



9 FEBRUARY 2025

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

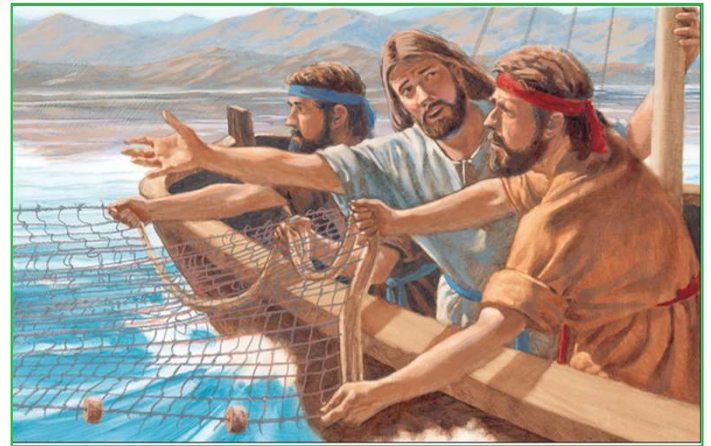
FR. ANTHONY'S REFLECTION. Today's scripture readings at Mass are all about vocation. All of us are firstly called to a life in relationship with God, which we call holiness, or wholeness, or fullness of human life and flourishing. In Christ, through our baptism and confirmation, we share in his office as priest, prophet and king. Secondly, we are called to a specific vocation, based on our God-given gifts and talents. Some of us are called to a specific occupation or job, whereas others are called to the religious life, diaconate, or ministerial priesthood. All of which have the purpose of serving God and each other in various ways.

There is a common thread in the first reading and the gospel in that there is a calling of an individual to a specific mission, there is a sense of hesitation and unworthiness, but with the reassurance of God's grace or assistance, and finally the impetus to go out. We are not called because we are wonderful and perfect people. God takes and calls all of us as we are, with our brokenness and weaknesses, to show forth his goodness and glory. On this day, let us reflect on the foundational calling to holiness and the specific vocations we have been called to.

PARISH WEEKDAY SOCIALS after Thursday Masses. There will be tea, coffee, biscuits and chit-chat in the Canon Kuner Room. All are invited!

PARISH REGISTRATION. We are developing a new parish database and would like you to visit the website www.caspar.church/me?ID=9840 and fill in a few details. If you don't feel confident using the internet, please speak to the parish office.

CAFOD VOLUNTEERING. If you're looking for a new opportunity, please email jolewry@cafod.org.uk.



GOSPEL. Luke 5:1-11. *'They left everything and followed him.'*

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION. £1,162.24 (Building fund £400.00)

BAPTISM, being the doorway to fullness of life and to the kingdom of God, is the first sacrament of initiation celebrated. If you are thinking of having your child baptised and raising them in the Catholic faith, please speak to Fr. Anthony.

IN THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY, spouses signify and participate in the mystery of unity and fruitful love between Christ and the Church. If you are thinking of getting married, please speak to Fr. Anthony to arrange a meeting. Please keep in mind that a minimum of six months is needed to prepare all the paperwork and to complete the marriage preparation programme.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND. The Catholic Church shows great love and concern towards the sick and suffering through fellowship and the support of the sacraments. If you are interested in a home visit by a priest or parishioner, please get in contact with the parish office.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 8 February - 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5.30pm - St. Swithun's (Vigil Mass) *Thanksgiving*

Sunday 9 February - 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am - St. Swithun's - *Thanksgiving*

10.15am - St. Swithun's - *Albertolli Family RIP*

Monday 10 February - ST. SCHOLASTICA

No Mass

Tuesday 11 February - OUR LADY OF LOURDES

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *Jan Boehm*

Wednesday 12 February - FERIA

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *Bennett-Terry families*

Thursday 13 February - FERIA

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *John Doyle RIP*

Friday 14 February - ST. CYRIL & ST. METHIDIUS

10.00am - St. Swithun's - *Edward Davella & others*

Saturday 15 February - OUR LADY ON SATURDAY

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *Private intention*

5.30pm - St. Swithun's (Vigil Mass) *People of the parish*

Sunday 16 February - 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am - St. Swithun's - *Elsie Margaret Purton RIP*

10.15am - St. Swithun's - *Patricia Vitali RIP*



OFFERTORY. The Parish bank account details are as follows:

Lloyds Bank Account name: CDP Our Lady of Lourdes' and St Swithun Church

Sort code: 30-93-04

Parish Account no: 01730453

MASS INTENTIONS & OFFERINGS.

It is a long-standing Catholic tradition to have the Eucharist offered for a particular intention, for the living and the dead. We do this because our faith is centred on the celebration of the Eucharist, the source of our life in Christ. Of course, Mass is 'free' but it is customary to make a donation in a form of a Mass offering. If you would like to arrange a Mass offering for yourself or loved ones, whether living or dead, please contact Emma in the office.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY.

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP takes place at 7.30pm each Wednesday in the sacristy. Please join us if you can. All are welcome.

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