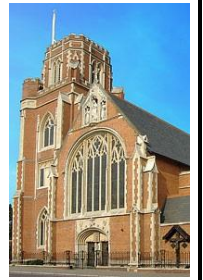


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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st January 2018

Follow me and I will make you fishers of men

Mass Times

20th Sat Feria

9.30 *Amalia Lobo +*

17.30 *Bernardine Lewis +*

21st Sun Third Sunday in Ordinary Times

10.00 *Bella Desa +*

15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

22nd Mon Feria

9.30 *Mildred Lewis +*

23rd Tue Feria

9.30 *Lily, Gerard, Adrian, Michael McMorrow +*

19.30 Central Wandsworth Unity Service

24th Wed Saint Francis de Sales

9.30

25th Thu Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

9.30 In St Joseph's School

26th Fri Saints Timothy and Titus

9.30

27th Sat Feria

9.30

17.30 (Vigil Mass) *Agnes Mabira Thanksgiving*

28th Sun Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Times

10.00 *Cresencio Alba +*

15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

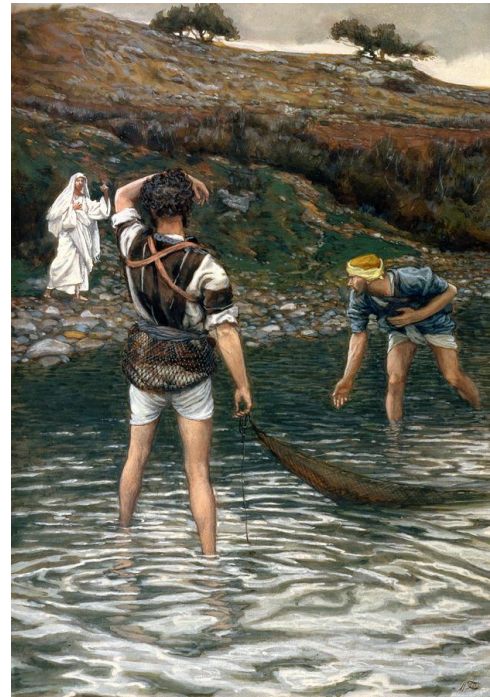
Sunday Readings: Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

Cycle of Prayer Ordinary Time: Winter

Peace on Earth, Racial Justice, Christian Unity, Victims of Human Trafficking, The Sick and those who care for them, The Unemployed

Next Week's Liturgy Group: John

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



Calling of St Peter and St Andrew, James Tissot 1886-94

The Call of the First Apostles

This Sunday we read about the call of the Apostles. What is striking about this account is how those first Apostles immediately dropped everything to follow Jesus.

In the world of today we all have so many commitments, so many things that keep us in one place, that it is hard to conceive of just letting go of everything in order to follow the Lord.

It is easy for us to believe that at the time of Christ there were fewer commitments and obligations and so believe that it was easier for the Apostles to let go of their day to day commitments.

But if you think about it, we soon realise that this cannot have been the case. In a society much poorer than ours it was even more important to secure a regular income. With bigger families and the responsibility of looking after the elderly there were also more commitments and obligations to the extended family.

So, let us not think that it was easy for those Apostles to make such a radical commitment to Christ. Let us instead take them as our inspiration and endeavour to follow the path that they walked; maybe not by leaving our families but by committing ourselves wholeheartedly to spreading the teaching of Christ.

Father Alex



Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes normally falls on 11th February but this year, since that day is a Sunday, it will be celebrated on Monday 12th. It is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sick and so we will offer the Sacrament of the Sick after the 9.30 mass on that day. The Sacrament of the Sick will also be offered at the Royal Hospital at 15.00 Sunday Mass.

**Only he who can see the invisible
can do the impossible**

School Mass

Mass on the feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Thursday 25th January will be in St Joseph's School at 9.30.

First Communion

First Communion classes take place today in the Corry Hall after the Sunday 10.00 mass. Coffee and Tea in the atrium and Priests House.

Parent and Toddler Group

Our Parent and Toddler Group takes place in the Corry Hall on Mondays 10.00-12.00. All welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration

A Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee is being set up to develop the practice of Eucharistic Adoration throughout the Archdiocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting in the Centre for Catholic Formation, 21 Tooting Bec Road, SW17 8BS on Saturday 3rd February 11.00-12.15. See poster in the Church porch for further information.

Confirmation in 2018

We have had only one application for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Unless we get a few more applications in the next two weeks we will have to ask the Bishop to postpone his visit until 2019. Application forms at the back of the Church.

Christmas Crib

As usual at this Season, all gifts at the Crib are given to the Catholic Children's Society. Please support their important work as generously as you can. The Crib comes down on 2nd February.

Cake Sale

There will be a cake sale after mass on 4th February.

**Strength in prayer is better than
length in prayer**

Upcoming Dates

Christian Unity Week 18-25th January
Seniors Club 31st January
Wandsworth Deanery Meeting 13th February
Marriage Preparation Course 24th February
Parish Council 6th March
Parish Council 5th June

Christian Unity Week

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 18th-25th January. The Week of Prayer always concludes with the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. Wandsworth Unity Service will take place at St John's Methodist Church, East Hill, on Tuesday 23rd January at 19.30, the Caribbean Church will lead the service and the guest speaker is the High Commissioner for St Lucia.



Adoremus

We are looking for two people to represent the parish at the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool 7th-9th September 2018. Please express your interest to Father Alex. Eucharistic Congresses are meetings of clergy, religious and laity promoting an awareness of the importance of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. The last Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908. Participants engage in a series of workshops and addresses focusing on different dimensions of the Eucharist as well as the daily celebration and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It will take place in the Echo Arena which can accommodate 10,000 people.

Funeral

The funeral of Helen O'Donnell will take place at Putney Vale Crematorium at 12.15 on 7th February.

**The tongue ties knots
that the teeth cannot loosen**

Irish Proverb

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £487, Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

28th January Racial Justice. 11th February Poor Parishes, 25th February CAFOD Family Fast Day

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: M Harrison
L Northeast n/w A Ollva, E Falcone

Readers: Sat: E & N Falcone, C Kawesi, Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast n/w Sat: N Nolan, S Vas, E De Souza Sun: T Brown, A Harris, A Stacey

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: E Falcone, D McGavin, C. Kawesi Sun: D Lyons, E Sinclair, L Delos Santos, J Cato n/w Sat: J Cato, D McGavin, C Kawesi Sun: A Nobis, R Nwodo, P Fahy, R McMullan

Little Church: J & N Neligan, A Mann n/w R&S Jackson

Tiny Church: T Brine n/w R Barros

Flowers: V Barkho n/w A Oliva

Royal Hospital: Sr Pauline n/w A Robbins