

**January 21st 2024 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year B – Mark 1:14 - 20**

<sup>1-14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen.

<sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'<sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.	➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.
➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.	➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do.

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In this week's gospel we see Jesus laying the foundation for his work of salvation. It was a very humble beginning starting in Galilee which is on the periphery of Palestine just a little fishing village. The very sad arrest of John the Baptist raised great fear and sorrow because of his great work . It was the end of that moment but the beginning of something new. The Spirit of God was at work in Jesus as he called his disciples to follow him. This spirit continues to work in our day if we listen to him. When have you in your life had the experience of the power of the Holy Spirit inviting you to changes in your life? How did you respond to this call?

**Prayer:**

**Lord thank you** for the Good news of God that the kingdom of heaven is within our reach if we believe that it is possible and place our trust in You.

**Forgive us Lord** for the times we did not invite the friends of Jesus into our hearts because they were not the kind of company we like to keep, the poor, the marginalised and the rejected in society.

**Lord help** all preachers of the gospel not to be abstract in their preaching but to proclaim the Good news of God as Jesus did - as new possibilities which are at hand to us all.