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## 31 JANUARY 2021– YEAR (B) FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Follow me, and I will make you into fishers of men. (Mark 1:17)*

This Sunday we begin our reading of the gospel laid down to be read on Ordinary Sundays this year, the Gospel according to Mark, the first and the shortest of the four gospels. Mark begins his gospel without any reference to the birth or early life of Jesus. Our passage begins with Jesus in Galilee proclaiming the 'good news' or 'gospel' of God. Jesus declares the coming of 'the time' and of 'the kingdom of God'. The essence of his preaching is that the time of fulfilment, the long-awaited time, has arrived. God's kingdom, God's rule, is coming. The power of evil and of sin will be challenged, and overcome. This will be the constant theme of the words and deeds of Jesus in Mark. The first half of the gospel is set mostly in the northern region of Galilee. It is here that the gospel is first heard and first welcomed. Our reading continues with the call of the first disciples. They are taken away abruptly from their daily work of fishing. They respond immediately to Jesus' summons. They do not show the reluctance which Jonah showed (first reading). The call of Jesus is irresistible. They abandon both their work, and their family ties. Something momentous is happening in their lives. It is amid the preoccupations of each day that the Lord calls his disciples, and calls them by name. What was it like when you first understood and welcomed the message of the good news? What has been your response to the call of Jesus at times of crisis or turning points in life? We pray for a deeper appreciation that the good news of Jesus really is good news. We pray for an understanding that only through God's goodness can our lives be free from worry.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*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 GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

#### **A reading from Prophet Jonah**

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.  
*R. Thanks be to God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9

**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.

*R. Thanks be to God*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The kingdom of God is close at hand:**

**repent, and believe the Good News.**

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to 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.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.**

*May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.*

**SANCTUS:** *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

### THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

*Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*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.*

## **PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION**

**SACRAMENTS DURING LOCKDOWN:** Masses as usual: 9.30am & 6.30pm Monday to Saturday. Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 12:00, 1pm and 6.30pm.

We are allowed to have funerals, baptisms and Wedding. Please contact the parish office to find out more about these sacraments.

**NHS COVID-19 VACCINATION:** NHS England has chosen our Parish Hall for the vaccination which will start on **Saturday 30th January**. They are looking for volunteers to help at the vaccination site, if you can fill in a form (from the Porch) and drop it at Pearl Chemist, 159 Mitcham Road, SW17.



**A YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:** Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021.

**NOVENA & MASS OF ST JOSEPH:** In this year of St Joseph, we shall pray to St Joseph for the world, our parish and family through *Mass of St Joseph & Novena on Wednesdays, starts from Wednesday 20th January*. Novena will be prayed after both morning & evening Mass.

**BAPTISM PROGRAMME:** Since we are in lockdown, there will not be any baptism programme in January. The next programme is on Monday 22nd February. Those who wish to have their child baptised, please contact the parish office.

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS:** Please drop your envelopes/offering in the offering boxes which can be found at the entrance and exits or use the card machines at the back of the Church.

**CONTACTLESS OFFERINGS & GIFT AID:** We have two card terminals to make your offering. **YOU CAN FIND THE TERMINALS ON EITHER SIDE IN THE PORCH AS YOU ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS.** You can Gift Aid all the offering you make by card. If you wish to use your card for your offering/ donation, please follow the instructions at the terminals. Thanks for using the facility.

**PARISH OPEN HOUSE:** No Parish Open House during lockdown. For urgent matters, please contact the parish office.

**CONFESSIONS:** *Saturdays 10.30am to 11.30am*

**ROSARY DURING LOCKDOWN:** Monday to Saturday at 9am & 6pm.

**FAREWELL/ THANKSGIVING MASS FOR FR PETER AUDU:** You all are invited to join the parish family on **Sunday 14th February at 12:00** for a thanksgiving Mass for the service of Fr Peter to St Boniface.

**LOCKDOWN RULES & REGULATIONS:** We are so grateful for the government for allowing us to have Church open and have Mass. Let us also continue to do everything to keep the trust of the government on us. Please keep face covering when you enter the Church, use hand sanitiser and take the seat which are marked. We have created more space between the pews. So let us work together to protect others and us.

**LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:** 9.30am Mon– Sat and Sun 12:00.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Programme will start on Saturday 24th April at 9.50am in the Parish Hall. All the parents (ONLY) are requested to attend a meeting on Saturday 20th March at 9.50am in the Parish Hall.

**CONFIRMATION:** Due to lockdown and Covid-19 situation, Confirmation programme will not start on Saturday 6th February. *The new start date for the programme is now Saturday 24th April at 11.15am.*

**PARENTS MEETING OF THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** *in postponed to Saturday 20th March at 11am in the parish hall.*

**RCIA:** No session during lockdown. The next session is Monday 22nd February at 7.15pm

**CONFESSIONS:** On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am. Unfortunately, regulation wont allow us to have confessions in the confessional. So the confessions will be at the Our Lady Chapel area. **Please note the time change.**

**RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Please receive the blessed sacrament with reverence and consume the body of Christ before you walk away from communion place.

**FIRST FIVE SATURDAYS DEVOTIONS:** Next one is on Saturday 6th February beginning with Adoration at 8.45am followed by morning prayers, Mass at 9.30am, Novena and Rosary. You all are invited.

