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Sunday 6th February 2022

In this Sunday's gospel there was something about Jesus that caused Simon Peter to follow his advice. When the catch of fish came in Peter recognised the hand of God in what had happened and at the same time felt overcome by his own sinfulness. He advised Jesus to go away and not be bothered with the likes of him. Jesus did not take Peter's advice as Jesus did not come to be distant from people; his whole mission was to seek out and save the lost. Jesus travels into people's lives, not away from them. He mingles with sinners, he enters their homes, meets their families and eats at their table and calls them to a new way of life. All through his life, Jesus was never far from sinners and on the cross he died between two of them. Once Peter acknowledges and admits his sinfulness Jesus invites Peter to work with him in bringing people closer to God. He sees beyond the sin to the worth and the potential of the sinner.

Lord, You called fishermen to be your disciples and to carry the Good News to a broken humanity: call many in this generation to continue Your work of reconciliation, that wounds may be healed, sins forgiven, and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.




February 11th is commemorated as the World Day of the Sick. The day was established by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1992 to offer prayers for those who are suffering from illnesses. In establishing the day, Pope John Paul II said that he desired it to be "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church, and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind."

Pope Saint John Paul II chose February 11th as the date because it coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, a title given to the Blessed Mother after her appearances to St. Bernadette in Lourdes, France, in 1858. The World Day of the Sick is also an opportunity to recognize the ministry of health-care workers, hospital chaplains, and all who care for the sick, serving as a reminder that they are carrying on the healing ministry of Christ.



Lord Jesus, when you were on earth they brought the sick to you and you healed them all. Today I ask you to bless all those who are suffering and look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill, whom we now remember in a special way. In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

5th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
6	Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
7	Monday	9.15am	Dennis Lindo
8	Tuesday		
9	Wednesday		
10	Thursday St Scholastica		
11	Friday Our Lady of Lourdes	9.15am	Sick of the Parish
12	Saturday	9.15am	Fred & Bessie Cain Confessions after Mass
6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
13	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Recently Deceased:		Pat Jackson ~ May she rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		Bernard Hillberby	
		Billy McGuinness, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Dave, Pauline Davies	



Immaculate Virgin Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, comforter of the afflicted, by appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary. Mary, our mother, by your obedience and patience you have taught us how to be true children of God. Please help us by your powerful assistance to overcome all our weaknesses, and to fulfil perfectly our tasks in life. Amen

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Isaiah 6:1-8**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 137:1-5, 7-8**
- **Second Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**
- **Gospel ~ Luke 5:1-11**



We pray for our doctors, nurses and for all those who care for the sick, the infirm and unwell in healthcare institutions and within families and communities, that they may be inspired in their work by the compassion of the Lord. Amen.



WHITE FLOWER APPEAL . . . A big thank you to all who supported the SPUC White Flower Appeal, the total raised through your generosity was a fantastic **£634.50** which is greatly appreciated.

Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes ~ An invitation from the Hexham and Newcastle Lourdes Hospitalite: All are welcome to a Mass at St Aloysius, Hebburn on 11th February at 7pm to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes which is also World Day of Prayer the Sick.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY ~ We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



PLEASE NOTE

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING UPDATE . . . Three years ago we held a number of workshops after the Sunday morning Masses to renew the DBS clearances for those parish volunteers who needed it to continue their role. This year those clearances will expire. Those who signed up to the DBS Online Update Service (OUS) will have a very quick and easy renewal, just one form to fill in and no need to bring identity documents. Those who didn't sign up will have to renew as before. The Diocese Safeguarding Department is now urging everyone who needs clearance to renew as soon as possible and sign up to the OUS so that in three years' time, renewal will involve minimal work for everyone.

The Diocese would now like everyone who needs clearance to contact them either directly or through me, Maurice, and tell them if you are signed up or not. The diocese cannot check your OUS status without your permission because of the data protection laws. The phone number is 0191 243 3305. My number is 07531 721 274. Please, everyone who intends to continue their role do this as soon as possible. It will reduce parish costs from £10 per person to nothing. Even if your clearance has several months before it expires, still do it now. If you need any help with anything, I will be only too pleased to help since this will cut my work down a huge amount in the future.

Please forward any prayers, thoughts, poems, news, anniversaries or any item that you would like to share and I will include them on the bulletin. Thank you.

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