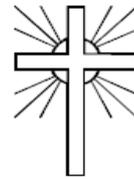


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THIRD SUNDAY OF 2021

Sunday 24th January 2021

Thoughts from today's Gospel Reading Mark 1:14-20

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 Mark's Gospel.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with 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? © *Loyola Press*

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle – Feast day January 25th

St Paul the Apostle was the greatest of the early Christian missionaries. He first appears in the Acts of the Apostles under the name of Saul. He was raised in the Jewish faith as a Pharisee trained in the strict observance of God's Law. He believed the Law should be obeyed by himself and all Jews.

Saul was upset by the early Christian Church, believing that the early Christians had broken away from their Jewish traditions. He actively persecuted the Church in Jerusalem. As the first Christian martyr Stephen was being stoned to death, Saul watched the cloaks of the persecutors (Acts 7:58).

Paul then travelled to Damascus to further persecute early Christians. On the road to Damascus Saul had an encounter with the Risen Jesus Christ (Acts 9:1-19). Jesus asked, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Paul replied, "Who are you, sir?" Jesus responded, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9: 4 - 5). Jesus then sent Saul into Damascus to wait for further instructions. Saul was shaken and blinded by the experience.

When a Christian named Ananias came and baptized Saul, his blindness went away. As a result of this encounter Saul became a follower of Christ. He was now convinced that fellowship with the risen Jesus Christ, not the observance of the Law, was all that was needed to receive God's promise of salvation. (Galatians 1:11-12; 3:1-5)

Saul, whose name now became Paul, went to Jerusalem to consult with Peter (Galatians 1: 18). After his first missionary journeys, Paul was called by Jesus to proclaim the Gospel to the Gentiles. He spent the rest of his life journeying on his missions, establishing local churches, and writing to them when he heard of their accomplishments and failures. Paul's letters are the earliest records of the life and history of the early Church. As inspired by the Holy Spirit Paul's letters are part of the Canon of the New Testament. As a record of the happenings in the early Church they are in invaluable record of the expansion of the Christianity.

Prayer of St Paul

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. *Eph 3:14-19*

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

Saturday 23rd	Feria
6.00pm,	ASC Holy Mass (Vigil) (People of the Parishes) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Sunday 24th	Third Sunday of the year
10.30am	SMH Holy Mass (Mrs Cato, Marie & Tony – Christmas Blessing (JR)) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Monday 25th	The Conversion of St Paul <i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today for Anne McLeish – Birthday Blessing (BB)</i>
Tuesday 26th	SS Timothy and Titus, Bishops <i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today for Patrick Shanahan RIP (GS)</i>
Wednesday 27th	St Angela Merici, Virgin
10.00am,	ASC Holy Mass (The deceased relations and friends of the Broadbent and Walsh families) (CB))
Thursday 28th	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor
10.00am,	<i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today for Anne Paterson RIP (AT)</i>
Friday 29th	Feria
10.00am,	ASC Holy Mass (For the recovery of Martin – Ann King's brother (J&CB))
Saturday 30th	Our Lady's Saturday
10.00-10.30am,	ASC Confessions , Please come dressed for the weather as you may need to wait outside
6.00pm,	ASC Holy Mass (Vigil) (People of the Parishes) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Sunday 31st	Fourth Sunday of the year
10.30am	SMH Holy Mass (For those who live alone in the Parish (KC)) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 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: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; Psalm 24: 4-9; 1 Cor 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20

GLOSSOP ROSARY. We are continuing the Rosary on **Monday 25th January** with the Mysteries of Light.

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:

Gidea Park Study Days In collaboration with Brentwood Interfaith - Let us Dream: The Path to a Better Future is the first book written by a pope in response to a major crisis, and the first ever to be drafted in English. The book offers not just the Pope's reflections on the multiple coronavirus crises, but spiritual guidance on how to make use of the pandemic to make a better world, drawing on powerful episodes from his own life and a lifetime of leadership. Saturday 30th January 2021 11.00am to 12.30pm.

To access this live stream event go to www.sppilford.org.uk and click on live stream remote services. Available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org Questions for the presenter may be emailed beforehand to adriangraffy@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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 – six Thursdays from 18th February -25th 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 hosted by GCCM Laudato Si' Animators in the UK.

All Saints Monthly Draw:

The winner of the December Draw for £100 was Barbara Richardson.