**RECENTLY DIED:** We offer our prayers for Joyce D'Silva, Richard Dickinson, Mary Harrington, Martha Pinto and Ellen Bolger who died recently. May they rest in peace!. Mary Harrington's funeral can be watched on YouTube <https://youtu.be/esQcxCBKkps> on Friday January 29th at 12.30pm

*Those who help in the saving of others save themselves as well.  
(Hartmann von Aue)*

**NEED TO SEE A PRIEST:** If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come for a parish open house which is every Friday 4pm-6pm.

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** A Catholic Priest is available for patients, staff & Visitors to St. George's Hospital, Fr. Mark Higgins, on 0208 725 3069. Messages can be left. In emergencies phone the switchboard on 020 8672 1255 to page the Catholic Priest, who can be reached 24/7.

*For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.*



**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

**Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.**

**The Sick:** Dessy, Helena O'Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Beverley King, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastasia Ogbonna, Nilojan Mariyathas, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Janet Adams, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly & Eli Lee Roberts.

**Death Anniversaries:** Bella Almeida, Robert Parker, Epphi Sahlan-Lie, Crispin DeSouza, Cyril Ireland, Andrew Jhugroo, Frederick Jackson, Phyllis Sullivan, Veronica Bennett, Angolina Diana, Inez Andrews, Kathleen Gouveia, John McCarthy, Raphael Chukwude, William Keogh, Annesta Richards, Mary Ward, Anna Ogundeji-Peters, Elvira Agius, Patricia Rotin, Mary Simmons, Richard Olowe, Yvonne Wise, Anne Richardson. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

|                       | 23rd & 24th January                                           | 30th & 31st January                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                       | <b>LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)</b> |                                     |
| Sat 18.30             | Lucinda D'Souza                                               | Maricel Austria                     |
| 09.00                 | Robin Thomas                                                  | Katherine Bennett                   |
| 10.30                 | Rebekka Prabakaran                                            | Gary Bennett                        |
| 12.00                 | Tara Butler                                                   | Matthewson Mathews                  |
| 13:00                 | Ian Johnson                                                   | Pam Fernandes                       |
| 18.30                 | Susan Daniel                                                  | Angel Babu                          |
| <b>Cleaning Rota:</b> | <b>Wk4: Mon 25th Jan @ 7 pm</b>                               | <b>Wk1: Mon 1st February @ 10am</b> |

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| <b>Sunday 24th January</b><br><b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B</b><br><b>Sunday of the Word of God</b> | 09:00 | Robin & Sibi Ints                    |
|                                                                                                                | 10:30 | Josie McCarthy                       |
|                                                                                                                | 12:00 | Angela & Ariel Shirley               |
|                                                                                                                | 13:00 | Kevin McNicholas RIP                 |
|                                                                                                                | 18:30 | Ellen Bolger, RIP                    |
| <b>Monday 25th January</b><br><b>FO: Conversion of St Paul the Apostle</b>                                     | 09:30 | Thomas & Patricia McCauley           |
|                                                                                                                | 18:30 | Michael O'Neill, RIP                 |
| <b>Tuesday 26th January</b><br><b>Ss Timothy &amp; Titus</b>                                                   | 09:30 | Joyce D'Silva, RIP                   |
|                                                                                                                | 18:30 | Joshua Anoop B/D                     |
| <b>Wednesday 27th January</b><br><b>St Angela Merici</b><br><b>VOTIVE OF ST JOSEPH</b>                         | 09:30 | Peddy Lawrence, RIP                  |
|                                                                                                                | 18:30 | Mary Sagoe B/D Ints                  |
| <b>Thursday 28th January</b><br><b>St Thomas Aquinas</b>                                                       | 09:30 | John McCarthy, RIP                   |
|                                                                                                                | 18:30 | Susan Lanney                         |
| <b>Friday 29th January</b><br><b>Feria</b>                                                                     | 09:30 | For the people of the Parish         |
|                                                                                                                | 18:30 | John Warren, RIP                     |
| <b>Saturday 30th January</b><br><b>The Blessed Virgin Mary</b>                                                 | 09:30 | Marcella Cortez Ints<br>Ints Kennedy |
|                                                                                                                | 15:00 | <b>Baptism</b>                       |
|                                                                                                                | 18:30 | Martha Pinto, RIP                    |
| <b>Sunday 31st January</b><br><b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B</b><br><b>Racial Justice Sunday</b>    | 09:00 | Thanksgiving to St Anthony           |
|                                                                                                                | 10:30 | Francis Coyle, RIP                   |
|                                                                                                                | 12:00 | Kevin McGowan, RIP                   |
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|                                                                                                                | 18:30 | Ints Conchita Cortez                 |

**All the Group meeting & Prayer Groups are closed until further notice.**  
**Parish Open House Closed**  
**Tamil Mass: Cancelled until further notice**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 Sat: 10.30am – 11.30pm

**Holy Hour**  
 First Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm

**Adoration & Morning Prayer**  
 Monday - Saturday: 9am  
 Holy Hour on First Friday  
 5.15pm – 6.15 pm

**Novena to St Anthony**  
 Tuesday: 10am & 7pm  
**Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
 Friday: 10am

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**  
 Saturday: 10am