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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Year B

## Sunday Mass Readings

### First Reading:

Jonah 3:1-5,10

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 24(25): 4-9

### Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

### Gospel:

Mark 1:14-20

"Repent, and believe  
the Good News"



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## Hear

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries, you can find the text [here](#).

Today we begin reading from the Gospel of Mark and we will continue to read from Mark's Gospel until the end of the Church year in November, except during Lent and Eastertide. Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the four Gospels and is believed by many to be the first Gospel that was written. Mark paints a portrait of Jesus that is vivid and dynamic, focusing on Jesus' mighty works.

## Family Challenge!

This week, pick someone outside of your own family to pray for. Ask Jesus to bless them in a special way each day this week!

## Pray

Imagine yourself in the place of Simon or Andrew when Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you into fishers of men." Upon hearing this they abandoned their nets *at once* and followed him.

Could you imagine yourself abandoning your life and following Jesus?

What would you have to give up to follow Jesus more closely?

## Talk

Have a conversation as a family about what it took for Simon, Andrew, James, and John to walk away from their lives and plans in order to respond to Jesus' call. Discuss ways you can walk away from your routine and abandon your "nets" and follow Jesus more closely. What practical steps can you take?

Check out page 3 for a picture from today's Gospel to print and colour!

LEARN THE FISHERS OF MEN SONG!



**MISSION!** Do you know you can become a "fisher of men" too? We don't use a real net, but we can bring people to Jesus by telling people about Him, by loving Him and others, by praying for them! There are so many ways!

Please email us at [faithathome@waterfordlismore.ie](mailto:faithathome@waterfordlismore.ie) if you would like to receive Faith@Home direct to your inbox each week!

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## FREE TO BE ME!

What made the four men in today's Gospel leave their families and livelihoods and follow this nomadic preacher? People don't always remember what you say but they always remember how you made them feel. In whatever previous encounters he had with them, Jesus obviously made these men feel something amazing about themselves like no other person ever had.

We might say "I don't care what anyone thinks of me" but deep down we do. We all want to be liked. We want the respect of others. Imagine meeting someone who knew everything about you before you opened your mouth and said: "I know every single thing about you and every secret you have and I still love you and accept you as you are." Wow! Let that sink in for a minute.

Jesus knows every single detail about us and most times we want to hide from him because so often what we hear about him doesn't attract us to him - in fact it can make us terrified of him! But God sent Jesus who calls us by name, just as he did the four lads in the Gospel, and tells us everything about ourselves. God sent Jesus not to condemn us, but to save us.

Jesus called the four, and more as he went along, but today he is calling me and you and inviting us into this circle of love where I can tell my story and be myself and still be loved and accepted, not as others would like me to be, but, as I am.

Interesting too that Jesus invites us to be fishers of people and not farmers of people. Why? Because you can't grow disciples, and you can't breed them. Just like a fisherman/woman you have to go out and find them and attract them to you. So with Jesus as our guide and our teacher "let's launch out into the deep" and become fishers of men and women who are crying out to netted for this circle of discipleship, this circle of love and acceptance.

Fr Jimmy Browne I.C

## EVENTS

Watch this short Alpha promo!



Alpha

The Diocese of Waterford & Lismore invites people to participate in an online Alpha series beginning on February 10th 2021 for 11 weeks. Email [events@waterfordlismore.ie](mailto:events@waterfordlismore.ie) or call 085 8623705 for more information.

## Family Prayer

*Lord Jesus, thank you for the many ways you have blessed our family - too many to ever count! May we always have the courage and conviction to speak about You to others, to become "fishers of men" in our own lives and communities, and to help others follow you. Amen*

### Carlo's Corner



Blessed Carlo Acutis  
- Pray for us!

**MY PERSONAL MISSION**

"God has created me to do Him some definite service."  
St John Henry Newman



In today's Gospel, Jesus calls Peter and the other apostles to follow Him, to become 'fishers of men' instead of fishermen. There's no way they could have understood what that actually meant at the time or how it would really change their whole lives, but they trusted in Him. Do you ever wonder what your personal mission is? You definitely have one! You don't need to figure it out all at once. But it's a good idea to keep it in mind. Here are some tips to figuring it out:

1. With every decision, just do the next good thing (and then the next after that..) i.e. make good daily decisions.
2. Be open and honest about who you are (and ask God who He created you to be).
3. Discern your gifts and talents. (Bl. Carlo definitely used his to the max!) [For more ideas, read this blog from LifeTeen!](#)

[Listen to "Fishers of Men" \(Newsboys\)](#)






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