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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B: Peace Sunday) – 17th January 2021

1st Reading – 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Psalm – Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

Gospel – John 1:35-42

Here I am Lord. A simple, short prayer of a few words can summarize so much of who we are, or who we can become. People who are obedient, people whose ears are open to the voice of God, to the God who speaks. No degrees are necessary in order to become so available to the Lord in our daily lives. The more we pray that short prayer, we will most likely realize how often our ears are shut. Let us not get discouraged, as the Lord keeps calling, and as Samuel so we need to learn to respond.

In the Gospel the Lord calls his disciples for the first time and He asks them a question: “What do you want?”. It’s good to take time to answer that question and enter into a conversation with the One who knows what is best for us, and yet wants us to tell Him. We could end up with a long list of things to ask for, not just for ourselves but for others. The Lord teaches us in the Gospels that only thing is necessary: to be in His presence and listen to His life-giving words, to have the Holy Spirit at work within us as St. Francis would call it. The big question follows: Is that enough for me? Is it enough as the goal of my life? Surely there’s so many things to ask for, the mission is big. There are no easy answers given to us on a plate apart from our careful consideration of what the Gospel and the Church teach us.

Once we respond to the Lord who speaks our lives will take a different turn. We will start noticing things we used to take for granted. We will discover meaning in the smallest of events. Our eyes, our ears, all of our senses will be opened more to the divine all around us. Whenever we recognize our failure and our sin, let us simply pray again: Here I am Lord. Let us learn to allow Him to do whatever is necessary with us and within us in order to grow in our faithfulness to Him.

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th – 25th Jan – On Monday we begin the special time of prayer for Christian unity. Let us pray for the intentions of our brothers and sisters in our local area and ask ourselves in what tangible way do we contribute to what the Lord prayed for.

Peace Sunday – A prayer for today from Pope Francis: “The peace Jesus gives us is a peace for today and for the future. May the Lord give us this peace, full of hope, that makes us fruitful, that makes us communicative with others, that creates community and that always looks to the definitive peace of Paradise. Amen.” For more information please visit www.paxchristi.org.uk

Helen Towey R.I.P. – We are praying for the repose of the soul of Helen Towey who died recently. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Br. Aremiya Kerketta - We are saying goodbye to our Br. Aremiya who will be returning to India on Wednesday. We wish him a safe journey home and every blessing for his future. We are grateful for his presence among us and all his service in our fraternity.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 17th January

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Br. Charles
5.30pm	Kathy Maskins

Monday 18th January

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

7.30am	Br. Stephen’s Intentions
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Tuesday 19th January

7.30am	Winnie Joyce R.I.P.
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Wednesday 20th January

7.30am	Br. Aremiya’s Intentions
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Thursday 21st January

St. Agnes

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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Friday 22nd January

7.30am	Br. Antonio’s Intentions
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Saturday 23rd January

St. Nicholas Owen

8.00am	Greta Quinn
6.30pm	Leon R.I.P.

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.