

OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS, OTLEY

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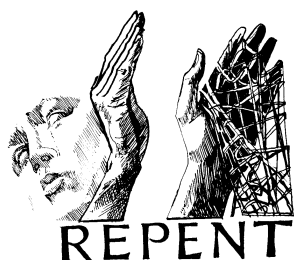
THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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SUNDAY
MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Conversion of St Paul
Sts Timothy and Titus
Weekday of Ordinary Time
St Thomas Aquinas
Weekday of Ordinary Time
Ordinary Time

Public Masses will be celebrated this coming week on the following days and with the following intentions. There will be no opportunity for private prayer for the time being.

6.30pm	SATURDAY	People of the Parish
9.30am	SUNDAY	Annie & Michael Walsh
10.00am	MONDAY	Phyllis O'Brien
7.30pm	TUESDAY	Parish Deceased
10.00am	WEDNESDAY	Jim Mangeolles
10.00am	THURSDAY	Special Intention (K)
10.00am	FRIDAY	James & Eileen Lamb
6.30pm	SATURDAY	Thanksgiving (AF)
9.30am	SUNDAY	People of the Parish

There is a Funeral Service on Tuesday at 11.00pm for the late Mr Jim Mangeolles. Family and invited people only.

The Parish Deceased List for 2021 can be found on the parish website

Sunday's Gospel

Third Sunday Of The Year

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.

Mark 1:14-20

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A Reflection on the Gospel

Jesus began his public life preaching the same message as John the Baptist; 'The kingdom of God is near'. Jesus adds 'Repent, and believe the Good News'. He visits the towns and villages of Galilee, a region with a mixed population of Jews and Gentiles. First to be called are Simon (later called Peter by Jesus) Andrew, James and John, all fishermen. And yet at that moment it was Jesus who was casting his net.

The invitation "Follow me" seems to be so strong as to be an instruction rather than a gentle invitation. The disciples apparently followed immediately, leaving their work and families, and whilst we can only do that in our own way, surely that is what is being asked of us. Like the disciples we will be made "fishers of men" and whilst we may not all have the talents to be preachers and missionaries like them, we can spread the word by how and what we do in our day-to-day lives. For priests, religious men and women throughout

the world they clearly do respond to God's calling and how blessed we are that they do!

But what was it about Jesus that induced such immediate and life-changing decisions from the Apostles that day? Do we ever hear Jesus in quite this way and conveniently waive the invitation away? How does Jesus call each of us? What does he ask of us? How do we discern God's will for us? How do we follow Jesus?

The responsorial psalm this week includes the words "Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths". One of the ways we can hear Jesus' call is to spend quiet time with him, listening to his voice, finding his ways and looking for and following his paths. Sometimes this can seem easy and straightforward - other times it can be much more challenging.

The Reflections are provided by members of the Parish Lectio Divina Group.

Prayers of the Faithful

Let us bring our prayers to the God and Father who calls us to help build his kingdom here on earth.

Intercessions

For church leaders: that they may be renewed in their passion to build God's kingdom through work towards justice and peace.

For lay people: may we embrace a sense of mission that calls us out of our comfort zones to engage with national and international issues where there is injustice and conflict.

For Christian individuals and organisations who work for peace and reconciliation in our world: that they may receive support and engagement with their work.

For us: may we be faithful witnesses to a God whose presence is in every person, in every culture and in the whole of creation. May we take opportunities this week to be loving friends to people who are outside of our usual circles, building bridges of trust.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, help us to know your ways and teach us your

paths. Bless us in our daily lives as we try to follow you. We ask you to hear all our prayers, through Christ our Lord. Let us turn to the Lord with prayer and petition, knowing that he is a God who always listens to us.

A steward will take your name and contact details; these will be retained for 21 days in case they are required by NHS Test & Trace.

If you would like to donate to the parish online please use <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/supporting-your-parish/>
And follow the instructions on the screen. Thank you.

Prayer for Christian Unity

God our Father,
you reveal to us your love
through Christ
and through our brothers and sisters.
Open our hearts so that we can
welcome each other
with our differences and live
in forgiveness.
Grant us to live united in one body,
so that the gift that is each person
comes to light.
May all of us together be a reflection
of the living Christ.

Respond to Department of Health consultation to stop home abortions!

The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has

prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire. Please go to www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation

The consultation ends on 26 February 2021.



Catholic Care Community Response Service:

Are you finding lockdown isolating and would welcome some support? Catholic Care have organised a number of initiatives that are designed to help. We have weekly relax and revive sessions, a telephone befriending service or an online social group with different themes and speakers each week.

For more details contact Catholic Care 0113 388 5400 or Janet 07739 975 008.



The following information has been given regarding the wearing of face coverings in places of worship.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are mandatory in Places of Worship.

Daily Masses in Church

The congregation at each Mass will be limited to 50 individual persons.

If you want to attend Mass on Saturday or Sunday you will need to book your place in the church in advance. This can be done by using the link to Eventbrite on the parish website (35 places) or for those who have no internet access, by ringing the Presbytery on 01943-462146 on Thursdays or Fridays between 3.00pm and 6.00pm, or on Saturdays up to 2.00pm. Unfortunately, if you do not have a booking, you will not be able to attend that Mass.

Your booking is for one Mass only, and you will need to re-book for Masses on further weekends. The weekday Masses (Monday to Friday) will not initially be bookable, but will be limited to the first 50 people to arrive at the church.

There will be no kneeling in the church, just sitting and standing, as kneeling risks breaching the distancing rules with the bench in front.

You should stay in your place until Mass is finished and you have been directed by a steward to leave the church.

Please note

The most important thing to remember is that there is no Sunday Obligation. Please consider coming to Mass on a weekday, leaving the Saturday and Sunday Masses for those who work or have family commitments and who cannot come during the week.

For the time-being there will no communal Morning Prayer or recitation of the Rosary. The church will not be open any longer for private prayer, other than the 30 minutes before Mass begins. The church will be locked immediately after Holy Communion and until 30 minutes before the next Mass.

Please check the Bulletin (on the parish website or on the church door) for details of any changes or updates to this information.

If you are aware of anyone who may not have seen this note please share this information with them. If they have an e-mail address please ask them to pass it to us so that they can receive updates from the church directly. A steward will take your name and contact details; these will be retained for 21 days in case they are required by NHS Test & Trace.



YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those Who Are Sick

Kelly Bailey, Victoria Canham, Imogen Clay, Theresa Cononico, Emma Danskin, Gertie Diamond, John Dwyer, Nora Finlay, Christopher Foley, Karen Roskilly Gonzalez, Lucas Gormley, Margaret Harvey, Celeste Hinds, Patrick Hird, Jack, Michael Mc Carry, John McHugh, Thomas Mc Kell, Victoria Miller, Doreen Nolan, Owen Noriega, Fiona Power, Tim Quirk, Gordon Scott, Martin Scott, Kathleen Stanton, Colin Swanton, Peter Terry, Mary Turner, Jackie Udal, Doreen Walker, Rita Walter and all the sick of the Parish.

Lately Dead

Vincent Burns, Vee Douglas, Harvey Johnstone, Jim Mangelloes and Richard Slowik.

Anniversaries

James & Eileen Lamb and Annie Walsh

God bless and keep safe. Fr Lawrie

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