

## St Joseph's Catholic Church

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Sunday Missal Year B, Weekdays Year 1

### Follow Me



### Coming to Mass

#### **We are now under National Lockdown—Stay at Home.**

However one of the permitted reasons for leaving home is to come to church. The rules regarding attendance at church remain the same, but the virulence of the 'new strain' means that we need to be extra careful. So I remind you that:

**You must maintain social distancing, and you may not 'interact' with people from other households inside or outside church.** Failure to observe this may lead to the suspension of public Mass.

You are therefore asked to take your place immediately on entering the church, and leave directly from your place when you and go directly home (or on to some other permitted activity) when you leave the church. Also don't forget to sanitise your hands on entry and exit, and to wear a face covering in church.

### Accessing Mass online

I know many of you have decided that, for the time being, you will keep away from the church building and instead access services online. Accordingly I have increased our online services, so as well as continuing to offer the 10am Sunday Mass via Zoom, I will also be streaming weekday Masses and the 8am Sunday Mass via YouTube. You can access our YouTube channel by going to the parish website and clicking the red YouTube icon at the top right corner of any page. If you want to access the 'Zoom' Mass please email me and ask to join the 'Zoom list'.

### Booking Sunday Mass

To book a place at Sunday Mass, either use the form on our web page: [www.sjcc.org.uk/covid19](http://www.sjcc.org.uk/covid19), or phone us on 882433. As before, although not essential, **booking is now strongly requested for all Masses as this helps with stewarding.** Also to help with stewarding. **Please bring a sign with your surname printed clearly on it when you come to Sunday Mass.**

What is particularly striking about the Gospel for this Sunday is the immediacy with which the disciples respond to Jesus. I can just imagine Zebedee in the boat when James and John get up and follow Jesus saying "Hey. What's happening. Where are you going?!"

In fact the early chapters of Mark's gospel are punctuated by the word *Euthus*: immediately; straightaway; At once. The word occurs twice in our passage, 11 times in chapter 1, 41 times in the Gospel as a whole, mostly in the first half and it gives a real sense of urgency about that early ministry and preaching of the Gospel by Jesus.

Of course not all who respond quickly necessarily persevere, as is made clear later in the Parable of the Sower, and indeed the disciples' quickness of response is contrasted later with their slowness to understand. None the less, without that first response there can be no subsequent development and growth. So let us ask God for the grace both to recognise his call, and to respond to it with enthusiasm like those early disciples.

*As a few already know, Sheffield Phoenix Press have agreed to publish a book based on my doctoral thesis. So I am currently in the process of converting the thesis into that book. I will be away this coming week, staying with my dad (with whom I am in a 'bubble'), to get some work done on that, and also to have a short post-Christmas break. Accordingly there will be no Mass in church on weekdays this week, and the church will be closed. I will be back for Mass next Saturday evening. The office will be available by phone and email as normal.*

### Some Thoughts on Vaccination

One of the principal ways we will overcome COVID-19 is through a high proportion of the population being vaccinated against it, and a programme of vaccination is being rolled out. My dad has already had his.

However occasionally questions are raised. Some of these are crazy conspiracy theories, but there are some common misunderstandings and some valid questions. There is not space to do these justice in the newsletter, so I have put some thoughts together on the parish website COVID-19 page: [www.sjcc.org.uk/covid19](http://www.sjcc.org.uk/covid19)

Fr. Tony

Please pray for all the sick, especially Jane Murphy, Diane Gillott, Paul Cackett, the housebound, and those who care for them

### We remember in our prayers

Mossie Brosnan, Mary Sketch, Mary Parkes, John Fennell, Ian Hunter and all others who have recently died, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

