

WELCOME TO SAINT MARK'S CHURCH



We hear the call of another prophet this week - Isaiah. This introduces the Gospel, where we see Jesus calling his first disciples to follow him. Notice that the initiative is Jesus': there is no application process or interview procedure! Notice also the way that Jesus calls his disciples in this account - not with words, but with a miracle that is also a parable. It is, in a way, a miraculous "job description": if the disciple trusts completely in the one who calls, then the result will be truly amazing - a huge catch of men and women hungry for God. Simon's simple words "if you say so" give us an example of Christian discipleship: we should leave our own concerns behind, and simply follow the Lord with great trust.

- **EBBSFLEET LAY CONGRESS 2016**—SATURDAY MARCH 5th, 10:30am-4pm at Coventry Cathedral; theme: 'Growing Healthy Churches'.

- **LENT 2016** - Fr Philip will be available to hear confessions in church on Shrove Tuesday, 9th Feb between **9 & 10am** and **6 & 7pm**. **Stations of the Cross** with mass will be on Fridays at **11am** (19th & 26th at **6pm**). **Lent groups** begin on Wednesday 24th with a talk by Joan Whyman on 'Going deeper into God: Ways to Pray' (in church, 7:30pm start). Lent groups on the following 3 Wednesday evenings (2nd, 9th & 16th March) continuing the theme of '**Ways into Prayer**' will be house groups. Offers to host please (see Fr Philip).

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This Week's Services:

Week 5, Ordinary Time, Year C; Weekday Mass readings Yr 2

Divine Office - Psalter Week 1 (week 4 from Wednesday)

Sun. 7th	10am	5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mon. 8th		NO MASS
Tue. 9th *		NO MASS
Wed. 10th	12 noon	MASS WITH ASHING
	7:30pm	MASS WITH ASHING
Thurs. 11th		NO MASS
Fri. 12th	11am	STATIONS OF THE CROSS & MASS.
Sat. 13th	10am	SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
Sun. 14th	10am	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

* *Confessions will be heard in Church on Shrove Tuesday, 9th Feb, 9am-10am & 6pm-7pm.*

TODAY'S HYMNS:

Hymns Old & New

INTROIT:	145	Follow me, follow me.
GRADUAL:	sheet	Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord
OFFERTORY:	213	Holy Lord, we praise thy name
COMMUNION:	116	Dear Lord and Father of mankind
RECESSIONAL	712	I the Lord of sea and sky
MASS SETTING:		Mass of S. Bernadette—Mike Stanley