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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

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There is a strangely simple theme to this Sun-day: that God has power over the forces of nature, because he created them in the first place. This is what the first reading tells us, and also what the gospel shows us, when Jesus "rebukes the wind". This tells us something about Jesus (that he is God made man), and also something about our faith. It's also interesting that the disciples re-act to this miracle with fear and awe as if their minds were suddenly opened to a reality they had not realised before. They had chosen to follow the Christ who had called them, but we see their understanding of who he is growing and

developing. Perhaps this is of comfort to us, as we see our relationship with the Lord who controls the waters grow and develop, and alerts us to be ready for the surprises that following the Lord can bring.

W/C 20/06/2021 This Weeks Intentions

Sanctuary	Mary Leavy
Sacred Heart	Thersa Porter
Our Lady	Colette Bowman

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
**John Seabrook, David Galloway,
 Margaret Porter, Dominic McCrudden,
 Rita Rossall, Sister Mary Higney,
 Jean Brennand, David Walne, Josephine Mann.**

alongside, Andrea Passe from Eco Synagogue and the Board of Deputies and Zahid Hussain a Manchester City Councillor and Community Activist. For more information visit and to book a place [Salford Interfaith Forum: Faith in the Environment. - Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford](#)

ECO THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - In our first reading God asks Job: 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 make 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. *God is Creator and Lord of Creation. Can we harness the mighty power of the elements for the common good? How do we ensure our energy sources are natural and sustainable?*

CREATING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT REMINDER - The diocesan safeguarding office have asked that parents be reminded of the need for them to supervise their children and young people at parish activities and events. It is important that children are not simply dropped off for activities unaccompanied, as there are robust guidelines re: the supervision ratios for all church activities and events. Furthermore there are legal requirements regarding activities for children and young people that we cannot meet unless a parent, or carer is present with the child or young person.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer - 19th/20th June - Let us pray for the parish of St. Joseph, Todmorden, for Fr. Peter McGiveron, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school. May they know the presence of the Lord, even in the storms of life.

TRACK & TRACE - Following another easing of Lockdown we have been asked to encourage Smartphone Users to use the Track & Trace **QR Code** displayed in the Narthex on your arrival.

Salford Interfaith Forum: Faith in the Environment - Salford interfaith forum is running an event on zoom. Faith in the Environment is an online conference examining the response of faith communities to the climate crisis, the event will take place on **Wed, 23 June 2021 18:30 – 20:00**. Bishop John will be speaking at the event

FOOD BANK - As we come slowly out of Covid, we are hoping to start collecting food again for the Brownedge Christians Together food bank. Particularly needed are tins of meat, tuna, and tinned vegetables. As such, we will leave a box for donations in the back of church. This will be emptied on Tuesday mornings and taken down to Brownedge. Thank you so much in anticipation.

Christian Heritage Centre Event - Faith & Reason: A Catholic Integration A short, residential summer course exploring the relationship of faith with philosophy, science and culture. Particularly helpful for catechists and

