



Sunday 22nd January 2023

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Mass Times

Monday: Liturgy of the word 9.15am

Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 5.45pm-6.15pm before evening Mass

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Saturday: 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month

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Reconciliation Times

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Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass 10.30am

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.30am to 10.00am

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We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of January that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Fr Chris Barnett, Clare Watson, Grace Van Oosterom, Mary Ind, Laurie Rainsbury, Con Frisby, Ray Jose, Martin Pittle, Arthur Ongarello, Wendy Gallagher, Tony Mercuri

Alan Leahy, Pat Glennen, Ellen Mithen, Francis Mc Laughlin, Tadeusz Chadzyuski, Maria de Bartololo, Yvonne Grant, Valerie Hughes, Rodney Bottrell, Loreto Valeri, Kath Glennen, Mary Campbell Allison Cooper Renata Croce, Charles Watson, Trevor Corcoran

Harry Tippet, Ernest Davis, Moira Beck, Peter Tosetto, Peter Minogue, Warren Brennan, Julia D'Souza, Charles Grech, Françoise Fabien, Alfred Galea, John Williams Alexander, M.L. Beck, John Lobb, Giuseppe Saltalamacchia, L. Occhioni, Leonides Lagasca, Zita Walsh, Helen Parmansche, Wilfred Tellis, Guglielmo Di'Domenica, Catherine Allsopp, Syd Goss, Terry Fitzpatrick, Noelle de Robillard, Georgett Arlando, Mary O'Connell, Beverley McConnell, Leonida Reyes, Giuseppa Cannizzo, Esme Bartholomeusz, John De Highden, Elizabeth Brennan, Cathrine Allsopp, Sheila Haberman, Charles Barber, Annie May, Jeannie Doupe, Phyllis McMahan, Margaret Todd, Carmela Cirillo, Maureen Lionnet, John Searle, Adrian Kavanagh, Francesca Agosta, Doris Cantania, Merlyn Fu, Marijan Cavar, George Shead, Vern Fahey, Dan Sheridan, Beryl Bennett, Guerino Dipietro, Maurice De Highden, Vic Zimitat, Vincent McColl, Joseph Waldron, Bill Scott, Fr William Shanahan, Baby Victoria Ryan, Patricia Phelan, Brendan & Jacinta Mitchem, Jack Smith, Frank Brear, Elmer Clarke, Arthur Connolly, Gaetano Lancia, Ramon Pena, Patrick Neeson, Carmencita Brach, Patrick Neeson, Eileen Cahir, Veronica Baillie, Fred Bulger, Mary Antonimuttu, Nell Bryce, Bruno Comito, Ivan Kirsch, Edward Murphy, Felomena Licup, Alan Leahy, Mary Togher, Ashley Clarke, Gerard Hedger, Alfredo Licup

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

22 January 2023

First Reading Is 8:23-9:3

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. (R.)
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From

what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 4:12-17

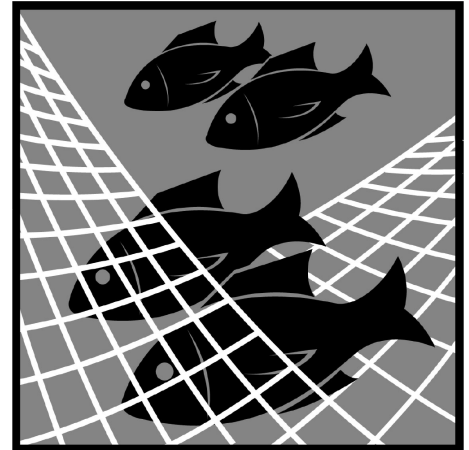
(or longer form Mt 4:12-23)

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and
shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Two sets of two brothers were running successful family businesses. But once Jesus passed by and called them, the Gospel says, at once they left their boats and followed him. I think because, hearing his voice, they realised that Jesus was the true vocalist of God.

Irish author and mystic, John O'Donohue, once wrote, 'Something in us senses and knows how perfectly the contours of the soul fit the divine embrace.' *

Maybe Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John sensed that, in this Jesus, there was a Soul whose contours perfectly fitted the divine embrace. They were prepared to risk everything for the chance to have their souls contoured along the same lines.

The call: 'Follow me ...', was not to an isolated individual promising to save his soul, but to two brothers and then another two brothers. Immediately, a community was being formed and its task was to bring others into that Jesus-following community.

We could pause for a moment to hear the brothers beckoning us to follow the call of that voice sounded by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

*John O'Donohue, *Divine Beauty: The Invisible Embrace*, Bantam Press, 246.

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