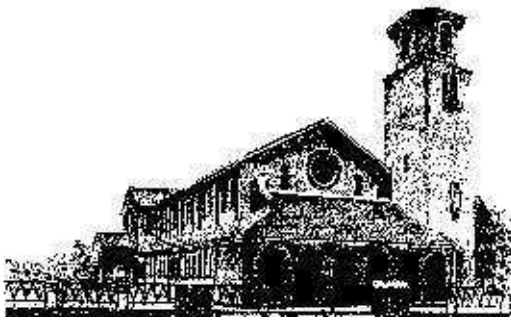


St. Bede's Newsletter



**2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JAUARY 14th/15th 2012**

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THIS SUNDAY'S THEME

After the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which brought the Christmas season to a close, the Church now enters into what is called 'ordinary time'.

It is worth pausing for a moment to reflect and pray about the way that the Church thinks about time because it is so different from the way that the world thinks about it. In fact, our reading today really invites us to do just that! The reading gives an account of how Jesus began gathering his disciples together. The first two were in fact disciples of John the Baptist, who were directed by John himself towards Jesus. We are told that initially these two 'stayed with him for the rest of that day'. This seemingly insignificant detail has become a description of the Christian life. To be a disciple of Jesus is to stay with him throughout the day.

Over the years the Church has developed this understanding of the Christian life into an understanding of time itself. For the disciples of Christ, for you and me, time itself is essentially a matter of staying with Christ. There are very special periods of time (in the year) when we stay with Jesus in a very particular way. These special times we call liturgical seasons. In Advent we are with Jesus through paying particular attention to his Second Coming in glory as well as to the preparations, by Mary and others, for his first coming – in his incarnation as a baby in Bethlehem. In Lent we accompany Jesus during his forty-day fast and his journey to the cross, and during Eastertide we join the whole Church in celebrating anew the awesome reality of the resurrection and the gift of the Spirit.

If the seasons are special and particular times of being with Christ, then how are we to think of ordinary time? In one sense ordinary time fills in the gap between the liturgical seasons. However, it is charged with meaning too. While God entered into our time through the incarnation of his Son and through the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' death, resurrection and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the effects of these great events spill over into every minute and every hour of every day. As a result, our whole lives are filled with the presence of God, drawing us to himself and transforming our lives.

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Daily Reflections*

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday	14th Jan	9.15am 6pm 7.30pm	St. Bede's St. Bede's St. Bede's Hall	First Mass of Sunday	No Mass Parishioners No Mass
Sunday	15th Jan	11.00am	St. Bede's	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Private Intention
Monday	16th Jan	No Mass	St. Bede's	Feria	No Mass
Tuesday	17th Jan	6.45pm 7pm	St Bede's St Bede's	St Anthony	Evening Prayer Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	18th Jan	8.00am	St. Bede's	Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity (till 25th January)	No Mass
Thursday	19th Jan	10am 6pm—7pm 7:00pm	St. Bede's St. Bede's	Requiem Mass St Wulstan	Fred Rowland Holy Hour Eucharistic Service
Friday	20th Jan	9.15am	St. Bede's	Feria	No Mass
Saturday	21st Jan	9,15am 6pm 7.30pm	St. Bede's St. Bede's St. Bede's Hall	First Mass of Sunday	No Mass Parishioners No Mass
Sunday	22nd Jan	11.00am	St. Bede's	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Patrick & Mary Robinson

TODAY'S READINGS: 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

First reading: Samuel 3 : 3-10, 19 *Speak Lord, your servant is listening.*

Psalm: Response: *Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1– 3.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace

Gospel: John 1 : 29-34. *Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.*

Eucharistic Prayer: *Four with its own preface.*

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 12 noon to 12.30pm; 5pm to 5.30pm; in the Lady Chapel.

There will be no confessions over the next two Saturdays— 14th and 21st January 2012

LATELY DEAD: Fred Rowland and Nelly Holroyd May they rest in peace. **AMEN.**

THE SICK: Please pray for all on the Sick List at Our Lady's Shrine, especially Fathers John Hawkins and John Marsh, Edna Clarke, Kath Turnbull, Christopher Brown, Joseph Gray, Martin and Peggy Rooney.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for: Ellen Donoghue, Frances Parker, Americo (Derek) Turri, Mary Ann McIntyre, Betty Tickell, Joseph Downes Howard, Albert Hull, George Donowho, Barry Miller, Jane Anne Little, Alex Donoghue, Konstantia Wasilkowski, Edward Donowho, James Crawford and Maurice Hutton. May they rest in peace. AMEN.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION: Collection: £607.03. Attendance: 295. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

PEACE SUNDAY is on this weekend of 14th/15th January 2012. The theme this year, chosen by Pope Benedict is *Educating Young People in Justice and Peace*. Peace Sunday is a time when we are invited to support the year-round work of Pax Christi and there will be a special collection after each Mass.

FR. JIM IS ON VACATION FROM 14th—22nd JANUARY and Father Joe Branson is coming to celebrate the two weekend Masses over this weekend—14th/15th January 2012. We welcome him warmly. Can I remind you that soon after Fr Jim returns Father Paul Dadson will be arriving on Tuesday the 24th January to take up his position as assistant priest here at St Bede's.

CASTLERIGG MANOR: There is information at the back of church about Gap Year Opportunities for young people at Castlerigg Manor and also about pilgrimages for young people to Lourdes (19-29/07/12), Taize (11-20/08/12) and the Annual 'Big Walk' (7-9/09/12) which finishes at the shrine at Cleator.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU: Bishop Michael has launched the following initiative for our Diocese of Lancaster. This Lent, every Catholic church in the Diocese of Lancaster, including St Bede's, will be open for individual confessions 7.00pm-8.00pm, every Wednesday, (29th February-4th April). The Diocese has a dedicated page on the diocesan website: www.lancasterdiocese.org.uk of resources to help you prepare, including videos on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, sheets on how to make a good confession, answers to frequently—asked questions and more. Please start to consider coming on one of these Wednesdays; and **MOST OF ALL** look out for someone you could invite to come to this sacrament in your household, at work, in your street or in need of good news. Especially invite those you might think would like to take the opportunity to come back to the practice of their faith. We have further plans here in St Bede's, around this initiative of the Bishop's, for this Lent, which will be revealed in the near future.

EMERGENCIES

If you need a priest in an emergency, and Fr. Jim is unavailable, please contact Our Lady & St. Joseph's on (01228) 521509. N.B. Fr. Jim Allen, Chaplain at the Cumberland Infirmary advises us that the list of patients giving their religion has been withdrawn, so please let us know if someone you know is in hospital, and a visit is needed.