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June 20th/21st 2020 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Jesus asks us to be his witnesses in the world. However, we often lack the courage to witness openly to our faith, to our Christian values. But Jesus says to us what He said to his first disciples: 'Do not be afraid.' So, let us bring our fears to him, and ask his help in overcoming them.

❖ First Reading: (Jer. 20:10-13)

The knowledge that God was with him enabled Jeremiah to remain faithful to his difficult task as a prophet.

❖ Second Reading: (Rom. 5:12-15)

St. Paul draws a contrast between Christ and Adam: sin came into the world through Adam; abundant grace came through Jesus Christ.

❖ Gospel: (Mt. 10:26-33)

Christ encourages his disciples to be open and fearless witnesses to the Gospel, assuring them of God's special care in all their trials.

Reflection – A Celtic Prayer

I arise today
With God's strength to direct me
God's wisdom to guide me
God's eye to look before me
God's ear to hear me
God's word to speak for me
God's hand to uphold me
God's pathway before me
God's shield to protect me
God's host to save me – from temptations
From one man or many that seek to destroy me

Marriage Preparation Course

ACCORD Dublin continues to provide marriage preparation courses for couples in the diocese and for those whose weddings are going ahead ACCORD has been delivering courses via Zoom. Their team of experienced facilitators is being assisted by 3 priests and a deacon. The feedback from these courses has been overwhelmingly positive. Any couple intending to do a Pre-Marriage Course should contact Ichambers@accordublin.ie

Pro-Cathedral – Sunday Lunchtime Recitals Online

For the next four Sundays, beginning this Sunday 21st June, a core ensemble of orchestral players and professional singers all have volunteered to perform lunchtime recitals following the conclusion of the 11am Mass beginning at 12noon. Each recital will last 30-35 minutes. The recitals will be on live stream on the Pro-Cathedral webcam at www.procathedral.ie

❖ PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF:

Noreen Ford RIP
Gerry Flynn RIP
Sheila O'Reilly RIP
Mary Jo Flood RIP
Margaret McKenna RIP

and all those who died recently in Ireland

Also, those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Connie and Liz Kavanagh, James A. McLaughlin,
Brendan Mulhall, Thomas Leavy, Yvonne Campbell,
Liam Campbell, Catherine Cullen, Maureen and Jimmy
Doyle and Con Dennehy (Month's Mind)

❖ May they rest in peace.