

# The Parish of St. Anne Ormskirk

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Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024

## Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Readings:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Ps 24:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1: 14-20.

<b>Sat</b>	<b>20</b>	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm</i> <b>Christopher Gallagher</b> (Vigil Mass)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>21</b>	10.30am Noon	<i>Church Parade</i> <b>John Williams</b> (streamed) <i>Baptism: Olive Frances Reardon</i>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>22</b>	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> <b>Gregory Mark Rutherford</b> • <i>UCM in pastoral centre at 1.00pm</i>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>23</b>	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> <b>Marie &amp; Andy Rule</b> • <i>Prayer Group in pastoral centre at 10.30am</i>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>24</b>	11.30am	<i>Feast of St Francis de Sales</i> <b>Requiem Mass: John Anthony Walsh</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>25</b>	9.15am	<i>Feast of the Conversion of St Paul</i> <i>NB: Earlier Mass time</i> <b>Dorothy Nankivell</b> - <i>St Bede's Year 7 pupils will join us at Mass</i>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>26</b>		<b>No Mass today</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>27</b>	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm</i> <b>John &amp; Mary McGrath</b> (Vigil Mass)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>28</b>	10.30am Noon	<b>Thomas &amp; Teresa Wall</b> (streamed) <i>Baptism: Noah Cropper</i>



**Dear Parishioners and Friends**

**For the past few weeks we have been celebrating some wonderful feasts – Christmas, the Motherhood of Mary, the Baptism of Our Lord, the Epiphany – with readings from the Scriptures which have enabled us to delve deeper into the mystery of God’s love for humanity. This Sunday passages from the Gospel according to St Mark take over as the Gospel readings for the coming weeks. Today’s central message from Jesus is: ‘The time has come and the kingdom of God is at hand!’ It is a powerful statement of fact, but perhaps we want to ask, ‘What’s it all about?’**

**If this is a question which you have often considered I recommend to you a book by my old friend Timothy Radcliffe OP, What is the point of being a Christian? His preface begins:**

*‘Why be a Christian?’, I was asked by a friend recently. I must admit that I was surprised by the question. I was brought up a Christian but had never been very interested in my faith until I found myself asking whether it was true or not. If it was true that humanity was destined to share God’s own unutterable happiness, then this must be the purpose of my life. If it was not true, then clearly I must leave the Church. So I replied to this friend of mine, ‘Because it is true.’ But this did not satisfy him one bit. ‘But what’s the point of being a Christian? What’s the purpose of it?’...*

*The point of any religion is to point us to God who is the point of everything. That is why it makes no sense to ask whether belief in God is ‘relevant’, because God is the measure of all relevance.*

*Godric OSB*

**Anniversaries up to 27th January 2024 (Last 10 yrs).**

*Rose O'Brien, Doreen Scatchard, Helen Brady, Edna Murphy, Christina Minett, Derek Logan, Joseph Thompson, Phyllis Scott, Anthony Bellew.*

**Please pray for the sick in our parish:**

*Carl Abols, Lola Ajibade, Matthew Bennett, Ann Brown, Mamadi Camara, John Casey, Jean Daunt, Mike Devlin, Stephen Hankin-Hallsworth, Rev. Fr Anthony Hayne, Margaret Johnston, Sheila Lavin, Stan Ludlow, Hughie McGinley, May Mitchell, John Orritt, Stella Potter, Frances Smith, Richard Sutherland, Maureen Taylor, Richard Tedford, Fr. Gerry Tuite, Marcella Varey, Joan Whelan.*

**Recently sick:** *Rev Fr Boniface, Denis Feeney & Teresa Howard.*

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of Fr Jonathan Cotton OSB, monk of Ampleforth and formerly parish priest of St Mary's Leyland, Elizabeth Ireland's mother Enid Houghton, Jonathan Harding & Barry Collins who died recently.**

## **St Anne's News**

**Used stamps:** *Thank you to all parishioners who have donated used stamps which will be passed into U3A as they have an ongoing collection. We too will continue to collect and they can be left in the shop. It would assist if a neat 2cm approx margin be left round each stamp and not half an envelope!!!*

**Pat Harwood**

**Missio Red Box Appeal Co-ordinator:** *If anyone is willing and able to take over this role it would be much appreciated. Please contact the parish office for more details.*

**The parish office is closed from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February and will re-open on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February.**

## **Trip to the Holy Island and Durham**

Wed 10th April - Friday 12th April, staying at the Holiday Inn, Newcastle, Gosforth Park

£235 pp in a twin double room.

