

# WELCOME TO SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

***“Your duty is to go and spread the Good News of the kingdom of God.”***

There is a sense of urgency about discipleship – almost like emergency services responding to a crisis, in the Gospel today there is no time to wait for any normal human moments, no reason to delay: the hand must be placed immediately on the plough, the work must begin NOW! It can feel as though Jesus is being a little abrupt in this passage – even a little too intense! But it is a question of priorities: for the Lord, the work of salvation, or proclaiming the Gospel, brooks no delay. Perhaps this intensity is a valuable reminder for us – we can tend to “tame” Jesus, and forget that he was passionately and totally dedicated to the Mission his heavenly Father had entrusted to him – even to the point that he left Nazareth to become a homeless preacher with nowhere to lay his head

**Welcome to Father Oliver Coss** from All Saints, Small Heath, who is our celebrant this morning in Fr Philip’s absence. Fr Oliver is shortly to leave Birmingham to take up a new post in Northampton and we wish him well. Please pray for Fr Philip and all those on pilgrimage to Our Lady’s Shrine at Walsingham this weekend (as they also are praying for all of you!).

The next meeting of the **PCC** will be on Thursday, 30 June 2016, following Mass at 7.00 pm.

**Young-at-heart:** An outing has been arranged to visit Chatsworth House on Thursday, June 30th, meeting at 10:30am. Please would you let Judy know if you are going.

If your name is on the **rota** for a particular Sunday and you know you are not going to be here would you PLEASE find someone else on the rota to swap with so that we are not rushing round at 5 minutes to 10 on Sunday morning trying to find someone to serve/read/lead intercessions/administer the chalice.

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### Join the 'Parish Giving Scheme'

Pay your regular weekly donations to St Mark's church the easy way - by direct debit - no more scrabbling around on a Saturday evening for change for the collection! Please speak to Sheila Orgill for more details.

### **THIS WEEK'S SERVICES:**

Thirteenth week of Ordinary Time, Year C;

Weekday mass readings Yr 2;

Divine Office - Psalter Week 1

<b>Sun. 26th</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b>
<b>Wed. 29th</b>	<b>12pm</b>	<b>Ss. PETER &amp; PAUL, APOSTLES, SOLEMNITY</b>
<b>Fri. 1st July</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>Sat 2nd</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>Sun. 3rd</b>	<b>9am 10am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b>

### **TODAY'S HYMNS: Hymns Old & New**

INTROIT:	559	We celebrate this festive day
GRADUAL:	15	Alleluia, sing to Jesus
OFFERTORY:	455	Praise to the holiest
COMMUNION:	329	Lord of all hopefulness
RECESSIONAL:	337	Love divine
MASS SETTING:	<i>A Parish Mass—Peter Jones (with Confiteor).</i>	