



Gospel Mk 1:14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News.

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.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

When Jesus says to Simon, Andrew, James and John 'I will make you into fishers of men', then, amongst the many levels of meaning they would have heard the allusion to Ezekiel 29:3-5.

Jesus was telling them that he was creating a society of liberated human beings, called the 'Kingdom of God'. This would involve struggle against powerful elites, the pharaohs of this world, who oppress and enslave people. It would be as dangerous and demand as much energy as required to haul a crocodile out of the Nile.

Yet they did so, 'straightaway'. Because of the call of Jesus? No. At least, not that alone. We read 'He saw Simon and his brother Andrew . . . He saw James and his brother John.' They were responding not to his voice alone but to his eyes. His is like the attentive gaze of a parent loving a baby into a beautiful future. Jesus looks at you and at me wanting to love us into a barely imaginable future.

We could pause for a moment to remember that when His call comes, demanding an 'aye' or a 'nay', the Eyes have it.

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WELCOME TO ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GREYTHORN

St Bridget's Greythorn is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

24 January 2021

First Reading Jon 3:1-5. 10

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and
teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from
of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!**

Alleluia!

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NOTE: Baptisms and Weddings by appointment only. Contact the Parish Office for details.



Feast of St Bridget: Next Sunday at the 10am Mass we will celebrate the feast of St Bridget the patron saint of our parish. Following Mass morning tea will be available on the oval behind the Church (weather permitting).

We Remember: We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they rejoice forever with our Risen Lord. We pray for the sick (Stephen Piller) and housebound; may they come to know the healing power of God's love.

Stewardship: Your Stewardship envelopes can now be returned when attending Mass and placed in the baskets in the narthex. For convenience you may continue to do a Direct Credit Transfer to the parish accounts directly online, details are:-

- **Church Account** – for envelopes and donations; Bank NAB, BSB 083-347; Acct. No 64 341 3829 (Please include your name and if applicable your Stewardship Envelope Number for correct recording)
- **Presbytery Account** – support of the Parish Priest; Bank NAB, BSB 083-347; Acct. No 64 341 5066

Envelopes for 2021 are available in the narthex.

Vacancy: 1 - Assistance with the arranging and changing of the flowers in the church is required. Commitment is only one Friday/Saturday morning per month. No experience necessary, training will be provided.

Vacancy 2 – Organist is required for the Sunday 10am Mass for the first Sunday of each month. If you can help with either of the above positions, please contact the Parish Office on (9857 6395) Wednesday or Friday.

Working Bee: To prepare for the Feast of St Bridget, there will be a working bee next Saturday 30 January 9-12. **Please bring a mask.**

Scripture Reflection Group will commence for 2021 next Sunday 31 January at 11.15am. Please contact Susi Hii for further information or connection details.

Organ Recital: By Internationally acclaimed organ virtuoso Thomas Heywood. Held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. On Friday 5th February, 2021, 6.00pm-7.00pm. Music by Bach, Elgar, Verdi, Grieg, Tchaikovsky, Guilmant, Cocker & Mulet. Tickets \$25 each. children under 15 free. Bookings at www.trybooking.com/ BNSIT

Thomas Heywood enjoys an outstanding reputation as one of the world's finest concert organists

NEW LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS are needed at all four of our churches. Volunteers are asked to commit for two years. Please contact the parish office by **16 February 2021** if you are interested or for further information.

Training For New Lectors:

A training session for all new lectors at our four churches will take place on **Thursday 18 February, 7.30pm, at St Bede's**. A reminder that you will need to provide a Working With Children Check to the office before beginning to exercise this ministry. If you have any difficulty in applying, please contact the parish office.

Training For New Extraordinary Ministers Of The Eucharist: A training session for all new Extraordinary Ministers at our four churches will take place on **Tuesday 23 February, 7.30pm, at St Bede's**. A reminder that you will need to provide a Working With Children Check to the office before beginning to exercise this ministry. If you have any difficulty in applying, please contact the parish office.

Mass and Prayer times at our affiliated Churches:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St Bridget		Meditation 9.30am			5.00pm	10.00am
St Bede	9.15am		9.15am	9.15am	9.00am 6.00pm	9.00am 11.00am
St Anne		8.30am		8.30am	5.00pm	10.30am
St Joachim						8.30am

NOTE: The 5.30pm Sunday Mass at St Bridget's will resume on Sunday 7 February.

While the DHHS density limits remain in place, registration with a smartphone is required when attending Mass using the Parish QR Code available in the narthex. On arrival, parishioners are asked to register their attendance and confirm the details to the door marshals; who will also be able to assist you if required, or register anyone who does not have a smartphone. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to enable you to complete your registration before Mass commences.

Social distancing still applies at all times on Church property. Masks are no longer mandatory in church, please be conscious of your fellow parishioners and if you are unable to social distance than a mask must be worn. However, if you wish to continue to wear a mask you may do so. If you are unwell, please do not attend Mass.

To assist with compliance, ushers and door marshals are required to monitor numbers and assist parishioners who may be having registration problems. If you can assist, please make yourself available when at Mass.

Lectors Roster:

	Saturday @ 5.00pm	Sunday @ 10.00am	Sunday @ 5.30pm
January 30 & 31	Sr P Keogh	V Borg	
February 6 & 7	L Sanders	M Buxton	J Truong