antiphon

**Cf. Ps 27: 8-9**

The Lord is the strength of his people,  
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.  
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,  
and govern them for ever.

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#### Collect

Grant, O Lord,  
that we may always revere and love your holy  
name,  
for you never deprive of your guidance  
those you set firm on the foundation of your love.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

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#### First reading

**Jeremiah 20:10-13**

#### A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,  
“‘Terror from every side!’  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’  
All those who used to be my friends  
watched for my downfall,  
‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error.  
Then we will master him  
and take our revenge!’  
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;  
my opponents will stumble, mastered,  
confounded by their failure;  
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.  
But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with  
justice,  
who scrutinise the loins and heart,  
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,  
for I have committed my cause to you.  
Sing to the Lord,

praise the Lord,  
for he has delivered the soul of the needy  
from the hands of evil men.

#### The word of the Lord

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#### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35**

*R/ In your great love, answer me, O Lord.*

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
an alien to my own mother’s sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me. *R/*
  2. This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. *R/*
  3. The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures. *R/*
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#### Second reading

**Romans 5:12-15**

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through  
sin death, and thus death has spread through the  
whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin  
existed in the world long before the Law was given.  
There was no law and so no one could be accused of  
the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all  
from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike  
that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift  
itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain  
that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even  
more certain that divine grace, coming through the  
one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an  
abundant free gift.

#### The word of the Lord

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## Gospel Acclamation

**Jn1:14,12**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us:  
to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God.  
Alleluia!

**Or:**

**Jn15:26,27**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of truth will be my witness;  
and you too will be my witnesses.  
Alleluia!

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## Gospel

**Matthew 10:26-33**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

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## Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and  
praise  
and grant that, cleansed by its action,  
we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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## Communion Antiphon

**Ps 144: 15**

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.

**Or:**

**Jn 10: 11, 15**

I am the Good Shepherd,  
and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.

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## Prayer after Communion

Renewed and nourished  
by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your  
Son,  
we ask of your mercy, O Lord,  
that what we celebrate with constant devotion  
may be our sure pledge of redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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