## Weekly Timetable

\*Event streamed via Zoom, contact us for joining details

† Event streamed on the parish YouTube channel

Sat 23rd January 6pm Vigil Mass	Church Open from 5pm 5-5:45 Confessions Mossie Brosnan RIP
Sun 24th January 8am Mass†  10am Mass* 5pm Mass	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jean Laverick RIP Church open between 8am and 10am Mass. For Christian Unity For All Parishioners
Tues 26th January 7.30pm Lectio*	Church closed No Mass
Wed 27th January 11am Coffee*	Church closed No Mass
Thurs 28th January	Church closed No Mass
Friday 29th January	Church closed No Mass
Sat 30th January 6pm Vigil Mass	Church Open from 5pm 5-5:45 Confessions Ted Williams RIP
Sun 31st January 8am Mass†  10am Mass* 5pm Mass	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> For all parishioners Church open between 8am and 10am Mass. Alistair Stone RIP Jackie Cook RIP

## The Parish Office

The Parish Office is now 'remote access only'. Penny is working largely from home, and will be keeping office hours 9am-1pm Tuesday-Friday. You can contact her via email (as above) or via the parish phone number (which will be switched over to her during office hours).

## 🔔🔔🔔 Congratulations 🔔🔔🔔

**To Liam Jamie Smith, born on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January, and to his delighted parents and grandparents.**

Are you celebrating a new arrival, perhaps your first grandchild, a special birthday or anniversary? Have you recently got engaged? Let us know via the parish office so that we can celebrate with you in spirit if not in person!



## Churches Together in Dorking

The next ecumenical online prayer gathering for our town will be Sunday February 7th 2021 at 6:45pm.

Please contact Fr Tony:

[tony.milner@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tony.milner@abdiocese.org.uk) for joining details.

*Members of CTD all pray for one church, congregation, organisation or initiative each week on a rota. This week we are praying the work of Soul Connect*

## 200 Club: Annual update

The 200 club has been running for 41 years and the profits from the club are a much appreciated additional source of Parish funds. Last years profit was £1824. Each month 3 numbers are drawn with prizes of £15 upwards. The annual cost to be a member is £18 for each number that you own and currently there are around 11 numbers available. Members will be receiving their renewal letters shortly, payments can be dropped into the parish office.

If you would like to join the club please contact Michael Fitz-Gibbon Tel: 01306 711562

Email: [twentysteps@btinternet.com](mailto:twentysteps@btinternet.com)

## Mass in Celebration of Marriage

This year our annual celebration of marriage falls on Valentines Day, Sunday February 14th, and we will celebrate it at the 5pm Mass. You will be able to join in this Mass in the church or via Zoom. Please let the office know if you have any significant anniversary coming up, this could be any of the traditional ones or perhaps one which is significant to you.

Deepening Prayer in our Ordinary Life : Led by David Clayton and Michael Woodward, this is an Worth Abbey online weekend to explore how we can pray more Contemplatively at home. January 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. Smart phone, Tablet or computer and Zoom account needed. More information from Michael Woodward: [shotwithspirit@gmail.com](mailto:shotwithspirit@gmail.com)

\* Donations for the food bank can be dropped off in church whenever it is open. The box is by the side entrance.

\* Diocesan directories 2021: now available from the church. Cost £5 please place money in repository box.

As the latest lockdown continues, many more of us are again shielding and many will be faced with loneliness, anxiety and isolation. As a parish community we can meet up even if only virtually at our zoomed 10am Mass on Sunday where there is time for social chat after Mass, and on Wednesday mornings at 11am you can join in the parish 'coffee time'.

If you would like some extra support or you are aware of someone else who would, please contact Julie Briscoe ([Julie@briscoefamily.co.uk](mailto:Julie@briscoefamily.co.uk)) or Ricki Hughes (07769 824833) who co-ordinate our Parish Outreach Group.

# SUNDAY PLUS

Do things differently

## It sounds simple

by Siân Owen-Owen

The 1976 drought was one of the driest, sunniest and warmest summers of the twentieth century. Determined not to be defeated by sunny Guildford's water shortages, Sr Conrad visited every ward, collecting empty intravenous fluid bags and tubing. She placed every single plant in the hospital greenhouse on a carefully monitored drip. An elderly former nurse who had worked in remote African mission hospitals, she would save her beloved plants at all costs. As a result, even in temperatures which could cause other gardeners to despair, Sr Conrad's flowers bloomed magnificently.

