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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 24th January 2021

Sunday Reflection: “Repent and believe the Good News” – In today’s Liturgy, the emphasis is very much on “God’s call”, or the call to conversion, or the call “to change”. The message of Jesus, “Repent, and believe the Good News” echoes the Word of the Lord that inspired the prophet Jonah to go, on the second asking, to preach repentance to the people in Nineveh. He had learned from his first refusal! Now, with God on his side, his preaching is effective, and the people respond with a change of behavior! Some people can be frightened by the notion of repentance because they see it as something “negative”, even arousing guilt about past sins. In reality it is a very positive experience. It invites those who listen to a realistic assessment of their lives, acknowledging what has to change if life is to improve. This will involve “leaving the old ways behind”, “leaving the past” or “rejecting past behavior”. There is implied “a turning around of one’s life, “a change of direction” in life. What is envisaged is “a radical change of heart”. The conversion experience begins with the realization that we are not what we could be. It calls us to put an end to self-deception and confront the painful reality and truth that change brings. But the good news is that it also implies acquiring a new vision, setting out in a new direction, embracing worthwhile goals, and living by a new set of values. This is what is implied in the Gospel phrase, “they followed him”. Becoming a disciple of Jesus involves leaving the past behind and embracing a new way of life. “Repent” and believe are matched by “leave” and “follow”, internal change leads to external change. That is what happened to Andrew and Simon and to James and John. Are you ready for a similar experience?

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 – The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity is 18th to 25th January. This Week of Prayer should help the different Christian Churches and Denominations grow in understanding and appreciation of one another. “If Christians, despite their division, can grow ever more united in common prayer around Christ, they will grow in the awareness of how little divides them in comparison to what unites them.” (John Paul II, *Ut Unum Sint*, 21-22) So let us pray: *“Father, your Son prayed on the night before he died that we his disciples might be one as the Father and the Son are one. Today, we pray for the Unity of all Christians. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity that is in accordance with Christ’s will. Amen”*.

Public Masses – The public celebration of Holy Mass continues in our Church through the current Tier 5 restrictions. Owing to the continued possibility of infection during the Coronavirus epidemic, various precautions are still in place. These are aimed at ensuring maximum safety and peace of mind among those who worship and pray at our Servite Church. You must wear a face covering and we ask that you sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the Church and that you complete a slip, this is for tracing purposes which is required. If needed, our Stewards will guide you.

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 9.30am
11.00am
Spanish Mass 12.30pm
Mon to Fri 10am (Daily)

Parish Office Opening Hrs

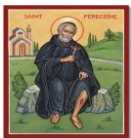
Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

Holy Hour

Will be held on the 1st Friday of every month after the 10am Mass. The hour will include Rosary, Litany of Our Lady, Divine Mercy and Benediction

Saints Days

Mon 25th – The Conversion of
St Paul the Apostle
Tue 26th – Ss Timothy &
Titus
Wed 27th – St Angela Merici
Thu 27th – St Thomas
Aquinas



**St. Peregrine
Mass of Healing**

Will be held on the last
Wednesday of the Month,
Wednesday 27th January
6.30pm.



In Memoriam of
Donal M. Cahill OSM who
died and was buried recently.
May he rest in Peace.