

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Hear my voice, O Lord, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 29.

RESPONSE:

It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your loving mercy in the morning, and your truth in the watches of the night. **R**
2. The just will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a Lebanon cedar. Planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. **R**
3. They will still bear fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is upright. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, the sower is Christ; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia.

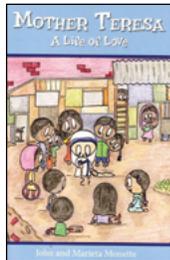
GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

This whimsical, full-colour picture book tells the story of how Mother Teresa grew up going to daily Mass and helping the poor alongside her mother and sister. Then learn how God gave her the courage to leave her home and travel to India, and then to start her own religious order.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 14 Jun Liturgy of the Day

2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Psalm 98; Matthew 5:38-42

Don't let the steam of morning prayer run out half way through the morning. Try, every hour, to pray a short internal mantra, like: "Jesus, I place my trust in you?" And then see how your day unfolds!

Tue 15 Jun Liturgy of the Day

2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Psalm 146; Matthew 5:43-48

Jesus' command to "love your enemies" is a real challenge, but historically it is one we unfortunately haven't managed to master. Reflect on what it means in your own life and give it a practical application.

Wed 16 Jun Liturgy of the Day

2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Psalm 112; Matthew 6:1-6.16-18

Whenever we do something to look good in the eyes of others, rather than doing so because it's the right thing to do, we're walking in the footsteps of those whom Jesus chastised.

Thu 17 Jun Liturgy of the Day

2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Psalm 111; Matthew 6:7-15

In today's Gospel, maybe Jesus wasn't criticizing the use of words so much as he was instructing us to only use as many words as it takes to attune, or focus, our heart and mind to God.

Fri 18 Jun Liturgy of the Day

2 Corinthians 11:18.21-30; Psalm 34; Matthew 6:19-23

It's easy to tell ourselves that our true values are spiritual, centered on loving God and serving the needy. A good measure is to ask: What do I spend my time, money and emotion on? Where is my "treasure?"

Sat 19 Jun (St Romuald, Ab)

2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Psalm 34; Matthew 6:24-34

Scripture shows us how God calls the weak and the humble to do the most amazing work. We count on God's grace, but following God's will also means accepting our own inadequacies and vulnerabilities too.

Sun 20 Jun 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Job 38:1.8-11; Psalm 107; Mark 4:35-41

Doing what is wrong or doing evil is its own punishment. Evil deeds arise out of hearts suffering with anxiety, inadequacy, jealousy or hatred – not hearts filled with joy and peace.

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Pushing Humankind to come together

A little-known event occurred on 4 February this year, but one which is certain to grow in popular support. It was the first "International Day of Human Fraternity", declared by the United Nations. What is less known, except perhaps to Catholics, is the role played by Pope Francis in bringing this about. It is intimately linked with the document, *Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together*, which Pope Francis and Grand Imam Al Tayeb of the Al-Azhar mosque of Cairo, signed on 4 February 2019 after spending more than a year drafting it. Their document commemorated the 800th anniversary of the meeting of St Francis with Sultan al-Malik al-Kamal in Egypt in 1219.



St Francis and the Sultan by Robert Lentz, OFM

The aim of the International Day of Human Fraternity is to promote interreligious and intercultural dialogue throughout the world. As the General Secretary of the UN writes, regarding the inspiration of Pope Francis and the Grand Imam:

"We live in challenging times. We see the threats coming from the pandemic, from climate, from war and conflict in different parts of the world. Therefore, it is fantastic to see the enormous leadership of the Pope and the Grand Imam, pushing humankind to come together, in unity, in dialogue, to promote peace, to promote fraternity, and to promote the unity that is necessary to address all the challenges to defeat hate and ensure that human solidarity wins the battles we are facing."

Now jump to 3 October 2020, the eve of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. At the tomb of the saint whose name he took, Pope Francis

signed his encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti – Brothers and Sisters All* – taking his commitment further. Over the following Sundays of "Ordinary Time" (think green vestments at Mass), *Catholic Link* will offer a series of articles on this encyclical. But let us give the opening words to Pope Francis himself: "The saint of fraternal love, simplicity and joy, who inspired me to write the Encyclical *Laudato Si'* [on care of the environment] prompts me to devote this new Encyclical to fraternity and social friendship. St Francis felt himself a brother to the sun, the sea, and the wind, yet he knew that he was even closer to those of his own flesh. Wherever he went,

he sowed seeds of peace and walked alongside the poor, the abandoned, the infirm and the outcast, the least of his brothers and sisters."

The pope then recalls a big event in Saint Francis' life, the one that inspires the present encyclical:

"There is an episode in the life of Saint Francis that shows his openness of heart, which knew no bounds and transcended differences of origin, nationality, colour or religion. It was his visit to Sultan Malik-el-Kamil, in Egypt." Pope Francis considers the enormous challenges which the saint of Assisi faced in fulfilling that journey, not least the huge distance covered on foot, donkey or boat. "Unconcerned for the hardships and dangers involved, Francis went to meet the Sultan, not to engage in arguments or disputes, but rather to show fraternal openness to those who did not share his faith."

Inspired by this 800-year memory, Pope Francis wrote his wonderful encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. May *Catholic Link* do it justice.