

# St. Anthony of Padua Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

24<sup>th</sup> January 2021



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**Parish Office hours, Monday to Friday:** 9.30am – 11.30am

**Order of Friars Minor Conventual Registered Charity No 249881)**

**Recently Deceased:** Denise Youngson (Funeral 29<sup>th</sup> January); Maura Lawlor (Funeral 4<sup>th</sup> February); Robert deAsha and Rina Gradwell.

**With You Always** has been a parish-based programme for 15 years that has accompanied parents and children preparing for the sacraments. The programme is coordinated by the Parish Catechists who are supported by their parish priest. For the past two years one of our parent-Catechists who is non-Catholic helps non-Catholic parents to accompany their child's journey of faith as Catholics. How blessed and rich our parish is? Baptism is the beginning of a child's journey of faith. Parents who accept the responsibility to bring their child up in the Catholic faith teach them about their catholic faith. Parents are supported in this journey by their attendance at Mass and other sacraments. For 15 years it is not the responsibility of schools to prepare children for sacraments. That day has passed. We are extremely grateful for the role our school has played. The fundamental practise of one's faith is to attend Mass each Sunday and to support your parish. A recent instruction from the Archbishop to all parishes regarding the sacraments was published in the parish bulletin on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**Weekday Mass** on Monday and Tuesday will be at 12.00. The Church will open at 11.45am.

**Altar Servers:** Since reopening the Church in July last year, our Altar Servers have remained faithful to their ministry. These are a group of young people who seldom get the recognition they duly deserve. Here at St. Anthony of Padua we are blessed with 19 altar servers ranging in age from 10 years to 16 years. You will notice during Mass that the bells are rung at the consecration. The children do this either from the pew or from the sanctuary where there is social distancing. In February 2020 a set of new Albs was commissioned for our Servers. The children had been using albs that were bought in 1982 [older than the children]. I wonder how many of us are still wearing garments that are 38 years ago. On wearing a new alb at Christmas, one server described the alb as - New - White - and Fressssssh. If you would like to sponsor an alb in memory of a loved one please contact Fr. Kevin. Alternatively, we will hold a special collection during the year to offset the costs. We acknowledge the children who have been faithful to this ministry.

**First Communion Certificates 2019:** A number of certificates still have to be collected from the parish office.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February:** The 12.00 Mass will be offered in memory of those parishioners who passed away during the first lockdown when Requiem Mass could not be celebrated.

**RETIREMENT:** After years of service in the parish church, Henry Hoover has now retired. Many of you will be familiar with the sight of Henry being hauled around the church, often toppling over as a result of the speed or he has been bashed against corners in the church. It was getting a bit too much for him. We are now looking for a replacement for Henry. One of his line managers suggested Henry be replaced with an upright especially as none of us is getting any younger and an upright is easier to manage. If your significant other has gifted you a new vacuum cleaner, please consider donating your old upright for use in the parish church.

## Church Masses

23. Vigil	6.00 pm	Sue Mullholland rip
24. Sunday	8.00 am.	Patricia Tonge rip
	10.00 am.	Joan & Henry Loughlin rip
	12.00 noon	Parishioners
25. Monday	12.00 am.	Dave Wike rip (LD)
26. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Beryl Colette Messenger rip (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv)
27. Wednesday	12.00 noon	<b>Church Closed</b>
28. Thursday	12.00 noon	<b>Church Closed</b>
29. Friday	12.00 noon	<b>Church Closed</b>
30. Vigil	6.00 pm	Jane Murray rip (LD)
31. Sunday	8.00 am.	AB Intentions
	10.00 am.	Radburn Family Intentions
	12.00 noon	Parishioners

## Masses to be said in the Friary by Fr. David

23. Saturday	12.00 noon	Maura Lawlor rip
24. Sunday	10.00 am.	John Young (Speedy recovery)
25. Monday	12.00 noon	Kathleen Phoenix
26. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Terry Farricker rip
27. Wednesday	12.00 noon	Patricia Walsh rip
28. Thursday	12.00 noon.	Tony Carden rip
29. Friday	12.00 noon	Adam Foster (Speedy recovery)
30. Saturday	12.00 noon	Ronnie McLindon rip
31. Sunday	10.00 am.	Pro se ipso

