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Sunday : Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

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.

Gospel Reflection : Virtual Reality

Last Sunday the Scriptures mentioned listening. This week we read about casting nets and catching people. The vocation of every one of us is to lead people to be caught in the arms of God's love. One way to do this is to cast our nets of awareness for the people around us.

So this week be aware of someone, elderly or ill, worried or afraid, or someone who at the moment feels cut off from the world. Listen to someone who feels cut off from their God, because God seems to have let them down. We could even turn off the television and listen to each other - our needs, our opinions, our dreams. Or are we afraid that without the television we might miss something in the real world?!

Notices

PLEASE NOTE : As advertised in last week's Bulletin, the lived- streamed Mass this Sunday, 24th January, and every Sunday during lock-down, is at 10 am NOT 10.30

We Remember In Our Prayers Rita Blackburn, Les Thornton and Dianne Bolton whose Funerals were last week, Keith Hemmings whose Funeral is at Carleton Crematorium on Thursday, 28th January, Gerard Brimelow whose Funeral Mass is at St. Teresa's on Tuesday, 2nd February, and Marion Broxton whose Funeral is at Carleton Crematorium on Friday, 5th February. (Sincere apologies to Keith's family for giving the wrong details of his Funeral in last week's bulletin) We remember them and their families, and all those whose anniversaries are at this time. May they be in God's peace.

Live stream details for this week only:

This Sunday we are live-streaming Mass at 10.00 am. This is by Zoom from St. Teresa's. To attend this Sunday from your laptop/computer, first go to this Parish website : www.st-teresas-church.co.uk

When the front page comes up, click on to the 'Newsletter' bar at the top. Then when you want to join the Mass at 10.00 am this Sunday, please click on to this following code. (You may have to wait a short while to be connected

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84778040744?pwd=NjQrSm02OFQ3SUFkGcHIxNINpMGhZQT09>

CHANGE OF WEBSITE FOR ST TERESA'S

After this Sunday, the 24th of January, St Teresa's will be using a different website. The old website, st-teresas-church.co.uk which had access to the bulletin will be made redundant and should no longer be used. If things go as planned, live streaming of Sunday mass which is now at 10.00am during lockdown, will no longer be possible from the old website after this weekend.

However.....with our new website,

st-teresas-cleveleys.co.uk

not only will you still be able to access the weekly bulletin and be able to live stream the Sunday mass but daily news updates will be possible and the Sunday mass will be automatically recorded so that it can be watched at a later date. In addition to streaming, the new website will provide many further options for communication within our parish. It's exciting, it's amazing.

Don't be afraid to look at the new website now though and push a few buttons (you can't break it!) so that you are good to go for live streaming of the mass next Sunday 31st of January.

Just a word of warning and advice. You will see that the old and the new website addresses are very similar. Your computer, laptop, iPad or tablet can also see that they are similar and, in trying to be helpful, will assume you want the old address and try and take you there. Do not let it! Make sure what you see typed in your internet search is exactly what it says above for the new website.

A Prayer That We Can All Say Together At The Time Of Communion At A Live-Streamed Mass :

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament.

**I love you above all things,
and I long for you to be with me.**

**Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace you,
and unite myself to you.**

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen

The Annual Service In This Week of Prayer For Christian Unity, Organised By Cleveleys-Churches Together is at 4pm this Sunday afternoon, 24th January. The title of the Service is "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit". You are warmly invited to join 'on-line' this much-needed opportunity for reflection and prayer. You just might see the faces of people you know leading us!

It is easy to join this Zoom organised event by clicking on to the very long 'https' code below, and just fill in the passcode if required.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86275576843?pwd=SXh0b1Z>

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Meeting ID: 862 7557 6843

Passcode: 754995

Daily Reflections for this week

Monday (Thomas Merton)

If I am to know the will of God, I must have the right attitude. It is all very well to declare that I exist to save my soul and give glory to God by doing so. And it is all very well to say that in order to do this I obey certain commandments and keep certain counsels. Yet knowing all moral theology and canon law, I might still go through life conforming myself to certain indications of God's will without ever fully giving myself to God. For that, in the last analysis, is the real meaning of His will. He does not need our sacrifices. He asks for our selves.

Scripture (Ephesians 5:8-11, 16-17)

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; behave as children of the light, for the effects of light are seen in complete goodness and uprightness and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you. Make the best of the present time, for it is a wicked age. This is why you must not be thoughtless but must recognise what is the will of the Lord.

Tuesday (Gandhi)

As long as you derive inner help and comfort from anything, you should keep it. If you were to give it up in a mood of self-sacrifice or out of a stern sense of duty, you would continue to want it back, and that unsatisfied want would make trouble for you. Only give up a thing when you want some other condition so much that the thing no longer has any attraction for you, or when it seems to interfere with that which is more greatly desired.

Scripture (Mark 1:16-20)

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

Wednesday (Henri Nouwen)

As children of the darkness that rules through fear, self-interest, greed and power, our great motivators are survival and self-preservation. But as children of the light, who know that perfect love casts out all fear, it becomes possible to give away all that we have for others. As children of the light we prepare to become people who witness with their whole lives to the unlimited love of God. Giving all thus becomes gaining all. Jesus expresses this clearly when he says "Anyone who loses his life for my sake....will save it."

Scripture (Mt 6:24)

'No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or be attached to the first and despise the second. You cannot be the slave of both God and money.'

Thursday (William James)

Morality pure and simple accepts the Law so far as to acknowledge and obey it, but it may obey with the heaviest and coldest heart. But for religion, in its strong and fully developed manifestations, the service of the highest is never felt as a yoke. Dull submission is left far behind, and a mood of welcome, which may fill any place on the scale between cheerful serenity and enthusiastic gladness, has taken its place.

Scripture (Ps. 16:7-11)

I bless the Lord who is my counsellor, even at night my heart instructs me. I keep Yahweh before me always, for with him at my right hand, nothing can shake me. So my heart rejoices, my soul delights, my body will rest secure. You will teach me the path of life, unbounded joy in your presence. At your right hand, delight forever.

Friday (Meister Eckhart)

The most powerful form of prayer is that which flows from a free mind. A free mind can achieve all things, but what is a free mind? It is one which is untroubled and unfettered by anything, which has not bound its best part to any particular manner of being or devotion and which does not seek its own interest in anything but is always immersed in God's most precious will, having gone out of what is its own.

Scripture (Colossians 3:10,16-17)

You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards new knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its Creator. Let the word of Christ, in all its richness, find a home in you. Teach each other and advise each other, in all wisdom, and whatever you say or do, let it be in the name of the Lord Jesus, in thanksgiving to God the Father through him.

Martin Bennett