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Mark 1:18

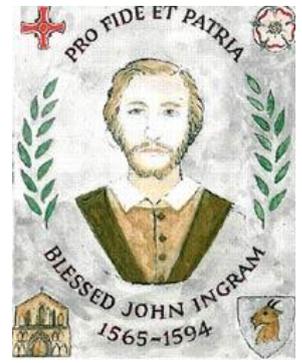
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**24 January 2021**

**Third Sunday of the Year**

**Year B**

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- **THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH** During the National Lockdown, and with the support of our volunteer stewards and cleaners, Fr Peter is continuing to celebrate Sunday Morning Mass with a congregation at 10.00am. All other Masses will be celebrated without a congregation. Please remember that in the present circumstances, you are under no obligation to attend Mass on Sundays or Holydays of Obligation. If you intend to attend Mass on Sunday, please take particular notice of the 'booking-in' system detailed on the next page. If you are unable to attend Mass in church, Sunday Morning Mass will continue to be available to view on our Parish YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/channel/UC3webHIXzcgamFoHdfuCFLO](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3webHIXzcgamFoHdfuCFLO) and on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/) - The Parish of Our Lady & St Philip Neri.
- Live broadcasts of Mass from various locations and at various times can be found at the following website: [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)
- As part of the pastoral care of parishioners and others during this COVID-19 lockdown, a number of qualified counsellors and listeners have generously made themselves available to anyone who may be troubled by the negative effects of the pandemic. These counsellors and listeners can be contacted through the St Mary's Cathedral Listening Service on 0191 232 6953 and the Northumberland Listening Service on 07732 980740.

*Mass times listed below indicate Masses to be celebrated in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and for which, if you wish to attend, you should 'book-in' (see over page)*

<b>Sunday 24 January Third Sunday of the Year (B)</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	People of the Parish
<i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>		
Monday 25 January <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i>		Priest's Intention
Tuesday 26 January <i>SS Timothy and Titus</i>		Requiem Mass
Wednesday 27 January		Ellen Woolf (dec.)
Thursday 28 January <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>		Deceased of Doran Family (dec.)
Friday 29 January		Tom Airey (dec.)
Saturday 30 January		Bob Payne (ann.)
<b>Sunday 31 January Fourth Sunday of the Year (B)</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	People of the Parish
<i>Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice</i>		

*Readings at Mass 25 - 30 January - Ordinary Time Week 3 Year 1*  
*Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity 18- 25 January*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Rose Cowan who has died recently. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Matty Bullock, Raymond Deponio, Barney Hayes, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Liz McKenna, Pauline Mulholland, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Barbara Stephenson, Geoff Taylor.

**If you or any members of your family are going into hospital and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain, please ask a member of the ward staff to let the Catholic Chaplain know. For the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, you can contact the Chaplaincy Department Office directly, tel. 0191 445 2072 (Catholic Chaplain: Rev. Peter Jones). For the RVI and Freeman Hospitals in Newcastle, tel. 0191 233 6161 (Catholic Chaplain: Fr Mariadass 0191 273 3903).**

## **SUNDAY MORNING 10.00am MASS AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH**

In order to ensure that all those attending Mass can have a seat and be safely accommodated inside the church, there is a dedicated telephone 'booking in' system - the telephone number is 07388 814715 and you will be able to contact this number Monday - Wednesday, 11am - 6pm. Please be advised that this number does not accept text messaging and there is no facility to leave a message.

*For those who have booked-in and are attending Mass, the church will be opened half an hour before the published Mass time.*

***The wearing of a face covering is mandatory unless a person has an exemption from this. At all times, when travelling to and from church, and whilst in church, you must observe strict social distancing (i.e. 2 metres) from anyone not in your household or support bubble and you must not mingle with anyone not in your household or support bubble before, during or after Mass.***

*A one-way system is in place in the church, plus hand sanitisers at the entrance (Main Doors) and exit (Day Chapel). Once in church please be guided by the volunteer stewards.*

*You will also see a poster on display with Immaculate Heart's QR code which can be scanned using the NHS COVID-19 app if you have downloaded it onto your mobile phone. Please feel free to scan this code but note contact details will also still be requested, manually noted and safely stored for 21 days.*

***Sunday Morning Mass will also be available online and can be viewed on our YouTube channel [here](#)***

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD** Pope Francis is encouraging us to devote this Sunday 24 January to the Word of God so that we can 'experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world' (from Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter [Aperuit Illis](#)).