## Masses to be said in the Friary by Fr. Vincent

23. Saturday	12.00 noon	Adam Foster (Speedy recovery)
24. Sunday	10.00 am.	Sean Montgomery (Good health)
25. Monday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
26. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
27. Wednesday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
28. Thursday	12.00 noon.	Pino Matassi & Paulo Carolli rip (A)
29. Friday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
30. Saturday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
31. Sunday	10.00 am.	Donors Intention

**Masses Received.** Keiran Kavanagh rip, Beryl Colette Messenger rip (2<sup>nd</sup> A), Dave Wike rip (LD), Jane Murray rip (LD), Radburn Family Intentions, Maura Lawlor rip (LD) x 3, Terry Farricker rip, Patricia Walsh rip, Tony Carden rip, Adam Foster (Speedy recovery) x 2, Sean Montgomery (Good health), Ronnie McLindon rip, Beryl Messenger rip (A), Diane Fruehwirth-Cawdron rip.

**Thought for today.** “The time has come.”

In the late 1970s English actor Alec McCowen launched a one-man show, *The Gospel of Mark* – a recitation by heart of the whole of Mark’s Gospel. It involved a minimum of stage props: just a small table with a carafe of water in the centre, and two or three chairs. It was heard in theatres on both sides of the Atlantic. It was performed for a group of guests invited to the White House, and on another occasion for an audience of four hundred Anglican bishops.

McCowen later confessed that initially one of his great fears had been that “reciting the Gospel might be a dull exercise” and that he “might have to manufacture energy” as he went along. He soon discovered that the real difficulty was finding the energy to cope with the fast-moving story of Mark’s Gospel. In fact, he had to admit, “I was thrilled beyond measure. This was the greatest script I had ever found.” It will be excerpts from this “greatest script”, the Gospel of Mark, that we shall be listening to on most of the Sundays throughout the coming year.

Today we pick up the story at the start of Jesus’ public ministry. John the Baptist has just been arrested: is Mark hinting at what will happen to Jesus? It must have taken courage for Jesus to come back to the very area where John had preached and been apprehended. But he does come, fearlessly, to proclaim “the Good News from God”. “The time has come,” he says – God’s appointed time, the time the prophets foretold, the time all humanity has waited for. And he continues: “the kingdom of God is close at hand” – this kingdom is not a particular territory, like the United Kingdom, but rather it’s wherever God reigns. Though we still wait for this kingdom to come in all its fullness – that’s why we pray each day “thy kingdom come” – already it is present in Jesus; in him God’s power and love have burst into our world. We see those who are sick healed, sinners reconciled, the Good News proclaimed to all.

Having approached us in Jesus, God now awaits our response. “Repent,” Jesus cries, “and believe the Good News.” He calls us to repent, to have a change of mind and heart, to see things differently and so to believe, to put all our trust in him.

Today’s Gospel gives us not only Jesus’ first recorded words in his public ministry but also his first recorded deeds. Walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he sees two young brothers casting their nets into the water and, a little further on, two more fishermen brothers mending their nets after a night at sea. Taking the initiative, he invites them, “Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.” And they respond. Maybe they had met him before and were already deeply impressed. In any event they follow him without hesitation, leaving behind nets, boats and father. Their actions are a declaration that there is nothing to compare with being Jesus’ disciple; he is worth following, no matter what the cost.

Alec McCowen wrote: “It is impossible to study St Mark carefully and not know... that something amazing happened in Galilee two thousand years ago.” But amazing things are still happening today. Jesus continues to call people as truly as he once called Peter and Andrew, James and John. At our baptism he called us, called us by name, called us to be his disciples. But it was not a once-and-for-all call: it’s a call renewed each day, a call renewed today at this Mass.

It doesn't mean that Jesus wants to take us out of this world or away from our families, but he knows how easily we can become engrossed in what this world has to offer, how easily we can confuse a kingdom, and even a salvation, of our own making with the incredible blessings that he has to offer.

