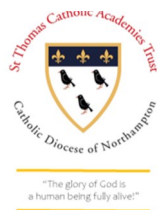


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After yesterday's reading the call to repentance is continued in the Gospel. We read; 'after John was arrested, Jesus came proclaiming the Good News of God, saying... repent and believe the Good News.' The good news that Jesus proclaims is one that tells us that we created, loved and known personally and intimately by God. It is also a message of conversion and repentance. To be in relationship with God and others also requires that we are in right relations with ourselves, others and God. How we live our daily lives matters; how we speak to and treat others matters. It is not just about my relationship with God. My friendship with God, while it is personal, it is never private. It is not only during the season of Lent that we are called to change our ways; it is central to our friendship with God and others.

The gospel then changes and we are told how Jesus called his first followers. It seems as if Jesus is causally walking along by the seashore when he sees Simon, Andrew and John. They are fishing. But this is where they encounter and experience Jesus; in their ordinary daily lives. Maybe Jesus isn't just walking by them. It maybe that Jesus actually knows them or at least knows about them – who they are, what they do for a living and where to find them. Whatever the case, the important thing to notice is that it is Jesus who takes the initiative. He comes looking for them and calls them personally to follow him. They accept the invitation of being called and respond generously; *they left their boats and nets and followed him*



Jesus continues to do the very same with each of us today; he continues to search for us and call us personally by our name. He waits, watches and comes to us however and wherever we are. He offers us the same invitation and challenge that he offered those by the sea; *Come, follow me*. It is through our ordinary lives that we encounter and experience the call and presence of Jesus. As Patrick Kavanagh wrote; *God is in the bits and pieces of everyday*. Jesus calls us through the bits and pieces of our ordinary daily lives – if we are attentive and have an open heart to his voice calling us.

Often we look and listen for the voice and presence of God in the loud dramatic events in life. Now I realise that more often than not, God comes to me disguised in the ordinary events of my daily life. God hasn't stopped talking and speaking to us. Jesus hasn't stopped calling to follow him. The invitation *Come, follow me* is always being offered.

Last week:



Some lovely photos this week of our Year 2 children who had a fantastic time investigating ice in science and then made some interesting pieces of Art! Looks like lots of fun and smiley happy faces!

The WORD of the Week:

Each week we would like to share a scripture with you to share and discuss with your children:

'You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you '

John 15:16

Learning, Growing and Living With Jesus

#feedbackFriday

We would love to hear your feedback! It is so nice to talk to you on the gate and hear positive feedback about the online learning.

Please email:

catchup@stanthonys.slough.sch.uk

With feedback and messages for our school, children, learning and community and it will be shared via Twitter on feedback Friday!



School Closure:

- School is only open to children of those who are classed as Critical Key workers and vulnerable children. Guidance about this can be found on the below website: www.gov.uk
- Online learning will take place daily for all children. Details of all lessons and resources can be found on the website and via ParentPay.

Its good to talk!

Times are hard for lots of us at the moment and there is no harm in admitting that and asking for help. Talking Therapies is a free NHS service here to support the residents of Berkshire aged 17+ who may be struggling with difficulties including: low mood, anxiety and stress at this unprecedented time.

If you are in need of support you can call the Talking Therapies admin team on 0300 365 2000, alternatively you can Sign Up via their website referral form.



Prayer for the week

O Glorious Saint Paul, after persecuting the Church you became by God's grace its most zealous Apostle. To carry the knowledge of Jesus, our Divine Savior, to the uttermost parts of the earth, you joyfully endured prison, scourging, stoning, and shipwreck, as well as all manner of persecutions culminating in the shedding of the last drop of your blood for our Lord Jesus Christ. Obtain for us the grace to labor strenuously to bring the faith to others and to accept any trials and tribulations that may come our way. Help us to be inspired by your Epistles and to partake of your indomitable love for Jesus, so that after we have finished our course we may join you in praising Him in Heaven for all eternity.

Amen.

Cleaner needed

We are looking for a new cleaner to join our team fixed term.

The hours needed are: 3.45-5.45 on a Monday to Friday. Fixed term until February. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

Star of the week

Reception: Naiara.B, Zuzanna. W

Year 1:

Year 2: Emilia. M

Year 3: Szymon.R, Bartek N , Zofia

Eden: Dominik

Year 4:

Year 5:

Year 6: Mikah A



Growth Mind-set

ABILITY
is what you're capable of doing
MOTIVATION
determines what you do
ATTITUDE
determines how well you do it

Free School Meals

Help your school and yourself - claim free school meals

Taking up free school meals has benefits for everyone:

- children get a healthy nutritious meal
- schools can benefit directly by receiving £1300 for each eligible primary school child

WHO QUALIFIES FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free school meals are offered to children of families who receive:

- ☑ Income Support
- ☑ Income Based Jobseeker Allowance (IBJSA)
- ☑ Employment & Support Allowance (Income Related) (ESA(RI))
- ☑ Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ☑ Child Tax Credit (TC602) that does not exceed income of £16190.00
- ☑ Guarantee element of State Pension Credit (M1000 Award Notice)
- ☑ Universal Credit and my family's net income excluding any benefit related payments is less than £7,400

HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

If you think you qualify for free school meals and have an email address or mobile number then you can apply through Slough Borough Council's online free school meals form. Slough Borough Council will then inform you if your application is successful or not.

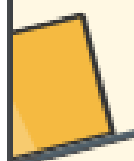
If you do not have an email address or a mobile number then you can get a 'free school meals' application form from your child's/children's school. The school will then inform you if your application is successful or not.

Once you are eligible for free school meals, you are more likely to remain eligible for up to 2 years despite any changes to your circumstances.

Not claiming benefits, but have a child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2?

There are clear advantages in pupils having a school dinner, so the Government have announced that every child in the above Year groups will be eligible for a free meal under the Universal Free School Meals scheme.

You can apply online or pick up a registration form from our school reception.



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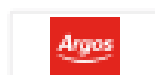
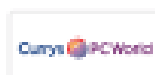


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