Think differently. Jesus told his disciples that instead of working as fishermen, they would reach out to people rather than shoals of fish. In other words, he instructed them to use their existing gifts but simply use them differently.



We saw this with amazing clarity and ingenuity during last year's coronavirus pandemic. With churches closed and pastoral opportunities limited, the Church used social media in an unprecedented way. Pope Francis led by example: anything he could do, he did... and we saw similar energy and enthusiasm across the world in parishes great and small.

People needed encouragement and support in a unique way during the isolation, lockdowns and crises of the battle against an unseen enemy – and the Church responded. "Thinking differently" ensured that people need not be alone.

Jesus wanted his disciples to "think differently". Nothing more. Nothing less. All they had to do was to look at their existing gifts and talents and use them for the good of others. Sounds simple, doesn't it?

Siân Owen-Owen is a Catholic freelance writer and a former nurse and midwife.

## Real icons

by Mary Bell

Saints, we are told, are our models for living but virgin martyrs and holy hermits never seemed very relevant to our own times.

In the school library was a series of well-thumbed small books outlining the lives and achievements of modern men and women whose generosity and courage made a difference to others, among them Father Damian, Martin Luther King and Cicely Saunders, the founder of the hospice movement, all admirable rolemodels.

However, I believe, if we look, saintliness is really all around us. Think of the carers looking lovingly after the sick and disabled, hospital nurses putting on big welcoming smiles even if their feet are killing

them and, my own favourite, the check-out assistant who deals patiently with a fumbling elderly shopper, maintaining cheery banter throughout.

I challenge you to think of an example of someone who by their Christ-like humanity makes a difference to everybody's life. I expect you can.

Mary Bell is a retired teacher, U3A lecturer and devoted grandmother.

**Loving Lord, you challenged the apostles to use their talents differently so that they could spread your message to others. Help me to identify my gifts and see how I might become your more effective follower and friend. ☩ Amen.**

## Dare to be different!

by Michael George

Contributing to a school self-evaluation exercise a ten-year-old pupil wrote: "You can't blend in when you're born to stand out." I felt proud of this recognition of each person's uniqueness, and articulation of the school's approach towards promoting and valuing self-confidence.

I have always believed that for teachers, creating outstanding learning experiences for children means taking a few risks and doing something a bit differently. Feeling safe to embrace being an individual and assured enough to take considered risks have been important principles for me as a school leader.

To bystanders the disciples must have appeared reckless. They left their jobs, families and homes to follow Jesus. They dared to be different. They dared to stand out. They dared to take a risk.

For "daring" not to be reckless it's not a fishing net but a different net that's needed - the safety net that is the love of Jesus.

After many years in the classroom, Michael George is now a lay school chaplain.

**"May the Lord give us the grace to open our hearts to this encounter with his Word, and to be unafraid of joy, to be unafraid of making the feast of joy."**

Pope Francis

**Today:**  
Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

**Monday:**  
Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22  
Mark 16:15-18

**Tuesday:**  
1 Timothy 1:1-8  
or Titus 1:1-5  
Luke 10:1-9

**Wednesday:**  
Hebrews 10:11-18  
Mark 4:1-20

**Thursday:**  
Hebrews 10:19-25  
Mark 4:21-25

**Friday:**  
Hebrews 10:32-39  
Mark 4:26-34

**Saturday:**  
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19  
Mark 4:35-41

**Next Sunday:**  
Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
Mark 1:21-28

**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.*

**COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,  
that in the name of your beloved Son  
we may abound in good works.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

**FIRST READING** Jonah 3:1-5. 10

A reading from the 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.

*Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM** Psalm 24

**RESPONSE:** *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. **R.**
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. **R.**
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. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

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**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
The kingdom of God is close at hand;  
believe the Good News.  
Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** Mark 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

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.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,  
and in sanctifying them  
grant that they may profit us for salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.*

Or

*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.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, receiving the grace  
by which you bring us to new life,  
we may always glory in your gift.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*