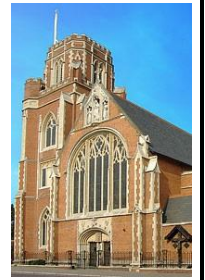




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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th February 2019

They left everything and followed him

Mass Times

- 9th Sat Feria**
9.30 Rolando Mangaw +
10.00 Confessions
17.30 Maureen O'Reilly +
- 10th Sun Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10.00 Richard Nathanson +
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 11th Mon Our Lady of Lourdes**
9.30 Patrick Dolan +
With Anointing of the Sick
- 12th Tue Feria**
9.30 Damian Purcell +
- 13th Wed Feria**
9.30 Patrick Dolan +
- 14th Thu SS Cyril & Methodius**
9.30 Michael Hatton +
- 15th Fri Feria**
9.30 Holy Souls
- 16th Sat Feria**
9.30
10.00 Confessions
17.30 Bill Gallagher Thanksgiving
- 17th Sun Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10.00 Jessica Daniels +
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

Sunday Readings: Year C **Weekday Readings:** Year 1

Cycle of Prayer, Winter:

Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, Victims of Human Trafficking, The Sick and their Carers, The Unemployed

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Luke

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



The Miraculous Draught of Fish, Peter Paul Rubens 1610

Faith Sharing

I don't know much about fishing but casting one's net in a shallow lake in the middle of the day doesn't really seem to be the best way to go about it. We are told that Peter and his companions had been up all night; they were well aware that night was the best time to go fishing. But the text is not really about fishing for fish; it is about discipleship and about fishing for men.

I was listening to a discussion on the radio between a Moslem, a Christian and a Jew. It was said that Judaism was not a missionary religion but the reason for this was that the Jews had been forbidden to make converts for so long that they had grown accustomed to the fact that their religion was only handed down through the family. Both the Christian and the Moslem were unequivocal that theirs were missionary faiths.

This is made clear in today's Gospel text; even as he calls his first disciples Jesus tells them that they are missionaries. How could anyone forget this lesson since he uses the miraculous catch of fish to make his point? If we want to be true followers of Christ we have to take seriously the missionary aspect of our discipleship. What this means is talking about our faith with others.

We are very shy about this; perhaps it's a British thing or we could at a stretch put it down to the legacy of persecution. Most likely we simply aren't confident enough and don't feel we have the vocabulary or the knowledge to talk about our beliefs. But we have to get over this shyness.

Let us be clear, talking about our faith is not an option for Christians. And if we are shy then we should take heed of Jesus' words and '*launch out into the deep*'. *Fr Alex*



**The Feast of
Our Lady of Lourdes**

The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered here at St Thomas à Becket on Monday 11th February at the 9.30 mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. As it is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sick we will also offer the Sacrament of the Sick at mass in the Royal Hospital at 15.00 on 10th February.

**Those who think it is permissible to
tell white lies soon grow colour-blind**

Confirmation

Confirmation classes take place on Saturdays at 16.00 in the Corry Hall.

First Confession

First Confessions will take place on Sunday 17th March.

Marriage in 2019

If you are considering getting married in 2019 it is important that you contact Father Alex urgently so that the preparation process can be started in good time. Six months' notice is normally required.

Marriage Preparation Course

We will be holding a Marriage Preparation Course on Saturday 23rd March from 10.00 to 15.00 in the Corry Hall.

Cake Sale

Cake Sale this Sunday after 10.00 Mass

Catholic Singles

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics (18+) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. www.catholic singles.org.uk or 0161 941 3498

Newsletter by E-mail

If you wish to receive the parish newsletter by e-mail please inform becket.westhill@btinternet.com

**There is no greatness
where there is not simplicity,
goodness, and truth.**

Leo Tolstoy

Forthcoming Dates

Cake Sale 10th February
 First Confession 17th March
 Confirmation 28th April
 First Communion 12th May

Jesus

Tuesday 15th January
We were made for Jesus
 Fr Matthew O'Gorman

Tuesday 29th January
Israel and the Messiah
 Fr Luiz Ruscillo

Tuesday 12th February
Jesus the Christ
 Fr Philip Cunnah

Tuesday 26th February
Why did He have to die?
 Fr Mark Vickers

19:00, 24 Golden Square, London, W1F 9JR
 followed by Q&A, cheese & wine. @FaithMovUK

**That man is worthless
who knows how to receive a favour,
but not how to return one**

Plautus

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £ 445.42 Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

3rd March Poor Parishes, 24th March The Passage

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: E. Chavez, R Martella n/w L. Northeast, M Ascensao

Readers: Sat: R & S Jackson, M Slade Sun: A. Burnett, T Greetham, A. Kane Blanes n/w Sat: E & N Falcone, H Pall, Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: M & S Lee, Sun: G D'Monte, V Chima, A Kilcawley, R McMullan n/w Sat: E Falcone, D McGavin, C Kawesi, Sun: D Lyons, E Sinclair, L Delos Santos, J Cato

Little Church: A Kilcawley, M Harrison, A Stacey n/w J & N Neligan, A Mann

Tiny Church: E Lueth n/w L Fernandes Ferreira

Flowers: A Robbins n/w V Barkho

Royal Hospital: C Kawesi n/w A Vanotti, M Lewis

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 9th February, 9th March