The year just past was designated the *Year of the God Who Speaks to us in Scripture*. Sadly, most of the activities planned for 2020 had to be postponed, but the Pope's call to mine the rich depths of the Bible encourages us to continue to do what we can. If you go to [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk) you will find some resources and suggestions.

**In our diocese**, over fifty people have been taking part in *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, an online course which is continuing following a break over Christmas. Fr Sean Hall has posted two talks on St Mark's Gospel (about 12 minutes each) on the [God who speaks page of our diocesan website](#). As we begin the *Year of Mark*, these resources will assist people to listen to the Sunday Gospel with greater insight.

**OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2021** The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed every year from 18 - 25 January. This year, resources have been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme chosen for this year, *Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit*, is based on John 15: 1 - 17 and expresses the Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family. Resources can be found [online here](#).

**FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK** Fortunately, the present government ruling allows us to continue with this much needed support. **We are very low in stock or have none of these items - cereal, crisps, tinned products- meat (stewing steak, mince, chilli, etc), tuna, rice pudding, fruit, tomatoes, all vegetables - sweetcorn, peas carrots, potatoes, soup, plus UHT milk, cereal, sugar, toothpaste, toilet roll, cleaning spray, washing up liquid, laundry powder, cooking oil, tomato puree & gravy granules. We appreciate any other non-perishable items such as teabags, coffee, ketchup, baked beans, hot dogs, squash etc all gratefully received.**

Every Thursday volunteers are in church between 9.30am - 10.30am so you can drop donations off then. If you are dropping off donations at church, please don't enter the church, give a shout and leave any donations inside the open door. You can also bring donations if you are coming to Sunday morning Mass. Thank you.

**Drop off points for food donations remain the same:**

**Dunston area** - John Pinchen, 316 Dunston Road, Dunston (leave in the porch)

**Lobley Hill area** - Maveen Pereira, 41, Beechwood Gardens, Lobley Hill, (leave in the porch)

**Whickham area** - Katie Wilkinson, 1 Mayfield, Whickham (mobile 07837 386 760) leave donations in the back garden.

**ACTIVITIES SHEETS - Week 42** This week we've got something a little different - there's a word-fit, number squares, and a mindfulness colouring sheet to get you through the week plus a family landmarks quiz sheet to share. All activities can be found on the parish website together with the previous week's answers (just under the link for that week's newsletter). Stay Positive. Stay Safe.

**PARISH OFFERTORY DONATIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC** Many thanks to all our parishioners who have continued to make contributions through individual donations, planned giving envelopes and standing orders or bank transfers. As you will appreciate, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, our parish income has fallen quite dramatically as parishioners have been unable to make their regular weekly contributions in the usual way. In light of this, if you would like to set up a standing order for your regular contributions, or to make a one-off contribution, please make arrangements with your bank. The Parish account details you will need to do this are:

*DHN Gateshead Our Lady and St Philip Neri*

*Sort code: 40-34-45 Account number: 21167936*

*Reference for standing orders: insert your own name; commencing: e.g. 6th of each month; frequency: each month, quarterly or annually. Alternatively, if you have Planned Giving envelopes or Gift for Life envelopes you can always put them through the letterbox at Immaculate Heart Presbytery or bring them with you if you are coming to Immaculate Heart Church for Sunday Mass or to drop off items for the Food Appeal. Thank you.*

