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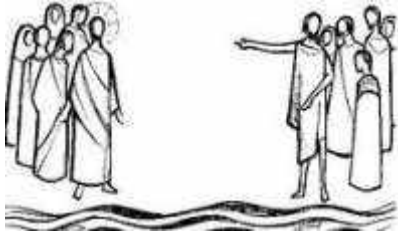
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17th January 2021



What does it mean to be a follower of the Lord Jesus? Surely to listen and hear his voice, and to go where he leads us. Today, as we enter the ordinary season of the year, we begin our story of Jesus' life and ministry with the calling of the first disciples. John fulfils his ministry - pointing to the Lamb of God - and the disciples follow where he points. His word to them is simple and inviting: "Come and see." This echoes the calling of Samuel - a simple call, by name, which Samuel does not understand: discipleship is about trust, which Samuel shows simply by saying "Speak, Lord; your servant is listening." The Psalm also underlines this, as we (the disciples of

the Lord) sing together: "Here I am, Lord ! I come to do your will." We hear his call, and we freely go to him, to listen again to the words of the Master.

"Samuel, Samuel!" "Here I am!"

W/C 17/01/2020 This Weeks Intentions

St Joseph	Kingswood Family
St Gerard	Roberts Family

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Frank Cutler, Jean Willis, Edward Clayton,
Mary Josephine Crook & John Walne R.I.P.**

PASTORAL LETTER - A Pastoral Letter from Bishop John for this weekend can be found on our Website and Facebook Page. A voice recording of the letter can be found via a link on the same pages.

Statement from Bishop John - We have seen a very sudden and drastic change in the directives concerning the pandemic. One significant concession is that places of worship can stay open – being acknowledged as among the safest places for any indoor gatherings and important for the spiritual and mental well-being of many people. That is a tribute to work of so many stewards and volunteers. However, there are parts of the country, and indeed parts of this Diocese, where the levels of infection are particularly high. Local health authorities have advised extra caution. It is important that parish priests feel confident that a particular church should be open. If any priest feels that it would be better to close a church at the present time, this should be done. The Government website and the clarifications from the Bishops' Conference, which are drawn from government and medical experts, are comprehensive but that is not to say that they cover every circumstance. The Bishop is happy to confirm any decision that a particular church should close for any particular length of time, where it is thought best in the present circumstances for the safety of people.

CHURCHES STAY OPEN - There seems to be an effort, on the part of just a small number of local authorities, to ask for the closure of churches. They have no authority to insist on this. The Government website and the clarifications from the Bishops' Conference, which are drawn from government and medical experts, are pretty comprehensive and allow for the safe opening of places of worship. It is therefore of utmost importance that we all follow the guidelines and regulations with regard social distancing, sanitation, bubbles and the **IMMEDIATELY LEAVING OF THE PREMISES INCLUDING BOTH THE BUILDING AND THE GROUNDS OUTSIDE WITHOUT LINGERING TO CHAT TO OTHERS. Face Masks must be worn and cover the Face and Mouth** (Unless medically exempt or under 12)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - From 18th January to the 25th January 2021 is Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme this year is "**Abiding in Christ**" and it is taken from the Gospel of John chapter 15: 1-7. On the CTE website there are listed materials and information that may well prove helpful to Parishes. You can find them here: <https://www.cte.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?ID=591118>.

Online Talks — The Adventures of a Biblical Translator Saturday 23rd January 2021, 11am - 12.30pm An event by The Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain. The Adventures of a Biblical Translator by Dom Henry Wansbrough, Editor of the New Jerusalem Bible and most recently the Revised New Jerusalem Bible, Dom Henry has spent a life-time in Bible translation. To access this live stream event go to www.ssppilford.org.uk and click on live stream remote services. Event available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org Dr Sean Ryan, chair of the CBA, will introduce the event.

Caritas Sunday 2021 - Thank you so much for all that our parishes did in November and December to promote the Caritas Advent Appeal for those without a permanent home this winter. The work continues and as you will now be aware, Bishop John has prepared a Pastoral Letter for this weekend concerning the annual collection for **Caritas Sunday 31st January 2021**. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in sharing this please and promoting Caritas Sunday within your parish community, on your website and in your newsletter. We are also asking those parishes on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) to like and share the work of Caritas Salford in our diocese to support the poor, vulnerable and those experiencing isolation. Due to the pandemic, we are encouraging people to consider electronic giving. It is now very easy to set up a regular or one-off gift for Caritas, using our website <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/>

Year of St Joseph - Pope Francis has announced a Year of St Joseph in a new Apostolic Letter entitled **Patris corde** ("With a Father's Heart") He describes St Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an abedient father, an accepting father, a father who is courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

Altar Servers Online Retreat – 'Serving God and our neighbour in the everyday' Saturday 27th February 2021 – 10am-12pm (Ages 8-11) and 1pm-3pm (Ages 12-17) - Servers aged 18 and over please email the address below. The day includes a keynote from Bishop John on the ministry of serving during this time and in the future, times of prayer, a recommissioning service and workshops on 'Challenges & Opportunities', 'Prayer - A Friendship with Jesus', and 'Called to Serve'. To register your place or for more information email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk An under 18's videoconferencing consent form must be downloaded, completed by parents/carers and returned to the above email address. Download from <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/altar-server-retreat/>, The retreat will take place on Zoom.

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	16th Jan Vigil	18:00	
Sun	17th Jan	10:00	2nd Sunday of the Year The Parish
Mon	18th Jan	6:30 pm	Requiem Mass for Teresa Cooper R.I.P.
Tues	19th Jan	9:15 am	
Wed	20th Jan	9:15 am	
Thurs	21st Jan		St Agnes NO MASS (M)
Fri	22nd Jan		NO MASS
Sat	23rd Jan Vigil	18:00	
Sun	24th Jan	10:00	3rd Sunday of the Year The Parish

St Mary's, Brownedge <u>Live Streaming Times</u> https://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge		
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm
Monday to Friday	Mass	9:30 am
Open for Private Prayer	Tuesday	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
	Thursday	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
	Rosary	8.00 pm
Saturday	Mass	9:30 am 7 pm Vigil
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm

Fr Cassian Dickie OSB:

Please pray for Fr Cassian, formerly at St Mary's Brownedge. He is seriously ill and in need of our prayers. He is in residence with Fr Jonathan and Fr Bernard at St Mary's, Leyland.

Altar Candle & Mass Intentions -- If you would like to have a Mass intention or Candle intention please leave a note at the Presbytery clearly stating the Mass Intention or Location for your Candle. For the Candles we are suggesting a minimum donation of £5 per candle.

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Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound and for those who have asked for your Prayers.