

The Gospel
Mark 1:14-20

*"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.*

In the gospel this Sunday Jesus meets people while they are doing their ordinary daily work of fishing and mending their nets on the sea shore. They weren't on their knees praying in the temple or they synagogue. Jesus called these men by their own names, so he must have seen them before and known them. Today in the same way, Jesus continues to call us by our name. In the Old Testament, there are two beautiful pieces of scripture through which God says, *I have called you by your name, you are mine* and that *I have written your name on the palms of my hands*. This is how personally and intimately God knows and loves each of us.

Jesus calls us wherever we are, regardless of who we are. Each of us is called by Jesus. He breaks into our world through our ordinary daily lives and activities. Jesus has not stopped calling people to follow him. Today we are the ones he looks at, calls by name and says, *"Come follow me."* Those in the gospel dropped everything they were doing and followed Jesus when he called them. This was all very sudden and dramatic. Our response may not be as quick and decisive. But it doesn't need to be. We all follow Jesus at our own pace, in our time and in our own way.

The important thing to remember and realise is that Jesus never stops calling us by our name. He is still inviting us to follow him with these words, *if you want to be a disciple, come, take up your cross and follow me.*

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

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COMMUNITY

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Saturday	9.00 am – 4.00 pm
Sunday	10.00 am – 1.30 pm

MASS TIMES

Mass at 12.00 noon

This Mass will be streamed online.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/greenford/>

Saturday – 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm

Sunday – 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm.

Confessions – Saturdays 11.00 am to 12.00 noon
and 6.15 pm to 6.45 pm

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm,
and Friday from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm,
with Mass at 7.30 pm.

Also streamed online

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
(YEAR B)
24th JANUARY 2021**

PLEASE NOTE

***From this Sunday, 24th January,
and on Sundays ONLY,
both the 12.00 noon Mass and the 2.00 pm Mass
will be streamed online.***

CONFIRMATION 2021

This year's programme of preparation will be offered to young parishioners, who are in year 10 or above, and who are resident and participants in our Parish community. Application forms for candidates are now available in the Parish Office and on the Parish website:

[https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/greenford/sacramental
prep/confirmation](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/greenford/sacramental_prep/confirmation)

Closing date for applications is NEXT Sunday 31st January.

We pray for those who died recently:

Kitty Edwards, William Talary, James Lee, Ella Pope,
Kathleen Plummer, Christine Houchen
and James Giordmaina

whose funerals will take place in the coming weeks,

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Ann Callaghan, Barry Ryan, William Hickey, Ann East, Sally Egan, Ramzi Nacheff, Ann Murray, Edward & Joan Brodie, Owen & Margaret Leonard, Bridget Walsh, Sonia McCarthy and Della Killeen.

† May they rest in peace. †

PALM CROSSES

If you have any palm crosses from previous years, please bring them to church and they can be burned and used on Ash Wednesday, 17th February. There will be a box in the church porch from next weekend.

CAFOD – SUPPORT IN ACTION

Join CAFOD online this coming Saturday, 30th January, from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm and listen to CAFOD's representative live from Ethiopia talking about how your support is enabling communities gain access to clean water. Contact Westminster@cafod.org.uk for registration link and further information.

CONGRATULATIONS

We send our warmest congratulations to Fr. Liam McClarey, who many of you will remember, on his recent appointment to Provincial Rector of the Society of Catholic Apostolate, based in Dublin. We wish him success as he takes on his new responsibilities.

Ad multos annos

*As a servant of God, do not trust yourself and
your strength completely, but put all your trust
in the infinite power of divine grace.*

St. Vincent Pallotti