



**Parish of Blessed Hugh Faringdon & Buckland  
12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 21st JUNE 2026**

**READINGS**

**Reading I: Jeremiah 20:10-13**

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

**Reading II: Romans 5:12-15**

**Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33**

*"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna."*

*Matthew 10:27-28*

When you pray, does God "whisper" to you?

Do you sense His presence?

Has He convicted your heart about Himself and all that He has revealed?

Most likely He has, in His own silent way.

God rarely speaks to us in visions or by audibly hearing His voice. Though He has done so, as has been recorded in the lives of some saints, even if He did appear to you in that mystical way, this is not necessarily any better for your salvation and holiness than the ordinary way He usually speaks.

For most people, God comes in silent prayer, interior intuitions, and spiritual consolations. For example, one might be listening to a sermon and something jumps out, convicting one's heart or inspiring with a supernatural insight or hope. God's ordinary consoling activity in our lives must be "listened" to and responded to.

Listening to the Voice of God means we discern the eternal Truth He communicates to us, such as do this or avoid that, and we respond to Him. This is our conscience at work: *"Conscience is the most secret core and sanctuary of a man. There he is alone with God, Whose voice echoes in his depths"* (*Gaudium et Spes* #16).

In today's Gospel, when Jesus says, "What I say to you in the darkness..." and "what you hear whispered..." refers to God's communication with us in that secret sanctuary of our conscience. Jesus says that His communication is not given only to us but must be spoken "in the light" and proclaimed "on the housetops." While our faith is personal and intimate, it must also become communal by sharing it with others through our words and actions.

Sharing our faith can be difficult. We might fear offending another who is not living the Gospel. In addressing this fear, Jesus says, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and

body in Gehenna." Fear should never deter us from sharing our faith.

When we live our faith openly and share it charitably and unhindered, others will react. Some will joyfully receive our shared faith, but others will not. Among good-hearted Catholics, when the faith we share with others is not received well, we often second-guess ourselves. We become sensitive to the negative reaction, which easily leads to worry and fear. Such fear must be overcome with love and holy sorrow if we are to fulfil Jesus' loving command.

One way to do so is to regularly align ourselves with God's command rather than the fear inflicted upon us by the evil one. The one who can "destroy both soul and body in Gehenna" ultimately refers to God's just judgment, which we must ponder with the spiritual gift of Fear of the Lord.

This holy fear is not a fear of punishment alone but a deep belief in and reverence for God's justice and truth. It is the kind of fear that compels us to remain faithful, seeking to serve God above all else, and courageously and confidently sharing our personal faith with others as the greatest act of love we can offer.

A well-formed conscience, guided by the truth of the Gospel, gives us the confidence to speak with clarity and charity. It allows us to discern when and how to proclaim God's truth in a way that draws souls to Him. If we remain open to His voice and are willing to proclaim what He whispers in our hearts, we will become true witnesses to Christ, bringing His light into a world in desperate need of Him.

Reflect today on the inner Voice of God, echoing in the depths of your conscience.

**Do you hear Him and respond to His Voice?** If so, then do not be afraid to share your knowledge of God freely and charitably with others. Foster, instead, a holy fear that drives you to greater fidelity to God and the charity of sharing His love with others.

*Lord of perfect justice, You speak to us, day and night, revealing Your love and Truth to our souls in the depths of our consciences.*

*Please help me to listen and to respond to You so that I can also courageously share Your love with others, without fear.*

*Jesus, I trust in You.*

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Helena & Emmanuel Boakye & Team

**Children Catechesis (Children's Liturgy & FHC)** -

Mrs. Kathleen Thomas & Team

**Evangelization Catechesis (Adult Evening Studies)**

- Dr JP Crilly & Team

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**Mass Setting: Mass of Christ the Saviour  
(Dan Schutte)**

**Children: 762 – All of my Heart**

**Entrance: 240 Do not be afraid**

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

***In your abundant love, answer me O God***

**Offertory: 516 O God we give ourselves today**

**Communion: 681 This is my Body**

**Recessional: 688 Though the mountains may fall**

**Sunday Mass is at 10am.**

The Mass is usually also streamed on Facebook here:

<https://facebook.com/blessedhughfaringdonchurch/>

You can follow Fr. Claro's daily international Masses from his home on Facebook here:

<https://facebook.com/claro.conde/>

His current schedule (subject to change) is: 6.30 am Regular Daily Masses Monday to Sunday.

**Bible Study**

We have a Bible Study, reflecting on the coming Sunday Mass Readings, with Fr Claro on Zoom on Mondays from 7.00pm. To join please use the link on the Parish website home page.

