



25 June 2023
LAITY SUNDAY



INTRODUCTION: Today is the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time and our Archdiocese celebrates Laity Sunday today. As believers we are encouraged to overcome fear and rely on the courage that comes from faith in God. At this Eucharist we will reflect on God's Word and receive His grace to lead lives worthy of being called His 'LAY FAITHFUL.'

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| READINGS: | First Reading: | Jer 20: 10-13 |
| | Responsorial Psalm: | Ps 69: 8-10, 14 & 17, 33-35 |
| | Second Reading: | Rom 5: 12-15 |
| | Gospel: | Mt 10: 26- 33 |

CELEBRANT:

Heavenly Father, on this Laity Sunday, we offer up our prayers for the needs of the Church. Our response is: **LORD OF LOVE, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

That our Pope, Bishops, Priests, Religious and Lay faithful may collaborate together in building domestic churches that live by the values of Christ's teaching... we pray to the Lord. **R/**

That the leaders of the world may bravely stand for truth and justice even in the face of opposition...we pray to the Lord. **R/**

That every lay member of the Church may recognize their mission of proclaiming the Gospel in words and deeds wherever they are... we pray to the Lord. **R/**

That families who have suffered due to the sickness and death may be touched by God's healing hand and have their faith strengthened through Jesus Christ the healer... we pray to the Lord. **R/**

That the Lord hear the prayers we make in silence, especially for a good monsoon and protection from irregular weather conditions... *(Pause for 7 seconds)*...we pray to the Lord. **R/**

CELEBRANT:

Father, help us to realise that we are never alone as we journey through the ups and downs of life. Fill us with a greater awareness of Your Spirit's presence guiding and assisting us at every moment. We ask this through Christ our Lord... Amen.