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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday of the Word of God) – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm – Lord, make me know your ways.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel – Mark 1:14-20

As we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God, the readings portray the Word of God as powerful, effective, and desirable. The Word is addressed to us in order to bring us life, to instruct us, to teach us, to guide us, and eventually to bring us to the Father. It is the Father's Word that is proclaimed to us whenever we listen to the Scriptures, and His Word never comes back to Him empty. That Word is powerful, because through it everything was created, put in its rightful place, and kept in being. Through this powerful Word, our sins are forgiven, we are healed, cleansed, and brought back to life.

Our Father uses whatever means possible to get through to us and convince us of His great love and plan He has prepared for each of us. He always addresses us with love, and it is in that light that we need to see His corrections, rebukes, or chastisements. We all respond to different things better than others, we all need to hear certain truths at one time more than another, and the Lord achieves all that through His Word.

Notice that the Word of God never overpowers us, but simply calls and invites. We, just like the disciples in the Gospel and the people of Nineveh, have a choice. We need God to help us make the right choice that will lead us into true freedom. St. Bonaventure reminds us that what we need is a burning desire for God. Let us pray this week that our hearts will be re-awakened in their search for the Lord, that we will seek the Lord revealed to us in the Scriptures by reading them more often and praying with them.

**YouTube & Twitter** – Please take a look at our expanding presence online and make use of the resources that are available to us. Links on our website.

**Parish donations** – Our website provides you with details of how you can support our parish financially during this time. Thank you to everyone for your continued generosity and support.

**Holy Communion 2021** – Our programme is about to begin for this year. If you haven't been contacted by the catechist yet, please let me know by e-mailing the parish with your child's details.

**Confirmation 2021** – Our programme will shortly commence, so please let me know if you haven't been contacted by the catechist yet by e-mailing the parish office with your child's details.

**Amalia Bereznyj R.I.P., Helen Towey R.I.P.** – We are praying for the repose of the souls of Amalia and Helen who died recently. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

### **Mass Times and Intentions**

#### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

##### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.00am	Hilda Delaney
11.00am	Parishioners
5.30pm	Sheila Whitehead

#### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

##### **The Conversion of St. Paul**

7.30am	Br. Antony's Intentions
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#### **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

##### **Sts. Timothy and Titus**

7.30am	Holy Souls
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#### **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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#### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

##### **St. Thomas Aquinas**

7.30am	Mario Fatima Soares & Carlos Godhino & Families
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#### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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#### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

##### **St. Hyacinth Marescotti**

8.00am	Br. Pradeep's Intentions
6.30pm	Parishioners

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley**. 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.