

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Jonah 3:1-5. 10
Jonah preaches to the people of Nineveh and they repent.

Responsorial Psalm 24:4-9
Lord, make me know your ways.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
How to live in a world that is rapidly passing away.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel Mark 1:14-20
Jesus calls his first apostles and they follow him.

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Sunday Year B

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

"At once they left their nets and followed him."

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday (St Michael's)	23 Jan	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Michael's)	24 Jan	9.00am	Kathleen Newell RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	24 Jan	11.00am	Andrew J Marren RIP
Tuesday	26 Jan	12.00pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday (St Michael's)	27 Jan	12.00pm	Jim and Mary Fleming RIP
Thursday	28 Jan	12.00pm	Bridget and Brian Liptrott RIP
Friday	29 Jan	12.00pm	Charlie Parkinson RIP
Saturday	30 Jan	12.00pm	Ken and Kath Ward RIP
Saturday (St Michael's)	30 Jan	5.30pm	Dennis Turner Birthday Intention
Sunday (St Michael's)	31 Jan	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	31 Jan	11.00am	Bill Callaghan RIP

Please go to the link below so you can join in with Masses and Services, streamed live by Fr Declan, or catch up later at the following link:

www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiDearneValley/live_videos/

When we read the lives of the saints it is striking how many changed their lives in dramatic ways to follow Christ. The earliest example is St Paul who, because of his personal encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus, changed from being a committed persecutor of Christians to being the great apostle of the pagans. The change was not always as dramatic but involved a movement away from one lifestyle to a very different one. We think of St Augustine of Hippo searching restlessly through a variety of philosophical and religious traditions until eventually ending up in Milan. There the combination of his encounter with St Ambrose and the ceaseless prayers of his mother, Monica, resulted in his conversion and his return to North Africa where he would become a bishop and a great theologian whose works are influential even today. St Ignatius of Loyola and St Camillus de Lellis were both dedicated soldiers whose injuries brought them to reflect more deeply on their lives. As St Ignatius expressed it, when he read his staple diet of romances and chivalry he remained dissatisfied and discontented; when he read the Bible and lives of the saints he felt at peace and fulfilled.

Interestingly enough, many women saints do not seem to have this abrupt change of path. It is more often that they are clear in their minds from an early age but have to fight both the Church and society to follow their vision and be allowed to follow Christ in the way in which they feel he calls them. We can think of St Teresa of Avila and St Thérèse of Lisieux and perhaps also of St Jane Frances de Chantal, who would probably have social services in pursuit in our times for seemingly abandoning her family in pursuit of the religious life.

The word "Gospel" means good news, and St Mark's intention behind his Gospel is to persuade his listeners and readers that, despite the persecution they were undergoing, it really was "good news". He does this by showing Jesus in action. There are far fewer of the teachings of Jesus in St Mark's Gospel than in the other Gospels. He talks about Jesus teaching but, apart from the parables, the Jesus we encounter is the person who heals and nourishes and calls people to follow him. There is something very restless in St Mark's account, an urgency right from the start in the underlying message that the kingdom is close at hand and we need to change

our hearts, change our ways. The kingdom is Mark's description of the presence of God, brought about through and in the person of Jesus, and it is the person of Jesus who is the good news. There is also something very curt about the way Jesus calls his disciples. Simon and Andrew, James and John are going about their daily activities, fishing and preparing to fish. With his joke about now being made "fishers of men" rather than of fish, Jesus calls them and, immediately, they follow him. There is no debate or discussion, seemingly not even farewells. The meeting with Jesus is sufficient for them to get up and go.

We are all at different stages of our lives. Probably few of us are at the point where we are looking for what is missing in our lives. Some of us may, like the people of Nineveh in the first reading, have become stuck in a rut that we would like to change but lack the willpower or conviction. Others of us may, like the apostles, be happily dealing with our daily lives without giving too much thought to what Christ might be asking of us over and above that. Others may have experienced that change that comes about through the encounter with Christ and are trying to tread a path that expresses that deeper commitment.

At the start of a New Year, at the start of a reading once again of a different Gospel, it is a good time to renew our awareness of what our belief in Christ means. As with the experience of the apostles, it is not so much a question of reflecting on ourselves but asking what we think Christ is asking of us. Who is this person who wanders into our lives and asks us to follow him? And can we get up and follow him, even though we don't know where he is leading us? During this year St Mark's Gospel will help us to discern that path.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Amy Moore, Paddy McNicholas, Peter Hutchinson, Clare Dingwall, Anne Whittingham, Terence Dyson, Sue Bird, David Hardy, Tess Lynch, Carol Beard, Edna Yates, Justin Phillip Collins, Hannah Prentiss, Pat and Colin Hermitage, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Lesley Easton, Val Armstrong, Minnie Helen Pozorski, Terry Mullins, Matthew Deakin, Margaret Booker, Anne Lacey, Kath Cragg, Michael Foy, Shirley Broadhead, Norah Preuss, Mavis Guilcher, Andrew Chandler.

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the souls of Angela Hays who died recently. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

Donations and Weekly Offerings

Please continue to donations via PayPal, online payments and Standing Order. This is our main source of income. Donations to the parish can be made online via PayPal at corpuschristi.hallam-diocese.com/parish-news/donate-if-you-can/ Another way is to donate is by Standing Order and the form is available on the website. Please note that the full name of the account is

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CAFOD Volunteers Required.

Join our CAFOD Volunteer Team: Just a few hours a month could help us to share updates and enable our parish community to take action for global justice. Please help us to keep the conversations about human rights, social justice and climate action going, and stay connected with those who are impacted by poverty and injustice. You will be supported by Angela Powell, our local CAFOD worker for the Diocese. Contact Angela for more details apowell@cafod.org.uk or sign up here www.cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Sign-up

Mass Offerings

There are plenty of Masses available for your intentions, especially for weekday masses. Please use one of the specially printed envelopes from the back of church, or you can send an email or telephone.

Apostles` Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

Prayer for Vocations

Loving and generous Father: it is you who call us by name and ask us to follow you. In particular, you call some to serve you as ministers in your church. Bless our Diocese of Hallam by raising up faith-filled and dedicated priests, deacons and religious. Bless our families and choose from our homes those who are needed for your mission.

Blessed John Anne	Pray for us
Blessed Robert Ludlam	Pray for us
Blessed Nicholas Garlick	Pray for us
Blessed William Richardson	Pray for us

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