



From Sunday's Gospel

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. "The time has come," he said, "and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News." As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw

Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men." And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

Sunday 24th January 2021 Wednesday 20th January 2021 Adapted from Mark 1:14-20 The 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B



Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people the family is a community of love where each of us learns to relate to others and to the world around us." Today's word is **Community.** In this Sunday's Gospel we

hear about Jesus starting to gather together the first Christian community. Christian communities, just like families, are never perfect—even Jesus' closest disciples were not always the ideal set of people. However, everyone works better with others in community. Our schools, our parish communities were founded to be places of love, friendship, security and inclusiveness where we hear God's Word, share it, follow it and reach out to others in love. We belong to different communities and we are invited to bring our unique gifts to help build up these communities and make them welcoming to other people. ***Dear Jesus, thank you for the communities of our families, parish and schools. Please help me to say 'Yes' to you and enrich the communities to which I belong. Amen***



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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24th 2020 (Mark's Gospel)

PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED WHILE WE ARE IN LOCKDOWN

Fr Bernard will celebrate Mass each day without a congregation. Please watch this space for further information.

The intentions are as follows:

Sunday:	Special Intention (PK & JMCM)
Monday:	People of the Parish
Tuesday:	Grant Divine
Wednesday:	November Dead List
Thursday:	Sr Eileen Burns
Friday:	Intentions of the Sisters of Mercy
Saturday:	Tara Dyson
Sunday:	Joan Knowles

Confessions by appointment

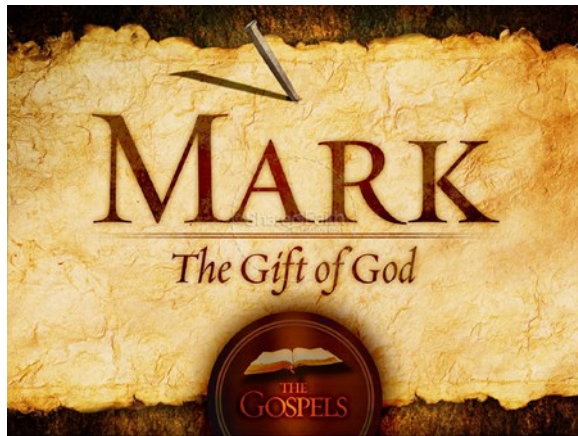
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As mentioned in a previous newsletter The Gospel of Mark will be our guide throughout most of the Sundays in Ordinary Time this year. Given the brevity of the Gospel in relation to the other three, from the 17th to the 21st Sundays the gospel passages are taken from John Chapter 6, giving us an opportunity to reflect

over a month on Jesus the “Bread of life”. As we heard last Sunday, the gospel passage from John chapter 1 recounted Andrew and his unnamed companion’s meeting with Jesus, resulting in Andrew’s conviction that he had been in the presence of the long awaited Messiah. This led him to introduce his brother, Simon, to Jesus the following day. Simon received a name change and a life change. Jesus then called Philip who introduced him to Nathaniel.

This Sunday, the 3rd in Ordinary Time, we have the first passage from Mark, and, given that Ash Wednesday falls on February 17th, we will only have three more Sundays in Ordinary Time before Lent. The passages on these Sundays will all be taken from the first chapter of the Gospel and will include:

Sunday 3: The call to repentance and faith, and the call of the first 4 disciples

Sunday 4: The healing of a man possessed and the authority of Jesus

Sunday 5: The healing of the mother in law of Simon Peter, plus many others, and Jesus retiring on his own to pray

Sunday 6: Jesus cleansing a leper

We will not return to Mark’s Gospel in Ordinary Time until June 13th which is the 11th Sunday, when we have some Parables of the Growth of the Kingdom in chapter 4. This means that we will miss any of the passages taken from Chapters 2 and 3 which are fast moving and which are full of controversy with Jesus pushing boundaries by claiming to forgive sins, defending his disciples’ actions, apparently breaking Sabbath laws and upsetting the Religious leaders. These chapters are well worth reading if you have the time.



Dear Fr Bickers and Parishioners of the Sacred Heart & St William, Blessings for the New Year. Incredible, so, so much and so many wonderful and varied gifts of food, too numerous to list, along with chocolates, biscuits and mince pies to celebrate with. A feast indeed and fitting for a King, for

Christ’s poor, marginalised, homeless people. Thank you. How Mary Farmer managed to take the whole lot to Cornerstone! Another wonder. Thank you. For sure, each one of you are remarkably generous people with your ever caring, thoughtful ways, enabling all at C to reach out to those on the margins of society. I think you all must have drunk deeply from Pope Francis latest book. His deep care for the poor which each of you seem to have imbibed and put into practice with tremendous generosity of spirit. All through the years your loyalty and great generosity have been a real blessing to Cornerstone and very much appreciated. Honestly we would not have managed half of what was accomplished without your tremendous support.

My prayer is that God will bless you abundantly this New Year with gifts of happiness. Good health, Shalom, Joy and Every Good, and too, that he will stay with you all on your journey through life.

Take care, be safe. Shalom. Sincerely in Christ. Sr Maria fmsj



The Lent Course will be based on a new Cover to Cover booklet entitled “**The Prayers of Jesus**” which is available from Eden Books

£5.97

Although the Group Meetings will be via Zoom, the booklet is suitable for individual home study for those unable to access Zoom.

Those who would like to be a part of this are asked to either –

a) Order a copy for themselves from Eden Books at www.eden.co.uk

b) Contact Fr Bernard who will have a number of copies available

Please let Fr Bernard know if you would like to be part of a discussion group beginning Thursday 25th February. Watch this space for more information.



“We are not here to guard a museum, but to cultivate a flourishing garden of life.” Pope St John XXIII