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MASS TIMES

5.15pm-5.45pm Confessions

Sat Eve 20th Jan (Green) Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

6.00pm Jim Abbott's Welfare

Sunday 21st Jan (Green) Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

9.30am In Thanksgiving (C.M.)

11.00am Hypolito Mergulhao (90th Birthday)

Monday 22nd January (Green) Mass of the Day

9.30am Private Intention (B.S)

Tuesday 23rd January (Green) Mass of the Day

9.30am Tanya Ala's Wellbeing (I.R.)

**Wednesday 24th January (White) St. Francis de Sales, Bishop
& Doctor of the Church**

9.30am Casimir Rozario's Welfare (B.S.)

Thur 25th Jan (White) The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

9.30am Marie Ryan R.I.P. (P.D'B) (Feast)

Friday 26th January (White) Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

9.30am John Barry's Intention

7-8pm Holy Hour

8.00pm Nancy Davidson's Welfare (A.I.)

Saturday 27th January (White) Our Lady

10.00am Teresa O'Brien's Intention (K.H.)

10.30-11.20am Exposition & Divine Mercy Chaplet

10.30-11.00am Confessions

5.15pm-5.45pm Confessions

Sat Eve 27th Jan (Green) Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

6.00pm Ben & Bridget Baines R.I.P. (A.F.)

Sunday 28th Jan (Green) Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

9.30am Cath Donnelly R.I.P.

11.00am John McCabe R.I.P.

Collections:

Gift Aid: £344.19

Loose: £185.74 Att: 224

Retiring Collection for the White Flower Appeal: £339.67.

Next Sunday 28th January is **Racial Justice Sunday**. The Collection is taken to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

This is Church Unity Week – 18th to 25th January; which is the Feast of St. Paul the Apostle.

INTERCOM: The Deep End * The call by Triona Doherty

‘Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?’

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known?

Will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?’

The hymn ‘The Summons’, by John L. Bell, consists of a list of questions from Jesus as he calls each one of us to be disciples. Each one begins with the words ‘Will you ...?’ The final verse is our response as disciples: ‘Let me turn and follow you and never be the same’.

Today we reflect on Jesus' call to the very first disciples. There is a simplicity to the scenes where Jesus gathers his first disciples. He issues the invitation to follow him, and the fishermen respond with a resounding yes, leaving their nets, boats, and even their families behind, no questions asked. In the opening chapters of Mark's gospel everything happens ‘at once’ or immediately. There is a sense of urgency; the time has come, the kingdom of God is near, and Jesus needs helpers to work alongside him.

Jesus asks the same of us, his modern-day disciples: ‘Follow me’. We are summoned too. We are challenged to leave aside our worldly concerns, see the world in a new way, and to begin a new adventure with Jesus.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS: Mark 1:14-20 by Fr. John Bryne OSA

‘The time is fulfilled’ – this is a decisive moment in the life of Jesus. His public ministry is about to begin. Recall turning points in your own life when something new happened and with hindsight you can say the time was ripe for it to happen, ‘the time was fulfilled’.

‘Repent and believe the good news’. Jesus was not preaching a new doctrine, he was proclaiming an event that had already happened. *The time has come*. Jesus called for a change of heart as a response to the good news of the gospel message. A new way of understanding God leads to a conversion in how we relate to God, a change of heart. A growth in awareness of who we are can lead us to a new level of self-confidence, another change of heart. Can you recall times when ‘good news’ led you to a change of heart?

SUNDAY SEEDS: by Fr. S. O'Flynn OFM Cap.

One survey found that on average people spend 37 hours a week watching television. That leaves very little time for developing the potential of faith ... through study of God's word, developing a prayerlife, or belonging to some apostolic action. The first step towards Jesus will be in leaving the entangling nets of television, vapid reading, barren routine, too much work. Where does one go to learn more about Jesus? A project for every parish will be to provide the means for people to know more about Jesus in the scriptures.

‘This passion (for the word) will not fail to stir in the church a new sense of mission, which cannot be left to a group of “specialists” but must involve the responsibility of all the members of the People of God’. (John Paul II, *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, 40).

Please pray for the sick of our Parish, especially:
Terrie Biggs, Frances Wheeler, Jean Cooper, Brenda Farrar,
Joe Shields, George & Wendy Lea, Meriel Barry,
Harry Howard & Colin Biggs, and all who care for them.

Anniversaries of the Deceased: Albert O'Neill, John Sesby,
Peter Ince, Bridget Baines, Agnes Walsingham &
Peter Martin

First Holy Communion will be on Saturday 9th June at 11am.

The Funeral for Bridget Daniels is on 7th February 2018 at 11.15am at the Medway Crematorium East Chapel.