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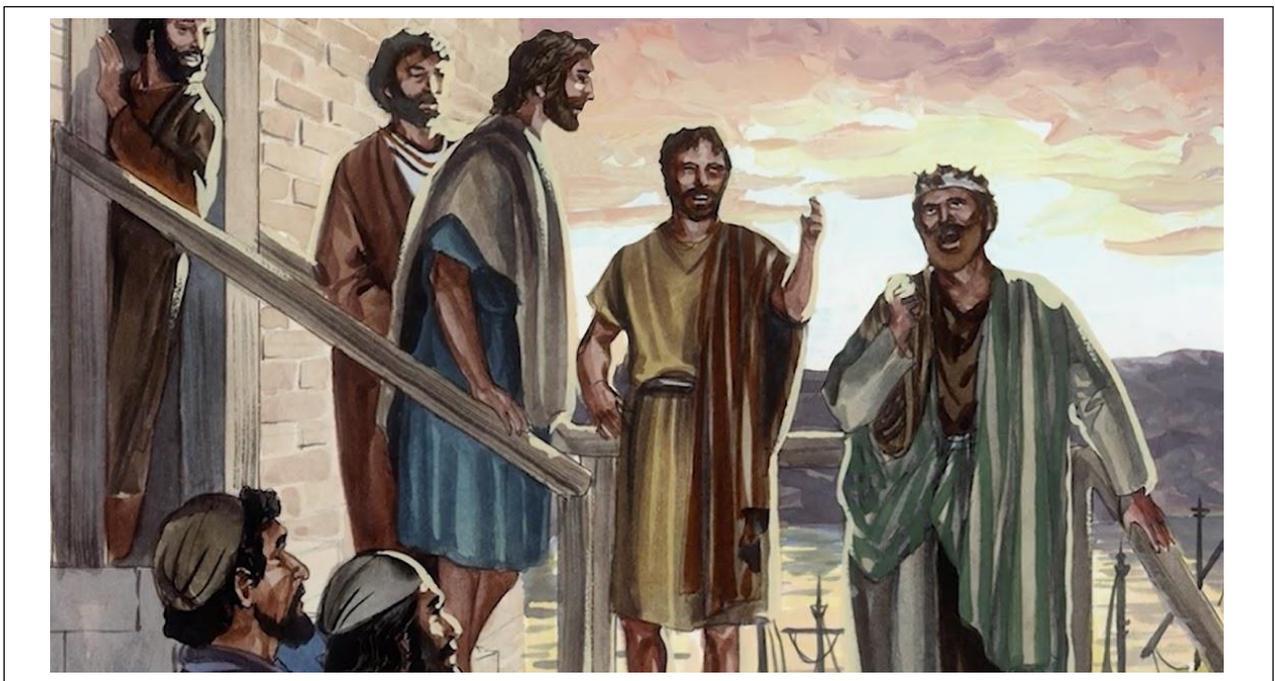
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24 January 2021

“The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News.”

Mark 1, 15

REQUIEM MASS FOR DANTE AND LUCIANA SALUSSOLIA

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Dante and Luciana Salussolia both of whom died recently. The funeral will be held here at Our Lady & St Anne's on **Friday 29th January @ 09.30.**

Dante and Luciana were well loved members of the parish. There are some spaces left in church for the funeral.

If you would like to come, you must ring Julia on 07704 180826 first to book a place. There is still a limit of 30 mourners for a funeral

SVP KEEPING IN TOUCH

The St Vincent De Paul Society would like to hear from elderly parishioners, their relatives, neighbours and friends who are on their own and/or shielding. We are a befriending society who reach out to the vulnerable.

If you know of anybody who would benefit from regular phone calls. Please contact Bev Ryan on 07969884212 or email bjryan@virginedia.com

RIP

Please pray for the soul of Maria Franco who died recently.
May she rest in peace.

STAYING SAFE AT MASS

The church is open for Sunday Masses (17.30 on Sat eve and 10.00 Sunday morning) at the moment but keeping people safe is a high priority. If you consider yourself to be at all vulnerable with this new more highly transmissible Coronavirus please consider staying at home where you feel safe and secure.

For those who are at Mass, it is even more important than ever to maintain as much social distance as possible and to keep masks on over noses.

