

## FAITH IN FOCUS: RAPID RESPONSE

The people who met Jesus on the road in today's gospel, and who all had reasons to delay following him, are mirror images of Elisha when he was called to come and follow the prophet Elijah. After an initial request to go and say goodbye to his parents Elisha realised the enormity of the calling. There and then he killed a pair of oxen he was using to plough the field with, killed them and cooked them by burning the plough. The meat would have been absolutely fresh but not very tender!

It's noticeable that, when Jesus was calling his apostles, we are told that they left their nets etc. "at once" and followed him. For those who choose to be followers of Jesus there is an immediate attraction, something which is no mere half-way house appeal. When the famous prophet Elijah throws his cloak over the simple farmer Elisha, then Elisha knows he has a claim on him.

If there's one thing God can't stand then it must be half-heartedness. Am I serving God with every ounce of strength and commitment or am I just doing enough to keep my conscience quiet? Am I just covering all bases and paying the premiums on my heavenly insurance policy? Or do I feel a magnetic attraction to Jesus and all that he asks of me? In my life is God a passion or a hobby?

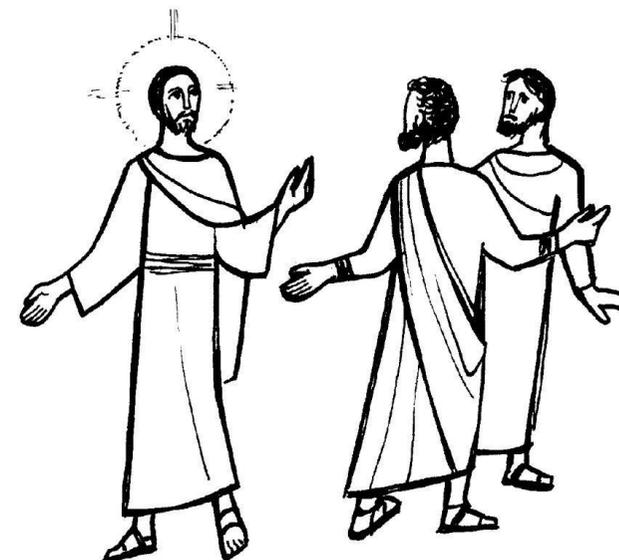
When Jesus calls us to be disciples, he calls us to make a lifelong, irrevocable, absolute commitment. Most of us follow Jesus to the best of our abilities but we are also aware that there are areas of our lives where we hold back, aspects of the way we live that are not helping our commitment as disciples of Jesus. This is because following Jesus is an ongoing, lifelong commitment. We have continually to ratify our commitment, to keep signing on the dotted line as disciples of Christ. What are the nets that Jesus is still asking us to leave, the oxen that we need to slaughter, the ploughs that we have to burn? Are there relationships in our lives that dull our response? Are there habits that we have taken for granted but which make us slow to respond to the challenge of being followers?

Or have we felt the cloak thrown over us, God's mantle in Christ, which calls us to follow wherever he may lead and to proclaim the best news possible to those we meet on the road?

26<sup>th</sup> June 2022

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Year C

*(Prayer of the Church Week 1)*



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*Sunday Masses*  
8:30am & 11:30am

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## Sunday

8.30am, 11.30am Mass

Collection for Peter's Pence.

We welcome **Teddy Robinson, Michael Roughneen and Maisy Miles**, through Baptism, into our faith community.

## Monday

9.30am Mass

## Tuesday

### St. Irenaeus

9.30am Mass

## Wednesday

### Sts Peter and Paul

9.30am Mass

7.30pm Legion of Mary Meeting in Savio Centre

## Thursday

9.30am Mass

7.30pm Salesian Cooperators Mass in Church

## Friday

### Feast of Consecration of Arundel Cathedral

9.30am Mass

## Saturday

10.00am Mass for children making their First Holy Communion

## Next Sunday

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time. Year C. 3pm Mass for children making their First Holy Communion

## Date for Diary

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm. Celebration Mass for 40 years of Priesthood of Fr. Michael Hynes. All welcome.

## Healthcare professionals against assisted suicide:

Last year the British Medical Association voted to become neutral on assisted suicide, in June there is an opportunity to revert this stance back to opposition. Please show your support for better palliative care and life until its natural end by signing the Our Duty of Care Declaration. More information can be found at: [www.ourdutyofcare.org.uk](http://www.ourdutyofcare.org.uk)

## Message from St. John Fisher parish, Shepperton

THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE OF LOURDES ARE COMING TO SHEPPERTON! We are to host the Relics of St Bernadette as part of a National Tour. This will be an historic event in the life of our parish and is sure to bring many blessings. The Relics will arrive here for an all night vigil on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, leaving the parish around midday on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. The web site for the Tour is now live. You can view it here: [www.stbernadette.org.uk](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk)

## Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

This course, which is for anyone interested in finding out more about their faith, begins again in the Diocese in the Autumn. For more information, please contact the Formation Adviser, Jon Harman

E: [jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk)

## Vacancy

The Holy Family Parish, Addlestone will soon have a vacancy for a part time administrator position. If you're interested, please contact Catherine Cassin - [addlestone@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:addlestone@abdiocese.org.uk) or via phone 01932 848616 for further details.

## theASCENT bookings are open!

This amazing project for teenagers in year 10, 11 or 12 will help them grow in faith and confidence, as they explore what it means to be Catholic with other likeminded individuals. Contact our Diocesan Youth Adviser . Email

: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) or visit W: [www.theascentuk.co.uk](http://www.theascentuk.co.uk) for more information.

## BeCome: Diocesan Young Adults Group (18-35).

We are coming to the end of our online study of the Sycamore series but will be starting a new process of studying and praying with scriptures very soon. If you are interested in joining our community and diving deeper into the bible whilst forming new friendships, contact E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk)

## Radio Maria

Radio Maria is a catholic radio station that broadcasts in many countries. Radio Maria England was formed just before the start of the pandemic and is available as a DAB station and on line. For more details click link. <https://radiomariaengland.uk/>

## Ukraine

The Salesians are working for the people of Ukraine in Ukraine and in Poland with the refugees. See the help being given in the report from Poland in the news-letter section of the website. Also <https://misjesalezjanie.pl/aid-for-ukraine/> . There is a just giving page which can be used. The page can be accessed at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/salesiangbrprovince>