

# PARISH NEWS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
21<sup>st</sup> January 2018

Today's Gospel describes how Jesus called his first disciples and the immediacy with which these men dropped everything to follow him. We can only begin to imagine what Jesus' presence must have been like to invoke such a response in these first disciples. While a few of us might relate to such a radical conversion, many of us would find such a sudden change in ourselves or in another person unsettling. There are few things for which we would willingly drop everything. And yet this is the immediacy with which these first disciples responded to Jesus. These first disciples were willing to drop everything in order to make Jesus and the Kingdom of God the most important things in their lives.

Gather as a family and talk about circumstances in which you have had to "drop everything." (the call to pick up a sick child from school, the cry of a hurt or angry child) How did you feel about having to change your plans in each of these situations? How do we feel when someone asks us to drop everything to help him or her? For many of us, it is not easy to drop everything to respond to the needs of another.

Read Sunday's Gospel, Mark 1:14-20. Invite your family to imagine what Jesus' presence and invitation to these first followers must have been like that they responded by leaving their livelihood to become his disciples. How might our life change if we understood the Kingdom of God to be as important and immediate in our lives? Ask God to help you experience the Kingdom of God with such immediacy. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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14<sup>th</sup> Jan      Envelopes €      Baskets €

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Monday & Friday 7.30pm Tuesday-Thursday 10.00am

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### LOCAL ARTISTS RELEASE CD FOR CHARITY EIST

Eist While We Sing Together is a CD released to raise funds for the Cancer support group Eist; this CD is a celebration of life, love and support which Eist provide to many families and individuals. Eist While We Sing Together is a collection of songs and tunes by various local groups and artists both young and old.

The courage and determination of two beautiful women Lisa Grennan and Eileen Barcoe both members of our Lunietuners Tunes group inspired this CD to become a reality. The CD is now on sale from members of all the choirs in the area, Brophy's, Charlie Nolan's, Borris Service Station, O'Shea's Centra and in our Parish Centre at a cost of €10 or two for €18. All monies raised will be donated to Eist Carlow. This would make a perfect Christmas gift while supporting a very worthy cause.

### *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

#### **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20*

Those with literal minds will question many things about the Jonah story (Jonah 3:1-5, 10): the great fish, the size and population of this immense city, and the conversion of the Assyrians.

On the other hand, those who really listen to and view this story with ears and eyes of faith will take all of these other factors in stride. What is essential is not the size of God's sea monsters, nor the distances to be covered within cities, nor the large numbers of those converted.

For people of faith, the rather amazing Jonah story contains a far greater message: because the people of Nineveh repented at the preaching of Jonah and turned from their evil ways, God repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them. No person, place or situation is beyond God's mercy and healing reach!

### *HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*

