

Reflection Thursday Week 34 St Andrew Apostle 2023

St Andrew the Apostle is a patron of our parish along with Mary, the mother of Jesus. He was born in Bethsaida, in Galilee, and worked as a fisherman. He may have been a disciple of St John the Baptist. He became one of the first to follow Jesus and introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to him. As one of the twelve Apostles he was widely venerated in ancient times, and became the patron saint of Scotland because according to legend some of his bones were brought there and buried at the place where the town of St Andrew's now stands.

As a pioneer follower of Christ who led others to Christ including his brother, Peter, let us pray that Andrew will guide and encourage us in our work in bringing Christ to others, particularly in the help we give to those in need with food, clothing, support and guidance. He was inspired by Jesus throughout his life and will ask Jesus to do the same for us too. St Paul quotes: *those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.* Paul talks about being righteous and righteous is expressed in the charity, help and support we give to others. Being righteous is making Jesus Christ real for other through how we live and what we do, as expressed in the Gospel last week. Following Christ leads us to see Christ in those we help and serve and in reaching out in love and being a channel of Christ's love and goodness.

St Andrew pray for us

Our Lady Immaculate pray for us and for everyone who needs your help in the parish.