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**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES**

**SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	
6.30pm	Thomas Leslie Dwyer RIP Anthony Colley RIP
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
9am	Subir Banerjee RIP
10.30am	Wellbeing of Alan Fraser & Keith Fraser
6.30pm	Nancy & Henry Petitjean
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle, Feast</b>	
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops, Memorial</b>	
9.30am	John Beresford RIP Gerry Quigley RIP
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	
	Pauline Welham
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Memorial</b>	
9.30am	Reg Day RIP
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	
	Edith Knight RIP
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	
6.30pm	Mrs Caroll RIP
<b>Morning Prayer &amp; Mass: Tuesday &amp; Thursday 09:00 AM</b>	
<b>Weekend Mass Times: Saturday: 18:30, Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30</b>	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Christina Ward, Clare Horgan, John Sewter, Keith Fraser, Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cockle and Melba De Silva. *Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either you or your relatives want to be mentioned on our sick list.*

**ANNIVERSARIES**

*Thyrza Colclough, Michael Cullen, Alfred Hall, Agnes Rimmer, Mary Johnson, James Norman, Margaret Heighton, John McParlane, Patric Emerson, John Henry Cowen, Elsie Lilian Boyden, Malcolm Leece, Edward Moore, Agnes Cullen, David Ryan, Frederick Warrington, William Westhead, Wilfrid McCabe, Peter Creely, Esgeir Jan Guest, Rose Burrows, Lilian Solomon, Joseph Ennis, Gerald Quigley, Thomas Joseph Byrne, Margaret Barry, Edmundo Marcantonio, Margaret Marks, Frances Mary O'Sullivan, William Dowling, Margaret Dunne, Frederick Scott, Fr Kevin O'Hanlon, William Kelly, Desmond Pearl, Mary Dann, Margaret Murphy, Dinah North, Eleanor Weldon, Edward Smith, Evelyn Bidwell, Frederic William Humm. Helen Cave, Mary Kiely, Charles Miller, Sandra Stiff, Sylvia Mitchell, Dorothy Hall, William Brenninkmeyer, Patrick Nunez, Martin & Nora Connolly.*  
**+++May they rest in Peace +++**

**LET US REMEMBER**

Let us remember those who have died recently or those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and all their families, with love and affection during this time of grief. May the Lord grant eternal rest to all who have died.

**Our Church is open for Public Masses**

Following the Prime Minister's announcement of a lockdown on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 places of worship may remain open as long as they follow the established guidance. Our church remains open and will maintain the highest standard of social distancing and sanitising.

However, due to these restrictions and the availability of our stewards, the decision has been made to reduce the opening of the church during the weekdays for the next few weeks. **Therefore, the church will only be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Adoration and Mass at 9am.**

We will continue our normal weekend Mass schedule: Saturday: 18:30 and Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30.

**We will continue to live stream our Sunday 10.30am Mass**

Live Streaming of the 10.30am Sunday Mass will continue from our website home page and Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/agatha.kingston.92>

- We ask that you do not enter the church if you have cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Maintain strict social distancing at all times, both inside and outside the church building.
- You must not 'mingle' with anyone outside of your household or support bubble.
- Face coverings must be worn in the church at all times by those over the age of 11, unless they have a medical exemption.
- Please sit in designated seating, and be guided by our church stewards.
- All surfaces will be cleaned when the church is closed. Please try to avoid touching anything in church unnecessarily.

Please, kindly note that the dispensation from Sunday obligation, granted by the Bishops at the onset of the first lockdown, is still in place until further notice.



**Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B**  
**Sunday, January 24, 2021**

**Gospel Reading**

Mark 1:14-20 Jesus calls the fishermen, Simon and Andrew, James and John, to be his disciples.

**Gospel Reflection**

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead, Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfilment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfilment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?



**Family Reflection**

Today's Gospel describes how Jesus called his first disciples and the immediacy with which these men dropped everything to follow him. We can only begin to imagine what Jesus' presence must have been like to invoke such a response in these first disciples. While a few of us might relate to such a radical conversion, many of us would find such a sudden change in ourselves or in another person unsettling. There are few things for which we would willingly drop everything. And yet this is the immediacy with which these first disciples responded to Jesus. These first disciples were willing to drop everything in order to make Jesus and the Kingdom of God the most important things in their lives.

Gather as a family and talk about circumstances in which you have had to "drop everything." (the call to pick up a sick child from school, the cry of a hurt or angry child) How did you feel about having to change your plans in each of these situations? How do we feel when someone asks us to drop everything to help him or her? For many of us, it is not easy to drop everything to respond to the needs of another.

Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:14-20. Invite your family to imagine what Jesus' presence and invitation to these first followers must have been like that they responded by leaving their livelihood to become his disciples. How might our life change if we understood the Kingdom of God to be as important and immediate in our lives? Ask God to help you experience the Kingdom of God with such immediacy. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

**Sunday Connection, Loyola Press**



**Diocesan Directory 2021**

Copies of the Diocesan Directory for 2021 are now available, please email the Parish Office if you would like a copy. They cost £3.00 each.

**Baptism Preparation Class and Baptisms**

For those who wish to have their child baptised this year, please register for our next class, (date to be confirmed for March) by completing and returning the baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office. If you have already attended a class, please email the parish office to advise and arrange a date for your child's baptism.



**First Holy Communion 2021**

Thank you to all parents/carers for returning the FHC application forms for 2021. Sadly, due to the current government restrictions the parents meeting and inscription Mass were not permitted to go ahead and we are not yet able to start our programme.



**St Agatha's Confirmation 2021**

Please check the website and newsletter for updates regarding our next confirmation course. We will update these details as soon as possible.