

TO THE Heights

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading:

Jonah 3:1-5,10

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 24(25)@4-6,7b-9

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel:

Mark 1:14-20

*"Repent, and believe
the Good News"*



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GETTING TO KNOW PIER GIORGIO

His sense of adventure

Pier Giorgio was a man of the outdoors. He loved to hike, ski, and climb mountains. He was always leading his friends on escapades up steep cliffs and snowy slopes.



Along the way, he'd also be leading them in the rosary. He did not find fidelity to the Gospel to conflict with adventure; rather, it was his faith that fueled his exploration. He understood that God created the world for our enjoyment and stewardship, and he wasn't going to waste one bit of it.

<https://catholicexchange.com/11-reasons-love-bl-pier-giorgio-frassati>

Hear



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

You can also watch a video clip version based on this story by clicking [here](#).



- Whose opinion really matters to you?
- How do you feel when they praise you, or acknowledge your achievements and effort?
- Is there anyone you would obey or follow without questioning? Why or why not?
- "At once they left their nets and followed Him." Can you think of any reasons why experienced, skilled fishermen would just put aside their job like that, up and leave everything because Jesus asked them?
- Looking at the story of Jonah in the first reading, what happened when Jonah finally obeyed God?



Carlo's Corner

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 by clicking here!](#)

WEEKLY CHALLENGE:



Write out a list of your strengths and talents. Be honest about them! Maybe ask someone who knows you well to list some too.

TUNE OF THE WEEK

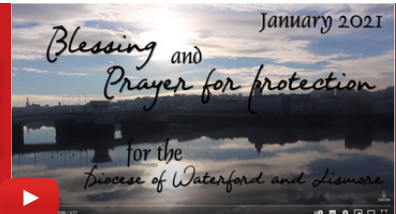


Listen to "Fishers of Men"



(Newsboys)

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TEACHER'S CORNER

Alpha

Watch this short Alpha promo!



Covid 19 has raised a lot of questions for people about life and faith. The Diocese of Waterford & Lismore invites parish groups and individuals to participate in an online Alpha series beginning on 10th February 2021 for 11 weeks.

Email events@waterfordlismore.ie or call 085 8623705 for more information. Why not experience Alpha yourself, and consider running Alpha Youth in your school / parish with the support of the Diocese? Maybe even invite some colleagues?



young Person's Prayer

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work.
- St John Henry Newman -

Gospel Reflection: 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 a farmer 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 be netted for this circle of discipleship, this circle of love and acceptance.

Fr Jimmy Browne I.C.

CHECK IT OUT: HALLOW APP



Hallow is a Catholic prayer app that offers audio guided meditation sessions to help us grow in our faith & spiritual lives and find peace in God. Explore over 500 different sessions on contemplative prayer, meditation, Catholic Bible readings, music, and more .e.g Daily prayers, Christian Meditation, Bible Sleep Stories, Rosary, Ignatian Examen, Lectio Divina, Taizé & Gregorian Chant, Community, Homilies & Guests, Praylists, Challenges, Litanies & Novenas and Minute Meditations. There really is something there for everyone!

