

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

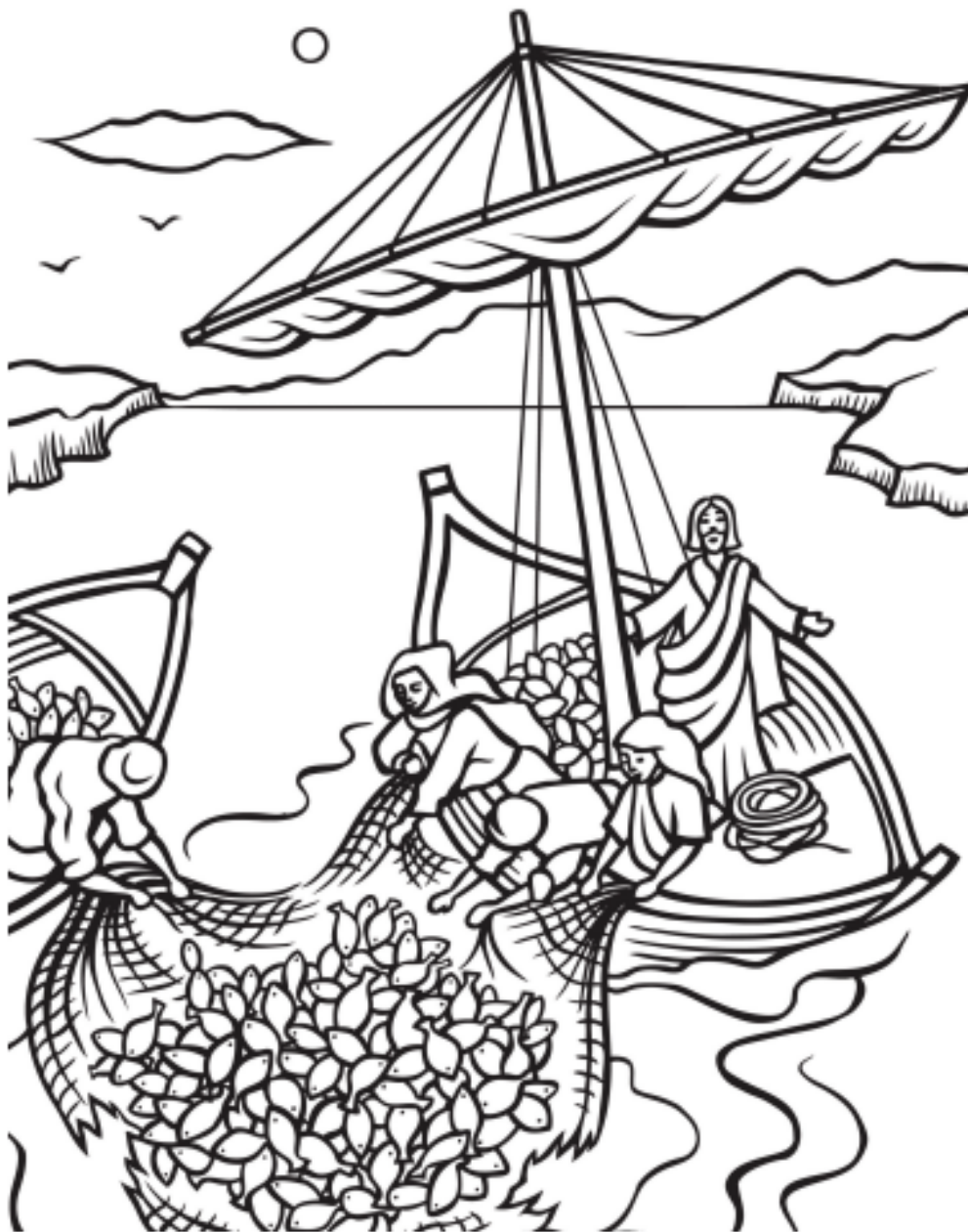


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Sunday 6th February 2022

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Call of the First Disciples (Luke 5:1-11), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

There were obviously several different versions of the call of the first disciples circulating in the early Church. In the gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is passing along the shore of the lake when he calls two pairs of disciples.

In John it takes place where John the Baptist was preaching. The story in Luke has many similarities to the story at the end of John's gospel after the Resurrection, when the risen Christ commissions Peter: a night of failed fishing is followed by a huge catch as a consequence of obedience to Jesus' instructions, and so the Church has always seen this event as signifying the need for obedience to Christ.

Luke's version combines the same play on words as in Mark & Matthew about fishing for people, but Luke sets the story a little later. In Mark the fishermen have never seen Jesus and follow him blindly; in Luke Peter and his friends have already got to know Jesus before they are commissioned.

A special feature in Luke is Peter's cry that he is an unworthy sinner. Luke often teaches us that no one can be a disciple of Jesus without first admitting their sinfulness: Zacchaeus the tax-collector (Luke 19:1-10), and the woman who wept at Jesus' feet (Luke 7:36-50) are other examples.

What is significant about the Lord's call of his disciples according to Luke's account?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

ST MARY'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Congratulations to all the children who have recently made their First Holy Communion:- Lucy, Madelyn-Mae, Zach, Max, Reece, Oliver and today (Sunday) Emma & Jessie. Please keep them in your prayers.

ST MARY'S MEMORIAL BOOK

If you wish a loved one's name to be included in our Parish Memorial Book when they will be remembered during Mass on the anniversary of their death, please complete a form in the hall & leave in the box provided.

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

Fr Hall has recorded a video reflecting on the story of Peter & Cornelius to guide our preparations for the Synod. See www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Our parishes are taking part in the local service at St John's Church in Killingworth Village on Fri, 4th March at 10:30am. Two volunteers are needed to read a short part of the service, with other parts read by people from other local churches. Please see Fr Hall before Sun 13th Feb.

JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT

Please help the ongoing appeal where you can. Tinned food (no pork please), shoes, boots and winter coats are all desperately needed for those who have nothing. Donations can be left at both churches. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS: W/C 30th January 2022

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £153.00 // Envelopes: £57.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

FROM THE DIOCESE

MASS FOR THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

All are welcome to a Mass at St Aloysius, Hebburn on 11th Feb at 7pm to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes which is also the World Day of Prayer the Sick.

***** PLEASE NOTE - NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK *****

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 6th February 2022

Sat. 5th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	John Kennedy
Sun. 6th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Leslie Teasdale
Sun. 6th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Robert Macauley
Mon. 7th	NO MASS	
Tues. 8th	NO MASS	
Wed. 9th	NO MASS	
Thurs. 10th	NO MASS	
Fri. 11th	NO MASS	
Sat. 12th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Geoffrey Brattle
Sun. 13th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Fr. Richard Harriot
Sun. 13th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

We ask that ALL except for those with genuine medical exemptions, wear a suitable face covering while in our Churches.

You must also sanitise your hands as you enter the buildings & not gather inside our Churches before or after Mass. Thank you.

Please pray for all those who are sick:

Sylvia Keilty, Dorothy Noble.

And those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

Jack Parkinson, James Wade, Kathleen Morgan, James Higgins, Ernest Smith, Thomas Wilkinson, Catherine Reilly, John Wright, William Johnson, John O'Brien, Stephen Slade, Margaret Carruthers, Emma Blackburn, Harry Gent, Jane McGorgle, James Ward, Joyce Ambasama, Georgina Wears, Elizabeth Brogan, James King, William Chaffle, John Carney, Patrick Menaghan, Emily Taylor, Josephine Blewitt, Bernard Hornsby, Thomas Welsh, Anne Nicholson, John McNulty, Ellen Harris, Alain Florentine, Karen Gent.

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