All rooms have T&C making facilities and the hotel has extensive leisure facilities.

**People should contact Bernie for more details. 01704 840 817**

## **Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s)**

**Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life**

**Dates: 16-18 February 2024**

**Location: Liverpool**

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ)

**Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.**

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

**For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)**

## **Cathedral Friends Event**

**'Another Fifty Catholic Churches to See Before You Die'**

**Saturday 24 Feb 11.00am**

**The Gibberd Room, Metropolitan Cathedral**

The Cathedral Friends are delighted to announce that there will be a talk on 'Another Fifty Catholic Churches to See Before You Die' by Elena Curti.

Tickets, which are limited, are £12 to include refreshments, and a chance to meet the author and to purchase her book at a reduced rate.

Please purchase tickets using the link below.

Any queries please contact Claire Hanlon at [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talk-on-another-fifty-catholic-churches-to-see-before-you-die-elena-curti-tickets-788008453497?aff=oddtcreator>

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Sunday 21 January 2024  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Mark 1:14-20

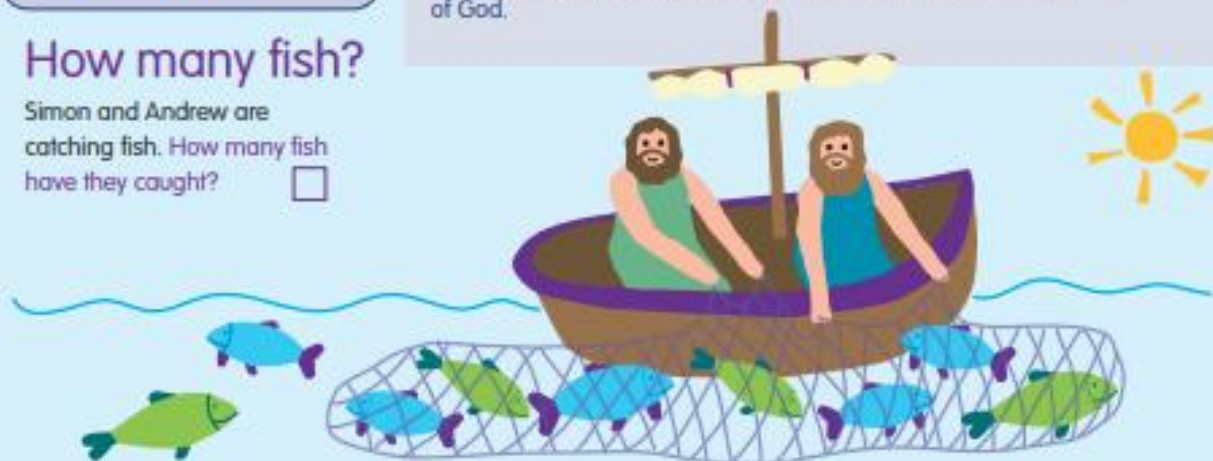
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**GOSPEL TODAY**

## FOLLOW ME!

Jesus asks Peter, Andrew, James and John to stop being fishermen, and to follow him. He asks them to help him to build the kingdom of God.

### How many fish?

Simon and Andrew are catching fish. How many fish have they caught?



### At once!

The disciples left their boats and followed Jesus at once. Here are some words which mean "at once". Cross out the words that don't belong.

now  
~~Quickly~~ later  
right away  
at once  
slowly  
Immediately

### Following Jesus

Jesus asked the disciples to follow him. Jesus wants us to follow him too. We follow Jesus when we share God's love with other people.

Draw a picture in the fish of one way you can follow Jesus today.



### A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, I want to follow you and help to build your kingdom too! Help me to be loving, kind and fair in all I do. Help me to stand up for what is right. Amen.

### Match the fish



Draw lines between the matching fish.  
Can you find the odd ones out?

Answer: 7 fish.