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2021: BE THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS**, *A film of remembrance*, will be available from 8.00am on Monday 25 January 2021 to mark Holocaust Memorial Sunday (HMD) 2021. The theme for HMD 2021 is 'Be the light in the darkness', which encourages everyone to reflect on the depths humanity can sink to, but also the ways individuals and communities resisted that darkness to 'be the light' before, during and after genocide. This year, the Interreligious Department is releasing a film of remembrance as a resource for schools, and local parish communities. Bishop Robert offers further thought and reflection in remembering with sorrow the victims of the Holocaust, before lighting a candle as we remember the genocides and atrocities that have taken place in recent memory. We can all stand in solidarity. We can choose to be the light in the darkness in a variety of ways and places – at home, in public, and online. Please join us by watching and sharing this film of remembrance at <https://youtu.be/46xujWH17lw>

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 31 JANUARY 2021** In the light of recent events, observing Racial Justice Sunday is of particular importance this year. The effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, the killing of George Floyd, and the powerful message on fraternity and equality by Pope Francis in *Fratelli Tutti* speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. The theme for this year is 'A Time to Act'. Racial issues and inequalities were identified nationally and internationally in 2020 generating awareness, emotion and outrage. In view of this, Racial Justice Sunday 2021 is particularly significant. Action is needed to further the cause of racial justice but what can we do? Read a [reflection on the theme](#). Information, notes and resources can be found on the Bishops' Conference website: [www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/racial-justice-sunday-2021](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/racial-justice-sunday-2021)



**GIFT FOR LIFE PHOTOGRAPHIC CALENDARS** Don't let January pass without getting your hands on one (or more) of the few remaining *Gift for Life* Photographic Calendars. We are now able to offer these at the special price of £2 each which includes free personal delivery

to your door if required. Order yours now by email [giftforlife20@gmail.com](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com) or telephone 07951 046717.

**SUPPORT FOR PARISHIONERS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC** A number of parishioners are offering support to other parishioners who are vulnerable or self-isolating. If you or a friend or relative would welcome a phone call, a bit of shopping, want the newsletter dropping through your letterbox etc. please phone 07570 045976. Your request will be passed to a trusted parishioner who will contact you to discuss your request. It would be helpful if those parishioners who have contact with others who are not able to access the newsletter online could alert them to this item. Thank you.

**DEPARTMENT OF FAITH AND MISSION *Called and Gifted - God is calling you to a work of love.*** Are you ready to discern your gifts? Starting Wednesday 24 February 2021. For further information please click [here](#) to view the online poster produced by the Vicariate of Faith and Mission. To apply for your place on this new programme please email [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk). Booking deadline is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021. **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)** Are you considering running CLOW online for your young parishioners? For further information please click [here](#) to view the online poster produced by the Vicariate of Faith and Mission. To register your interest, please email [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)

### Jen's Weekly Prayer

When fear looms we cannot see the light.  
Pain and sadness rob us of the great beauty and love  
which surrounds us.  
Darkness cripples the strong and flaws the weak.  
It a darkness deeper than the darkness of night for no light  
reflecting moon shines forth.  
We need the love of those we hold closest to our hearts to  
show us your love.  
It is love which will enable us to find the courage to visit  
our wounds and allow them to heal.  
May the balm of love wash over us at this time and enable  
the light of resurrection to bring us forth  
to fulfil our journey.

*J Jones 2007 (revised 2021)*

### Prayer of Intercession during the Pandemic

For those who are unwell and concerned for loved ones  
for those who were already very anxious  
for those immune suppressed or compromised  
for those vulnerable because of underlying conditions  
for those in the 'most at risk to coronavirus' categories  
for those watching their entire income stream dry up  
for those who have no choice but to go out to work  
for those who are afraid to be at home  
for those who are more lonely than they've ever been  
for those who are bereaved and grieving.  
God be their healer, comfort and protection,  
be their strength, shield and provision,  
be their security, safety and close companion.

*from 'Prayers in a time of coronavirus'*  
[www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

**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 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.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 24:4-9. R/ v4*

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

1. 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.
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.
3. 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.

**Second Reading***I 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***Mark 1:15*

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
The kingdom of God is close at hand;  
repent and 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.

**Glorify 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.**

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**Act of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.**