

Gospel Reflection

The Lord calls to us as well, constantly, to help us seek our salvation. Yet we often resist, considering it something to put off, like work after a time of play. Augustine experienced this and expressed it more explicitly than most, knowing he must convert and follow Christ but wishing to put that moment off as long as possible to enjoy his life of pleasure while feigning ignorance. Augustine wished to stay asleep as long as possible, and hoped to delay his awakening — even though in reality he had already awakened to the truth.

What is remarkable in the Gospel is the utter lack of hesitation mentioned in the answer to Jesus' call by the disciples. In fact, they start following Him even before Jesus tells them, "Come, and you will see." They experience no confusion, and even though Peter has a significant trade, he and the other disciples simply drop their previous lives and follow His call. They do not go to sleep, or have to be called on multiple occasions. They immediately recognize the authentic call of salvation and act on it.

Coffee Morning the next Coffee Morning will be held on Tuesday 23rd January. There will be tea and coffee, cakes and biscuits, Bingo and a Bring and Buy Sale.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon to arrange to see him after an 11am Mass on Sunday morning.

Following this there are Meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm.that you will need to attend, where you will meet Mrs Gerri Doherty and Deacon Tony Ford.

NEWSLETTER

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"United in conviction and united
in love, with a common purpose
and a common mind"
Philippians 2:2

14TH JANUARY 2018 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 13th January	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Kathleen Harrison RIP
Sunday 14th January	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Our Retired Priests
Monday 15th January	9:30am 7:30pm	Service of Word and Communion Scripture Group
Tuesday 16th January	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday 17th January		No service
Thursday 18th January	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Friday 19th January		No service
Saturday 20th January	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Tina Charters - Thank You
Sunday 21st January	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Tony Lister - sick
Monday 22nd January	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion

If Fr Simon is unobtainable and you urgently need a Priest please phone the parish mobile: **07548 222133** Please use this number for emergencies only i.e. where a priest is needed urgently.

200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize
This week – Mrs Bernadette
Eastwood

**WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB
AND HELP THE PARISH?**

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

If you would like to make a donation for the flowers please add your name to the list in the porch and place your donation into the wall box.

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please bring in your unwanted spectacles

Retired Priests Fund Collection will be taken this weekend. We have around 30 retired priests – and in the next 2-3 years a further 16 are due to retire from active service. The Retired Priests’ Fund is used to provide accommodation and financial support. Please be generous in your response to this collection.

Scripture Group will begin again on **Monday 15th January** from 7.30pm in the presbytery. The group meets every two weeks to discuss the readings for the coming Sunday. It is not an academic study. It is about sharing how the readings speak to us in our own lives. New members very welcome.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function, please contact Phil Martin on 07720 807162

Prayer for our Parish:

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish
and grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,
through Christ our Lord.

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St Joseph pray for us

Gospel Reading John 1 35 – 42

The next day John was back at his post with two disciples, who were watching. He looked up, saw Jesus walking nearby, and said, “Here he is, God’s Passover Lamb.”



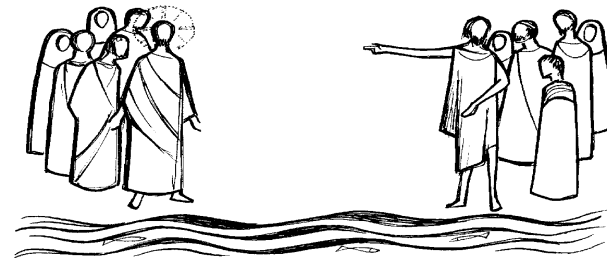
The two disciples heard him and went after Jesus. Jesus looked over his shoulder and said to them, “What are you after?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

He replied, “Come along and see for yourself.”

They came, saw where he was living, and ended up staying with him for the day. It was late afternoon when this happened.

Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard John’s witness and followed Jesus. The first thing he did after finding where Jesus lived was find his own brother, Simon, telling him, “We’ve found the Messiah” (that is, “Christ”). He immediately led him to Jesus.

Jesus took one look up and said, “You’re John’s son, Simon? From now on your name is Cephas” (or Peter, which means “Rock”).



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi