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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

23rd/24th January, 2021

Come and follow me.....

Today's gospel passage takes me back to a nostalgic experience. A few years back I was visiting Rhyll Trout and Bush Tucker Farm in Melbourne with my relatives on the way to Phillip Island. We had an opportunity to fish outside in the farm pool. I waited nearly forty-five minutes to catch a fish, got nothing. All the families were fishing around the outdoor pool but not one of them had any luck, so hard but it takes time and the kids were sad. However, inside you can also see and catch the fish and later the kids caught from the indoor pool.

The invitation from Jesus seems to be easy 'come after me, and I will make you fishers of men'. Fishing seems relatively easy, doesn't it? You throw a line into the water and hope a fish will bite the hook. Same with me at Brady Park at the junction of the Brisbane and Bremer Rivers on a very warm day. But that simple notion undermines the skill necessary to be a true fisherman. When people pay thousands of dollars to enter national fishing contests, they aren't depending on simple luck. They're counting on the skills they have learned over a long period of time.

Similarly, when Jesus told Simon and Andrew and the others, "I will make you fishers of men," he meant that he wanted to teach them the art of evangelization (Mark 1:17). And that's what he wants to do with us as well. He wants to teach us how to reach people with the good news.

If you want to be a fisherman for Christ, you first have to know your "fish." You have to know that many of them have a hard time seeing the beauty of the gospel because they are distracted by so many other things. But you also have to know that God's grace can penetrate the veil over any person's heart—as long as you, the fisherman, remain humble and open to his grace. It's purely God's work.

We can't forget that the essence of Christianity is following Jesus, the Son of God. As his mother Mary told the waiters at the wedding at Cana, "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5). Jesus is the real hero in our lives. He takes the initiative to call us to himself and to follow him more closely. He invites us to follow him in proclaiming the Good News to the whole world. It is not enough to know Christ. We have to share our faith with others and let the Gospel direct our decision-making process.

We naturally want to be comfortable and do things familiar to us. In fact, most ads we see appeal to our desire to rest and be secure. However, Jesus breaks the mould and commands us to leave our comfort zone. Unless we first change ourselves, we cannot expect to change the world. Until we first dedicate ourselves to knowing Christ better and more intimately, we will not be ardent apostles of his kingdom. Only after we have had a personal encounter with Christ can we experience the bliss of loving him more and cooperating in his saving mission. The idea of vocation is central to the Christian belief that God has created each person with gifts and talents oriented toward specific purposes and a way of life. In the broadest sense, as stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Love is the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being" (CCC 2392).

Blessings

Fr Jason mcbs

Readings: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

READINGS FOR 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:

believe the Good News.

Alleluia!

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.

Parish Diary

Monday, January 25th

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Wednesday, January 27th

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

Thursday, January 28th

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Friday, January 29th

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Saturday, January 30th

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 30th

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, January 31st

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK IN
FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Living the gospel

The Good News is here

This week's gospel marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in the Gospel of Mark. The gospel writer has Jesus clearly announcing his message in plain, simple language: "The kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News." That message is as true for us today as it was when those words were first spoken. The kingdom is still close at hand if we would only recognise it in our midst rather than pinning our hopes on some future reward. The call to repent and believe the Good News is as relevant for us as it was for the first believers.

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

WE REMEMBER

We remember Delma Hardy, Maria (Mary) Russo, Paul Lavington and Maureen Campbell. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thursday, January 28th at 4:20pm in the Parish Centre.

COFFEE AND CHAT

On Monday, February 1st please join other parishioners for morning tea and fellowship at BrizStar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza (Coles end of plaza) commencing 10:00am. BrizStar is air-conditioned and has an area away from the plaza thoroughfare, this means less noise. If you would like to attend or need more information please contact Barbara, 3349 6334 or just turn up. Everyone is welcome.

SUPPORT OF OUR PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the Parish during these difficult times. Planned Giving can be arranged through Direct Debit, Credit Card, Parish Giving App, Direct Deposit to the parish account and by Envelopes. If you would like to contribute by internet banking our details are: BSB: 064 – 786; A/c No: 3314 91100; A/c Name: Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish. The Parish Giving app has been set up specifically for parishioners to be electronically connected to their parish for regular and one off giving. Download the app at: <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login>

There is also now a tap machine in the churches for your convenience if you prefer this. This method is pre-set at \$10 per tap.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The Catholic Leader will be returning as a monthly print newspaper in February. There are however, a number of changes which will come into effect with this issue. The changes are:

- The Catholic Leader will be printing monthly.
- Due to the associated costs of producing the newspaper, we have increased the cover price from \$2 to \$4.

You will also be able to subscribe for a print copy or an take out an electronic subscription. In the meantime, you can still catch up with news daily at <https://catholicleader.com.au/news>

THE INTERIOR CASTLE - JOIN US FOR THE FIRST OF OUR FABER FRIDAY SERIES

New in 2021, a time of conversation, community sharing and ongoing educations is being offered by the JISA Faber team. Experienced Spiritual Director, Peter Shakhovskoy, will guide you through an exploration of 'The Interior Castle', by St Teresa of Avila. Run on Friday from 9:00 – 11:30am from February 12th to April 23rd (except Good Friday). For more information follow this link: [The Interior Castle - over 10 Fridays - Faber QLD - Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia \(jisa.org.au\)](https://The%20Interior%20Castle%20-%20over%2010%20Fridays%20-%20Faber%20QLD%20-%20Jesuit%20and%20Ignatian%20Spirituality%20Australia%20(jisa.org.au))

LENTEN MT COOTHA CAMINO

Join us for a reflective Lenten walk through Mt Coot-tha forest. This reflective Camino (Spanish for "the way") will follow a series of images created by local artist Lyndsay Farrell that relate to the path that Jesus walked. Each Saturday of Lent, February 20th – March 27th meet at 7:00am at the Faber Centre, Bardon. For more details follow this link: [Lenten Mt Coot-tha Camino - each Saturday in Lent - Faber QLD - Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia \(jisa.org.au\)](https://Lenten%20Mt%20Coot-tha%20Camino%20-%20each%20Saturday%20in%20Lent%20-%20Faber%20QLD%20-%20Jesuit%20and%20Ignatian%20Spirituality%20Australia%20(jisa.org.au))

6 DAY TOUR OF LIGHTNING RIDGE – APRIL 11TH - 16TH

This tour has been arranged by Tony Toohey, for retirees and their friends and there is room for either you and/or your friends to join them. Tony has used Aldinga Tours several times previously and found them to be excellent providers. The price is \$1780 per person twin share and the single supplement is \$250. A non-refundable deposit of \$100pp is required by 25/1/21 with the balance by 5/3/21. Should you be interested, please contact Tony on 3349 4308 or email aajtuy@optusnet.com.au to answer any queries, you may have and to obtain a copy of the itinerary.



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The following process for booking of mass attendance will continue for all masses until otherwise notified. If you turn up for mass and the allowed number has been reached you will not be permitted to enter the church.

WEEKEND MASSES - Bookings close at 4:00pm on Fridays All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses – <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

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7. If your booking is successful you will receive an email within a few minutes.

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