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**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
**Week Beginning: 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**  
**Prayer Week: 3**

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<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Year</i>	<b>10:00am</b>	Parishioners	Holy Rosary
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Jack Devine	Holy Rosary
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Arthur Ryan	St Joseph school
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Peter Caswell	Holy Rosary
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Conversion of St Paul</i>	<b>10:00am</b>	Nora Supple	Holy Rosary
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>SS timothy &amp; Titus</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	Joyce Davies	St John's
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year (Vigil)</i>	<b>5.00pm</b>	Maureen Haylett	St John's
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year</i>	<b>10:00am</b>	Parishioners	Holy Rosary

**Please pray for the sick and everyone who is ill:**

Rev. Dan Mckie, Sarah McAllister, Max Simpson, Carol Brownlee, Grace Ollie, Judy Houchen, Peter Smith, Cai Rive, Avril Wordsworth, Lily Ward-Thurlbeck, Rose Wall, Peter Chapman, Christine Rooney, Brian Kane, Margaret Hitchinson, Helen Webb, Jim Hodgson, Fr Stephen Dye, Judith Sowerby, Kate Williams, Faustina Morgan, Maureen Maddren, Daisy Elliott, Maureen Braithwaite, Baby Cassian, Sheila Allen, May Hutchinson,

**Please remember those lately dead or with anniversaries:** Paul Griffiths

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

A Service of prayer- North Methodist church, Marsh House Avenue  
 This Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 3pm

**LIVES OF THE SAINTS**

Over the years I have gathered a collection of various lives of the saints in the form of CTS (Catholic Truth Society) pamphlets.

I will leave a selection of these in the rack at Holy Rosary and the Repository table at St John's. Please take and read and pass them on to others. I do not need them returned. The saints are our heroes and heroines. They point out how to love and serve God and as members of our family they pray for us!

**THE NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR 2024**

Our Diocesan Directory on sale at £3

**The Northern Cross-JANUARY**

£1.50p

**Statue of Our Lady**

For many years the statue was available to parishioners to have in their homes for a week. JANUARY now on noticeboard. Please sign up.

**NO Confessions next Saturday**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 95:1,6

**O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.**

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,  
that in the name of your beloved Son  
we may abound in good works.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**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.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Ps. 24:4-9. R.v4

**R) Lord, make me know your ways.**

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**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the 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.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Mk 1:15  
**The kingdom of God is close at hand;  
believe the Good News.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Mark 1:14-20

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,  
and in sanctifying them  
grant that they may profit us for salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Jn 8:12

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, receiving the grace  
by which you bring us to new life,  
we may always glory in your gift.  
Through Christ our Lord

# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Last week we heard John's version of how Simon and Andrew came to follow Jesus. This week we have Mark's version, which is more detailed and dramatic. This time, Jesus sees these fishermen as he walks along the by the Sea of

Galilee. However, in both these accounts the men accept Jesus' call to follow him 'at once'. Such is the power of Jesus' presence that they don't stop to think through the consequences of giving up their livelihoods. They don't even ask what exactly is required of them. It would be reasonable to assume that their wives would have objected to their husbands packing in their jobs to follow this unknown person. It would be interesting to know what conversations went on between the former fishermen and their

families. However, we are all called to follow Jesus in one way or another, and that usually requires making choices which are not shared by our friends or family. It would be wrong for someone to abandon their wife and children, and certainly not the will of God. But we need to constantly ask ourselves if we are putting God in the first place in our life.



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL  
**FRATELLI TUTTI**  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



### THE BENEFITS AND LIMITS OF LIBERAL APPROACHES

165. True charity is capable of incorporating all these elements in its concern for others. In the case of personal encounters, including those involving a distant or forgotten brother or sister, it can do so by employing all the resources that the institutions of an organized, free and creative society are capable of generating. Even the Good Samaritan, for example, needed to have a nearby inn that could provide the help that he was personally unable to offer. Love of neighbour is concrete and squanders none of the resources needed to bring about historical change that can benefit the poor and disadvantaged. At times, however, leftist ideologies or social doctrines linked to individualistic ways of acting and ineffective procedures affect only a few, while the majority of those left behind remain dependent on the goodwill of others. This demonstrates the need for a greater spirit of fraternity, but also a more efficient worldwide organization to help resolve the problems plaguing the abandoned who are suffering and dying in poor countries. It also shows that there is no one solution, no single acceptable methodology, no economic recipe that can be applied indiscriminately to all. Even the most rigorous scientific studies can propose different courses of action.



### The Fire of Love\* ACQUIRING PATIENCE AND HUMILITY



Being honoured in this life is easily destroyed by shame. Receiving earthly glory can ultimately result in confusion. So it seems that an insult is better than honour, confusion better than success, grief better than glory; for in facing difficult things, we learn humility and patience.

Becoming holy

These are the things that belong to holiness:

Never to think, say or do what displeases God; rather, try to please God in everything.

Do not pretend to be holier than you actually are, that is a foolish ambition.

There are some things which are neither good nor bad in themselves. We can reverently see, hear, touch and taste many things. Everything depends on our intention.

Sin means doing something to harm our neighbour or harm one's self, and shows a contempt of God; whereas to be despised and treated as a fool helps us to rise to the joy of the angels.

\*The Fire of Love by Richard Rolle Published by Aeterna Press