So he wants us to look again at the direction of our lives and be ready to repent, to make adjustments, even radical ones, if necessary. Above all, he wants us to deepen our faith in the Good News, wants us to recognise that the Gospel of Mark, just like the other three Gospels, is the story of a God who cherishes us dearly, and loves us beyond our imagining with a love that will never end

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## **Bidding Prayers**

Loving God, we draw strength from you through these difficult days. Enrich our daily lives by bringing us closer to your son, Jesus Christ.

Let us pray for Pope Francis as he reminds us that the greatest joy for every believer is to respond to God's call of love and offer one's entire being to the service of God and our brothers and sisters.

Let us pray for all volunteers that give up their time for the well-being of others, especially those that are enlisting to assist with coronavirus testing and the vaccine roll-out.

Let us pray for the sick and vulnerable in our communities. May they receive the care, attention and support they need during these difficult days.

Let us pray for those currently suffering from the Coronavirus, both at home and in hospital. May they find the strength to fight, the hope to recover and the peace to rest.

Let us pray for all those that have had to evacuate their homes due to severe flooding. May the Holy Spirit bless and protect them as they seek alternative shelter.

Let us pray for the people of America as their new president begins his term. May the country unite under its new leader and may President Biden use his executive power as a force of good for all.

Let us pray that all nations will step up their commitment to climate action in the face of rising temperatures and natural disasters.

In Memoriam. Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently Denise Youngson, Maura Lawlor, Robert deAsha, Rina Gradwell (aged 103) and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Fr Joseph Russell, Fr Ignatius Hanley, Fr James Scott, Ann Chesters, Ray Garwood, Elizabeth Diamond, Beryl Messinger, David Bechka, Ellen Cottenham, Mary Ferguson, Sean Anthony Lawlor, Joyce Crookall, Kathleen Monica Devlin, George Davis, Sally Mulvoy, Patrick Boyle, Kevin Shepherd, Richard Caverley, Maureen Guinan. Karl Hammond, Terence Gannon, Marian McKenna, Stella Stewart, Agnes Kermode, Ellen Croysdill, Catherine & Charles McAllister. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Heavenly King, we give thanks for you every day of our lives. Please bless and protect those we love and cherish. Amen.

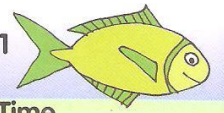
*Please pray for those who ask for prayers.*

Arthur (baby), Margaret Barrow, Joanne & Julian Bone, Michael Brooks, Christopher Browne, Carol Bennett, Seamus Carten, Timothy Clarkson, Derek Checkland, Tom Culley, Conor Daly, Alice Feeney, Grace Fernando, Patricia Fitzgerald, Gail Flaherty, Gerry Foley, Marian Gallagher, Joan Ganner, Eunice Garforth, Clare Giblin, James Grant, John Green, Irene Gregory, Juliette Hannon, Lilian Hill, Fr Gerald Hicks, Adrian Hill, Lilian Hill, David Jeffrey, Mark Kelly, Joan Kemp, Denise Kennedy, Joseph Kennedy, Maureen Kerruish, Freddie Keegan, Elma Kirwan, David Lee, Jennie & Leighton, Maria & Clare Leonard, Sue Lethbridge, Helen Linford, Eva Littler, Patricia McAuley, Winnie McFadden, Joseph McKenna, Simon McLeod, Lee McNeil, Danny McSweeney, Kevin McSweeney, Stephan Malick, Angela Millan, John Monaghan, Sean Montgomery (Good health), Rihanna Mughan, Raquel Myles, Marisa & Gianpietro Pacati, Cheryl Power, Terence Randles, Paul Rattigan, Hugh Reily, Tess Rice, Kenny Roberts, Therese de Rouffignac, Jacob Scott, Cecelia Shaw, David Smallwood, Jenny Spann, Patricia Steele, Eileen Stokes, Joseph Stokes, Mary Summerfield, Noah (teenager), Theo (teenager), Lisa Thomas, Maureen Thomas, Tony and Marie, Pat Unwin, Ewan James Vicars, Annie Ward, Peggy Westhead, James Whelan, Sophie Williams, Michelle Worthington, John Young.



