

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.

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:10-13

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.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

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**

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**

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**

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-15

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.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:26,27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. *Alleluia!*

Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33

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.’

Communion Antiphon

Ps 144: 15

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

12th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 22nd of June

2 Kings 17:5-8,13-15,18, Psalm 59(60):3-5,12-13, Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday 23rd of June

2 Kings 19:9-11,14-21,31-36, Psalm 47(48):2-4,10-11, Matthew 7:6,12-14

Wednesday 24th of June

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Isaiah 49:1-6, Psalm 138(139):1-3,13-15, Acts 13:22-26, Luke 1:57-66,80

Thursday 25th of June

2 Kings 24:8-17, Psalm 78(79):1-5,8-9, Matthew 7:21-29

Friday 26th of June

2 Kings 25:1-12, Psalm 136(137):1-6, Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday 27th of June

Lamentations 2:2,10-14,18-19, Psalm 73(74):1-7,20-21, Matthew 8:5-17

Sunday 28th of June

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16, Psalm 88(89):2-3,16-19, Romans 6:3-4,8-11, Matthew 10:37-42