

HOLY CROSS AND ALL SAINTS MONDAY MISSION

THIS WEEK'S WORD:

John 4:12-33

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan Galilee of the Gentiles – the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.

Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.



REFLECT

Jesus proclaims the kingdom of God, calling us all to live under God's loving power. Are we in a loving relationship with God, living out values like truth, compassion, kindness, justice, freedom and community? Jesus calls for us all to 'repent', which means much more than just being sorry for our past failings. The word 'metanoia' which we translate as 'repent' asks us to think about life in a completely new way. Jesus wants us all to do God's work of building a world of love and care, where no one is hungry, experiencing conflict or pain in any way.

In this week when we are celebrating Sunday of the Word of God, we remember that in scripture we hear what God wants for us. When we listen with our hearts as well as with our ears, we hear that God loves us and wants us to share that love with everyone else. Loving people isn't always easy, pink and fluffy! Loving people, putting their needs first, often takes effort and determination.

Jesus calls us all, just as he called his friends in the Gospel to "Follow me". They went with him, bringing healing to everyone they met. Are we going to respond just as quickly?

Will we choose to 'immediately' put love at the centre of our lives and help to make God's kingdom real today?

LET US PRAY

God of love,

Help us follow Jesus today, to be kind, truthful, and ready to care.

Teach us to listen with open hearts, and share your love with everyone we meet, so your kingdom grows in our world through the love we choose to share.

Amen

MISSION

"Follow Jesus with a Loving Heart"

This week, Jesus calls his friends immediately to follow him – and they say yes right away. He asks us to follow him too by spreading light, kindness, and love wherever we go.

Your Mission

Be a little light for someone each day.

- Choose one person each day to show extra kindness to – someone who might feel left out, sad, or unnoticed.
- Do something small but loving: share a smile, help with a job, include someone in a game, or say something encouraging.
- At the end of each day, whisper a short prayer: "Jesus, help me follow you by loving others."