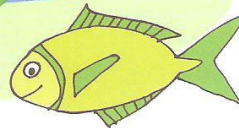


Sunday 24 January 2021  
Mark 1:14-20  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



# IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

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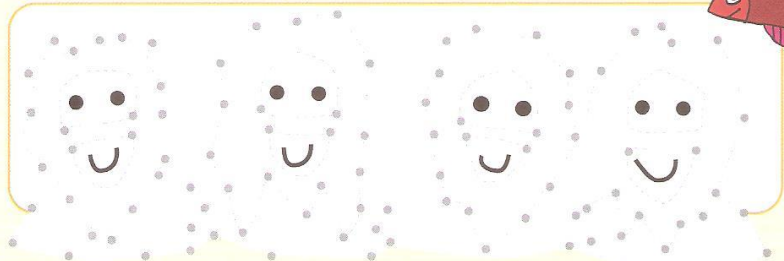


As Jesus walks beside the Sea of Galilee, he sees fishermen working hard in their boats. Jesus asks Simon, John, James and Andrew to follow him, and they leave everything behind to become Jesus' friends.

## FOLLOW JESUS!

Jesus asked **four fishermen** to follow him and to become his disciples.

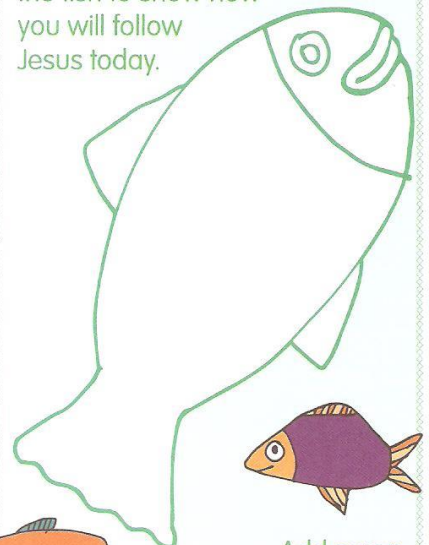
Join the dots to see them, and fill in the blanks to find out their names.



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### I will follow Jesus when I...

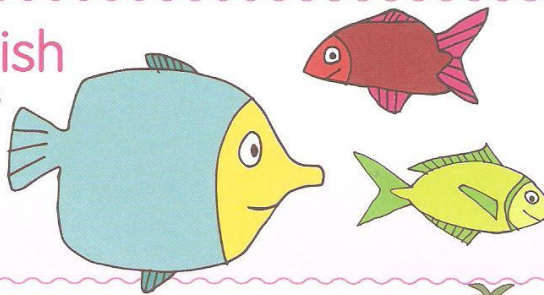
We can follow Jesus when we live as he asks, loving other people. Draw a picture inside the fish to show how you will follow Jesus today.



Add some things that make YOU happy!

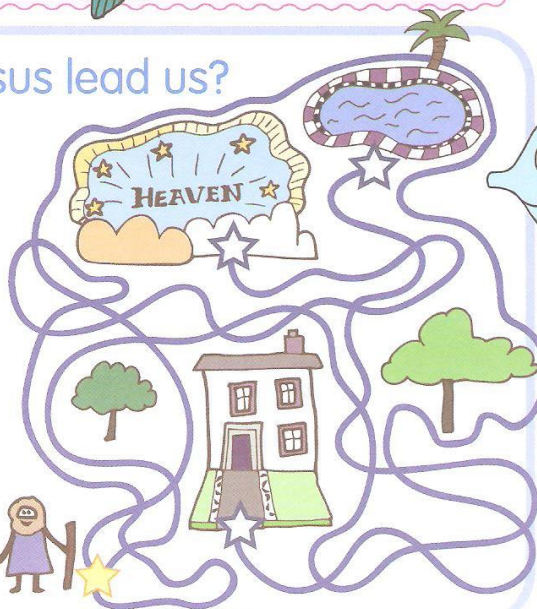
### Find the Fish

Jesus' first disciples were fishermen. Can you catch the **ten** fish hidden around this page?



### Where will Jesus lead us?

When Jesus asked **Simon, John, James** and **Andrew** to follow him, they had no idea where Jesus was leading them. Jesus' friends put their total faith and trust in him. Follow the path to see where Jesus is leading them.



## A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, you called ordinary people like fishermen to become your closest followers. Thank you for reminding us that you call all sorts of people, people just like me, to be your best friends. Amen.

Answers: Simon, John, James and Andrew.