

## Reading Sunday 9 May 2021

### Ezra 2: 1-2; 64-70

#### The list of the exiles who returned

2 Now these are the people of the province who came up from the captivity of the exiles, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had taken captive to Babylon (they returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to their own town, <sup>2</sup> in company with Zerubbabel, Joshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum and Baanah):

<sup>64</sup> The whole company numbered 42,360, <sup>65</sup> besides their 7,337 male and female slaves; and they also had 200 male and female singers. <sup>66</sup> They had 736 horses, 245 mules, <sup>67</sup> 435 camels and 6,720 donkeys.

<sup>68</sup> When they arrived at the house of the LORD in Jerusalem, some of the heads of the families gave freewill offerings towards the rebuilding of the house of God on its site. <sup>69</sup> According to their ability they gave to the treasury for this work 61,000 darics<sup>Ⓛ</sup> of gold, 5,000 minas<sup>Ⓛ</sup> of silver and 100 priestly garments.

<sup>70</sup> The priests, the Levites, the musicians, the gatekeepers and the temple servants settled in their own towns, along with some of the other people, and the rest of the Israelites settled in their towns.