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YOUTUBE LINK for the Bible Study and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21lhR8UMh8>



The dominant command in this section of the Gospel is repeated three times: “Do not be afraid” or more literally, “Stop fearing.” The sense is not simply, “Never become afraid,” but rather, “Do not continue in fear”; “Do not let fear govern you.” That same verb is used repeatedly throughout the New Testament whenever God or Christ addresses those who are afraid in the face of divine revelation or mission.

21st June **Sunday, Filipino Day & Refugee Sunday** with Guest of Gen Z, Ooberfuse Music Hal St John & Cherrie Anderson sharing their ministry on Evangelisation through Electric Music see Cardinal Vincent Nichols with the Ooberfuseband. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GkY4E2HAY0I>



Official Hymn - 2025  
Jubilee - Pilgrims of Hope  
- Intro fr Cardinal Nichol...

## JUNE

21st Sunday, Filipino Day Sunday

22nd June Monday 11am Funeral of Jacqueline Eastwood at Blessed Faringdon Church

24 June Wednesday 6pm Mass Solemnity of St. John the Baptist

28 June Sunday Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul

### Dates for your Diary

28th June- inaugural meeting of the **Blessed Hugh Faringdon “encyclical club”**- after Mass.

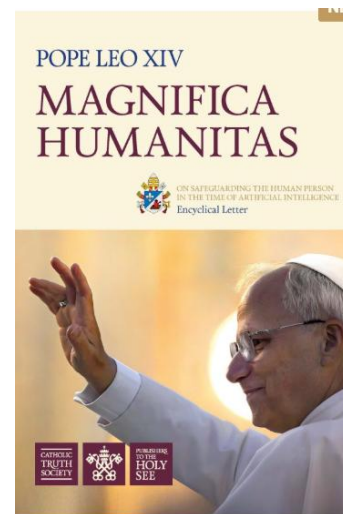
**TRAINING HOW TO USE THE SUNDAY MISSAL** contact Dr. David Williamson of the Choir

**PPC & Finance Meetings**, see in the parish website

**MONDAY BIBLE ZOOM** time 7pm

**The Las Casas Institute for Social Justice** is a vibrant centre for research, dialogue, and policymaking on the common good of humanity and nature in the world today, which welcomes discussion with all people of goodwill. Our work is rooted in Catholic Social Teaching and the example of Bartolomé de Las Casas who argued for the humanity and rights of all peoples in the Americas in the sixteenth century, and is one of the early pioneers of universal human rights. <https://www.bfriars.ox.ac.uk/research/las-casas-institute-for-social-justice/>

## BOOKS TO READ



### Magnifica Humanitas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcGw08VWCps>

The cardinal shared 10 points on social media to foster a deeper understanding of the Holy Father’s central message in the document:

1. The human person lies at the centre of all technological progress.
2. The great challenge of our time is not technical but human and spiritual.
3. Artificial intelligence must be placed at the service of the common good.
4. Human dignity does not depend on productivity or capabilities.
5. Fragility is not a defect that must be eliminated.
6. No artificial intelligence can replace human experience.
7. Truth is a common good that must be protected.
8. Human work cannot be subjected to the logic of machines.
9. Freedom is threatened by new, invisible forms of control.
10. Peace and the civilization of love

constitute the true alternative to technological power

**Thank God for Pope Leo. He’s the leader our world desperately needs**  
(Arwa Mahdawi, *The Guardian*, 3 June 2026)

**‘He is still a mere mortal, he is not perfect, but he is proving to be a much-needed force for good.’**

Photograph: Remo Casilli/Reuters

### Encyclical Club!

You have heard of a book club, well, we bring you the Blessed Hugh Faringdon encyclical club! We will read our way through notable encyclicals and meet after Mass to discuss them.

With the recent publication of Pope Leo XIV’s encyclical “Magnifica Humanitas” there has been great public attention, clerical and lay, Catholic and non-Catholic, on this encyclical.

The roots of it naturally lie in the Gospel, Scripture and millennia of Catholic thought and teaching, but one clear inspiration is the encyclical “Rerum Novarum” of the last Pope Leo, Leo XIII.

On Sunday 28th June, we will meet in the hall after Mass to discuss after coffee the first part of Rerum Novarum, paragraphs 1-11. You can access the encyclical here: [https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_l-xiii\\_enc\\_15051891\\_rerum-novarum.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_l-xiii_enc_15051891_rerum-novarum.html)