

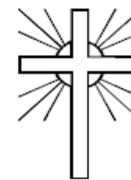


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF 2021

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### **MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 29<sup>th</sup> WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Dear brothers and sisters, The celebration of the World Day of the Sick on 11<sup>th</sup> February, the liturgical memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities. We think in particular of those who have suffered, & continue to suffer, the effects of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. To all, especially to the poor and the marginalized, I express my spiritual closeness, and assure them of the Church's loving concern.

The theme of this Day is drawn from the Gospel passage in which Jesus criticizes the hypocrisy of those who fail to practise what they preach (Mt 23:1-12). When our faith is reduced to empty words, unconcerned with the lives and needs of others, the creed we profess proves inconsistent with the life we lead. The danger is real. That is why Jesus uses strong language about the peril of falling into self-idolatry. He tells us: "You have but one teacher and you are all brothers" (v. 8). Jesus' criticism of those who "preach but do not practise" (v. 3) is helpful always and everywhere, since none of us is immune to the grave evil of hypocrisy, which prevents us from flourishing as children of the one Father, called to live universal fraternity.

The experience of sickness makes us realize our own vulnerability and our innate need of others. It makes us feel all the more clearly that we are creatures dependent on God. When we are ill, fear and even bewilderment can grip our minds and hearts; we find ourselves powerless, since our health does not depend on our abilities or life's incessant worries (Mt 6:27). Sickness raises the question of life's meaning, which we bring before God in faith. In seeking a new, deeper direction in our lives, we may not find an immediate answer.

Dear brothers and sisters, the commandment of love that Jesus left to his disciples is also kept in our relationship with the sick. A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned. To Mary, Mother of Mercy and Health of the Infirm, I entrust the sick, healthcare workers and all those who generously assist our suffering brothers and sisters. From the Grotto of Lourdes and her many other shrines throughout the world, may she sustain our faith and hope, and help us care for one another with fraternal love.

To each and all, I cordially impart my blessing. FRANCIS.

### **Thoughts from today's Gospel Reading John 1:35-42**

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

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**The Week Ahead** (ASC = All Saints Church, SMC = St Mary's Church, SMH = St Mary's Hall)

<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Feria
<b>6.00pm,</b>	<b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Vigil) (People of the Parishes) - visit <a href="http://www.massbooking.uk">www.massbooking.uk</a> or phone <b>07427 556088</b> to book a place
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Second Sunday of the year
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>SMH Holy Mass</b> (George Russell RIP (A&DB)) - visit <a href="http://www.massbooking.uk">www.massbooking.uk</a> or phone <b>07427 556088</b> to book a place
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Feria <i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today for the well-being of Carmen James (VT)</i>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	St Wulstan, Bishop <i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today for Ciara &amp; Kevin Markey – Christmas Blessing (OB)</i>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	St Fabian, Pope & Martyr
<b>10.00am,</b>	<b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Veronica (Ireland) RIP (JC))
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
<b>10.00am,</b>	<b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Kathleen Cooper – Birthday Blessing (JC))
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
<b>10.00am,</b>	<b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (For those who have died/are dying and in need of a Mass (J&CB))
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Feria
<b>10.00-10.30am,</b>	<b>ASC Confessions</b> , <i>Please come dressed for the weather as you may need to wait outside</i>
<b>6.00pm,</b>	<b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Vigil) (People of the Parishes) - visit <a href="http://www.massbooking.uk">www.massbooking.uk</a> or phone <b>07427 556088</b> to book a place
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Third Sunday of the year
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>SMH Holy Mass</b> (Mrs Cato, Marie & Tony – Christmas Blessing (JR)) - visit <a href="http://www.massbooking.uk">www.massbooking.uk</a> or phone <b>07427 556088</b> to book a place

**Live streaming services for This Weekend:**

**For Bishop Patrick**, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney/community>

**For Nottingham Cathedral** at 10 am, go to: <https://www.churchservices.tv/nottinghamcathedral>

**This Sunday's Mass Readings are:** 1 Samuel 3: 3-10, 19; Psalm 39: 2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20; Jn 1: 35-42

**GLOSSOP ROSARY.** We are continuing the Rosary on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January** with the Joyful Mysteries.

**The Cycle of Prayer for the coming weeks:**

We pray for Peace on Earth, Openness to the Word of God, Christian Unity, The sick and those who care for them, Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it and the Unemployed.

**Diocesan Events during the coming months:**

**The Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain** - The Adventures of a Biblical Translator. Dom Henry Wansbrough, Editor of the New Jerusalem Bible and most recently the Revised New Jerusalem Bible, Dom Henry has spent a life-time in Bible translation. Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 11.00am to 12.30pm.

To access this live stream event go to [www.sppilford.org.uk](http://www.sppilford.org.uk) and click on live stream remote services. Event available subsequently on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Questions for Fr Henry on Bible translation may be emailed beforehand to [catholicbiblicalassociation.gb@gmail.com](mailto:catholicbiblicalassociation.gb@gmail.com)

**Global Healing - How our faith helps us care for Our Common Home**

This Lent, the Global Catholic Climate Movement invites you to 'Global Healing' in response to Pope Francis' call to care more deeply for Our Common Home – 6<sup>th</sup> Thursdays from 18<sup>th</sup> February -25<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 - 8.30pm: Global Healing film sessions with reflection, guest speakers and discussion. To join and register please make contact with: [jane@catholicclimatemovement.global](mailto:jane@catholicclimatemovement.global) hosted by GCCM Laudato Si' Animators in the UK.

**Catholic Biblical Federation**

The Catholic Biblical Federation (CBF) Webinar in preparation for the "The Day of the Word" has been organised for 22<sup>nd</sup> January on 'The Prophecy of the Gospel for the Life of All'. Other resources including those for the Sunday of the Word are, or will be available on the CBF website: <https://c-b-f.org/>