We will be seating single people in the side aisles and ask you to sit as close to the wall as possible to maximise social distance. Family groups should sit in the centre of the pew as far as possible.

Holy Communion is now distributed to parishioners at the end of Mass. Remember to take everything with you as you will be going straight out of the building.

One of the hardest rules to stick to is not talking to anybody who is not in our household or support bubble but this is more important than ever now. We all like a chat but please do not wander around to talk before Mass or linger outside on your way out.

DONATE TO THE PARISH WHILE YOU SHOP ONLINE

Just sign up to The Giving Machine and nominate Our Lady & St Anne RC Church as your charity. We have a designated number of 267066. Find out how it all works at <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/how-tgm-works/>

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): Immediately after his baptism in the Jordan by John, Jesus set about proclaiming the kingdom of God. His programme was set out by him in the synagogue of Nazareth and we know that the popular reaction to him was hostile. Of course, few of those who heard him in his native town would have descended to Judea to hear John the Baptist, the idea of radical conversion would have been foreign to them. It seems strange that Jesus did not take over from John immediately by himself preaching in Judea. After all, he had a captive audience there, already disposed to leading a virtuous life after allowing themselves to be baptised, repented and resolved on conversion. Right from the outset, even though the first words of his prophetic teaching ministry seemed to fall on deaf, indeed hostile, ears, Jesus did feel the need to have disciples. We hear from Mark about how, walking along the shores of Lake Galilee, Jesus called Andrew, Simon, James and John, and how spontaneously they followed him. But had he not made their acquaintance already (see last week's gospel) at the Jordan when, in response to John the Baptist pointing out that Jesus was 'Lamb of God', the young men asked if they could come and see where Jesus lived? The answer is that we do not know, have the two evangelists told the same story twice in two different settings? What matters is that as of the beginning of his ministry Jesus turned to others to help him and to be his fellow-workers in proclaiming the good news. That same invitation has been issued to all of us and, each in our own way and according to our state in life, we answer that call.

First Reading (OT): Jonah 3, 1 – 5. 10: Jonah was asked by God to go and preach conversion to the Assyrians, great enemies of the Hebrews, by visiting their capital city Nineveh. It was distasteful to Jonah, he simply did not want to do it. Yet in response to God's will Jonah did preach conversion to the Ninevites and they did convert. Moreover, God spared them, much to Jonah's amazement. He expected them to refuse and to be punished by God as a consequence. The message contained by this OT parable is that God desires the salvation of all and his mercy is extended to all people.

Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 7, 29 – 31: Paul is here urging detachment on the Christians of Corinth. He urges a certain indifference to the passing things of this world, be they a source of pleasure or a cause of sorrow. He impresses on them that time is short – after all, at this stage he still believed the return of the Lord was imminent – and their attention was focused on the world to come.

Gospel: Mark 1, 14 – 20: The arrest of John and his imprisonment signified the end of the Old Testament, his call to conversion was the final utterance of the long line of prophets God had sent to Israel. Jesus began his teaching mission by a call to repentance and the first words of his the NT records are the statement that "the time has come." A new age has dawned, a new chapter has been opened in the history of God's relationship with his people. And today we hear how, right from the beginning, Jesus called disciples to follow him.

**Mass Intentions for the
Third Week of Ordinary Time**
[All weekday Masses are now closed.]

Saturday	23 rd January	10.00	People of the parish
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Third Sunday of the Year			Year B
Saturday	23 rd January	17.30	Rene De Sola
Sunday	24 th January	10.00	Gordon & Fiona McGowan
Monday	25 th January	09.15	Canon Giles Goward int.
<i>Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul</i>		12.00	Requiem Mass Rosaleen Ryan
Tuesday	26 th January	09.15	Tony Faherty
<i>Memorial of SS. Timothy & Titus, Bishops</i>			
Wednesday	27 th January	09.15	Naxton Family intentions
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Thursday	28 th January	08.00	Mario Elliott
<i>Memorial St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor</i>			
Friday	29 th January	09.30	Requiem Mass: Dante & Luciana Salussolia
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Saturday	30 th January	10.00	People of the parish
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Fourth Sunday of the Year			Year B
Saturday	30 th January	17.30	Neville O'Farrell RIP
Sunday	31 st January	10.00	Holly Butler RIP