**Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel**

His message was a call to repentance, to a change of attitude toward God, from seeing God as one to be feared, to seeing God as a God of love. When have you heard that call in your life? What was it like for you?

**A Thought**

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus withdrew to Galilee and made his home in Capernaum by the lake. Anyone who has been to the Holy Land will have visited Capernaum and will know that it is a beautiful place. In Jesus' time this was a thriving fishing town.

To '*repent*' literally means 'to turn around'. We are called to transformation, to turn away from what is not life giving and embrace a full life.

It's hard to imagine behaving in the same way as Simon Peter and Andrew, leaving everything behind them and following Jesus. There must have been something very attractive about Jesus. The account in Matthew is quite short but one wonders if they had heard him speak many times before this moment. It takes courage to drop everything and follow something new. Obviously, they were ready for it, it was the right moment and their hearts said 'Yes!'

These accounts are the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Today perhaps you can reflect on moments you were called to something new and even though it meant leaving something behind, you knew it was the right choice. You were at peace with your decision despite the challenges it might bring. This process never ends, we are constantly called to 'repent', renew, rediscover, seek out.

**Funeral Services**

There will be a **Funeral Service** for **Ella Shirley RIP** on Monday 27th January at 10.30am at St Robert Bellarmine's Church

There will be a **Funeral Service** for **Maureen Alty RIP** on Friday 31st January at 10.15am at St Elizabeth's Church

There will be a **Mass of the Angels** for **Baby Isaac Theo Taylor RIP** on Monday 3rd February at 10.15am at St Robert Bellarmine's Church

May They Rest in peace

**Exposition and Holy Hour** takes place at St Elizabeth's Church on Friday evenings from 6.00pm to 7.00pm.
All are welcome.

**Synod 2020**

The third Synod Theme is **'How we Pray Together'**

In this theme we will explore how we can help people to engage more profoundly with and understand how they fully and actively participate in the celebration of the Eucharist in our Parishes?

Reflection forms and leaflets are available at the back of Church and in the George Inch Room. Please take time to explore the information at the Synod Prayer Station.

You can submit Proposals on this third Theme by handing them to our Synod members at Church, placing them in the Synod box, at the Parish meeting to be held on 16th February 12.15pm – 1.15pm or via the Synod website: www.synod2020.co.uk

**Offertory Collection**

**£442.09**

**CAFOD**

**£11.00**

Many thanks for your kindness and generosity

**With You Always**

The fourth First Holy Communion meeting, for Year 4 pupils from St Robert Bellarmine's School, will be held on Tuesday 28th January at 2.00pm in the school hall.

Parents and guardians are welcome

**300 Club**

Membership subscriptions are now due for 2019. New members are welcome to join. Please speak to Christine for details

**Why we need more Deacons**

There is an evening for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as Deacons on Wednesday 5th February in Wrightington. Please see the poster at the back of Church.

**ROSES**

Could you please check your Rose Memorial Label is still attached to your rose, and if it is missing please let Delia know.

As all the roses are now planted, pruning, feeding and spraying will be done in the spring under the supervision of Tom O'Connor, our gardener.

Any donations of tea, coffee, soup or biscuits would be gratefully received by The Whitechapel Centre. Please leave your gift at the back of Church. Thank you

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# THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

**THE FIRST MASS OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

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| **SATURDAY** | **6.30 pm** | **Hector Milburn (Remembrance)** | |
| **SUNDAY** | **11.00 am** | **Parishioners Intentions** | |
| Monday | 9.00 am | Mass at St Elizabeth's | |
| **Tuesday** | **9.00 am** | **Roy Boyle (Remembrance)** | **St Thomas Aquinas** |
| Wednesday | 9.00 am | Mass at St Elizabeth's | |
| Thursday | 9.00 am | Mass at St Elizabeth's | |
| **Friday** | **9.00 am** | **Special Intention (CW)** | **St John Bosco** |

**THE FIRST MASS OF THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

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| **SATURDAY** | **6.30 pm** | **Parishioners Intentions** |
| **SUNDAY** | **11.00 am** | **Frances Sullivan (Remembrance)** |

**Confessions – St Elizabeth's – Saturdays -11.30 – 12 noon and on request**

**Please pray for the following who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.**
**Please remember the sick and those who care for them.**

**Lately Dead:** Ella Shirley, Isaac Theo Taylor, Maureen Alty

**Anniversaries:** Chrissie Murray, Violet Kelly, John Kelly

**Sick;** James Roche, Daniel Harden, Robbie Pennington, Bill Sainsbury, Amanda Fessey, Christopher Brown, Joyce Sainsbury, Jonathan Noble, James Johnson, Philip Shepherd Eleanor McCaffrey, Sheila Thompson, Jacqueline Johnstone, Peter West, Julie Machell, Katie Rushton, Sandra Dryhurst, Thomas Smith, Dorothy Corris, Eddie Swarbrick, Ann Mardell, Colin Faulke, Richard Potts, Poppy Jessop, Mary (Traynor) Hemmings, Ann & Joe Johnson, Chris Parkes, Gerard Burke, Cayle Royce, David Morgan, Tom Niblock, Jose Howard, Michael Hanton, Hilda Prince, Roisin Dooley, Baby Lucy Hand, Ethan Hand, Ann Bretherton, Thomas Bainbridge, Mary Wild, Karl McGee, Arthur Snellgrove, Seanie Jones, Ann Bailey, Susan Neary, Jimmy Doyle, Mary Simpson, Doug Faulke, John Rimmer, Phil Jones.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS**

**6.30pm –** J Rehm, S Jolley, M Murphy
Reader – J Jones

**11am** – D Faulke, P Faulke, M Wildman
Reader – T Wainwright