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Reflection on the Gospel: During the course of everyone's life, we encounter many people. Most of them turn out to have little or no significance in our lives and are soon forgotten. It is possible to live in the same community with others and still never get to know them or talk about the deeper things in life with them. But there are some other encounters that turn out to be of great significance : they enrich our lives and sometimes change them utterly. You may have one meeting with this person, and an immediate bond is formed. You feel comfortable to reveal yourself in a true and clear light.



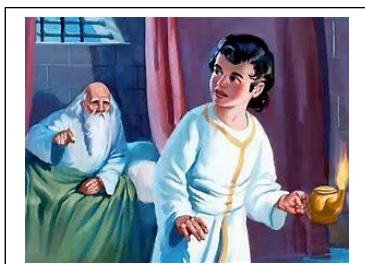
Those of us fortunate to have many friends should sometime ask ourselves: what do my friends see in me? What aspects of our nature have attracted us in the first place? What is our common denominator? We may also notice that not all our friends are friends of each other, nor did we plan to become friends, so what connects us?

It's actually something that has been researched and has been called, 'Spiritual Affinity' and it's something that enlarges and enriches our life. It's not usually founded on a physical appearance, but has more to do with the confidence and clarity that they bring to our life.

When a friendship is born there is no tangible change to one's life – just an awareness that one's life is different and that our capacity to show and receive love and care has been miraculously been enlarged without any great effort on our own part. While it does not always involve a spoken commitment, it does require honesty, trust and commitment in order to grow. Once we come to love someone we remember almost every detail of that first encounter.

All this helps to understand the importance of this first meeting between Jesus and Peter, Andrew and John. It was clearly a wonderful encounter, so much so that John, who later came to write about the encounter in his Gospel, even remembers the hour of the day when the meeting took place. One meeting with Jesus and they were captivated by him. He gave them as much time as they wanted. They found him warm, friendly and welcoming. They knew they had met a remarkable person and a rare friendship was born. However, it was a friendship that came to be shared with a large number of those in the immediate community.

**Each one of us today is still called by Jesus.
And our response, like Samuel, is 'Here I am,
Lord, I come to do your will!'**



Please Note: Please contact Pam if you would like to be on the email list to receive the bulletin.

- would like to pay your weekly contribution to **St. Joseph's Church** directly into the bank.
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Contact **Anne** on **01429 836443** – if would like to pay your weekly contribution to **St. Peter & Paul's Church** directly into the bank.

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The Second Sunday of the Year

17th January 2021

ST. JOSEPH'S, BLACKHALL. Non – Public MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED IN PRIVATE

Sat 16th Vigil (Public Mass)	6.00 pm	Barbara Richardson (R.I.P) & Rita & Jim Luke (R.I.P) & Helen-Marie Sanderson (R.I.P) & People of the Parish
Mon 18th	9.15am	Vera McClure (R.I.P)
Thurs. 21 st (Public Mass)	9.15am	Private Intention (B.D.)
Sat. 23rd	10.15am	Private Intention (G.D.T.A)
Vigil (Public Mass)	6.00pm	Mary & Dennis Barrass (R.I.P) & People of the Parish

ST. PETER & PAUL, HUTTON HENRY.

Sun. 17th (Public Mass)	8.30am	Terry Magee & Stuart Brown (R.I.P)
Wed. 20th	10.00am	Tom & Maureen Lenehan (R.I.P)
Fri. 22nd (Public Mass)	10.00am	Bill & Margaret Carter (R.I.P)
Sun. 24th (Public Mass)	8.30am	Brian & Catherine Devine (R.I.P) & Kathleen Brown (R.I.P)

SACRED HEART & ENGLISH MARTYRS, THORNLEY

Sun. 17th (Public Mass)	11.00am	Dcd.Ms. Morton Family
Tue. 19th	9.15am	Lvg. & Dcd. Ms. Atkin Family
Thurs. 21st (Public Mass)	6.30pm	Sarah Ann & Norah Richardson (R.I.P) & Jim Wilkinson (R.I.P)
Sun. 24th (Public Mass)	11.00am	Alf, Neil, Terry & John Purvis (R.I.P) & Sheila Purvis (Ints.)

Feasts of the Week: St. Agnes
Next Sunday: The Third Sunday of the Year.

Mass by phone service: If you would like to access Mass over the telephone, the number to call is 01642 130120.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart and soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

Mass Bookings : PLEASE NOTE ALL PARISHIONERS MUST BOOK EACH WEEK! DON'T JUST TURN UP!

Please leave a message on answerphone if line is busy or you do not get an answer.

e.g. give your **name, contact number & number of people** attending, kept 21 days NHS tracing.

Please call or text office mobile: **07483318764**

For **Hutton Henry** call on Monday 18th January between 9am & 11am or text, to book place for Mass Friday 22nd January & Sunday 24th January.

For **Thornley** call on Tuesday 19th January between 9am & 11am or text, to book a place for Mass Thursday 21st January & Sunday 24th January.

For **Blackhall** Call 0191 5864319 on Wednesday 20th January between 10am & 12pm to book a place for Mass Saturday 23rd January & Thursday 28th January.

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to confirm place at Mass.