

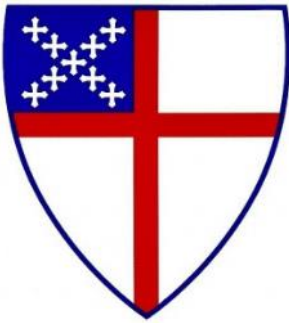


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All...There Will
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-The Most Rev. Edmund
Browning *Emeritus*
Presiding Bishop



Fishers...

Many people find astounding the reaction of Jesus first disciples to his calling. It is inconceivable and not short of amazing that they would leave everything they've known to follow him in an instant. But they do! We heard that story, from Matthew's perspective, this past Sunday. We were a little rushed because we also had our Annual Meeting that day, so I wanted to spend a little more time with it here. This is one of the first things that Jesus does, as he begins his ministry. He



has been baptized. He has faced down Satan and his temptations in the desert, and now he returns to the region of Galilee, proclaiming “repent” (that is, “turn back to God”) “for the kingdom of heaven has come near” (4:17).

As I mentioned on Sunday, there doesn't seem to have been any other interaction between Jesus and his soon to be disciples before his calling them by the seashore. Just, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people” (4:19). Nonetheless, the text does tell us that Jesus had made his home there in Capernaum. And, as I said then, Capernaum wasn't that big of a place. A few modern blocks in each direction. The homes were mostly one-room, arranged with three or four houses sharing a common courtyard where food was prepared, and the other tasks of daily life were performed. While the industry of Capernaum was fishing, everyone had something to do to keep the community going.

I don't think that Jesus could have escaped notice in such a place, and I don't think that was his intention anyway. He has been preaching and is preaching what John preached. “Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” Of course, when John preached it, he was pointing forward to Jesus (“it will soon be here”). When Jesus is preaching that message, he is saying the kingdom is in your very midst (“it is at hand”). It isn't just coming, it is here (or “fulfilled”), in Jesus. That was surely a powerful message, but does it explain the disciples leaving everything to follow him? Perhaps they had seen one of Jesus miracles by that point. That is a possibility.

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Mark writes of a miracle happening in the synagogue at Capernaum. Jesus casts out an unclean spirit, but that is chronologically after Jesus has called his disciples. Luke however does have that miracle happening first, as well as the healing of Simon's mother-in-law. Further, in Luke's account, Jesus is teaching by the shore and finds the disciples in the morning with no catch of fish (having been at it all night long). Jesus tells them to go out, once more, to the deep water and to let down their nets. They haul up such a catch that their nets are breaking from the weight. Simon – recognizing the miracle unfolding before his eyes – drops to his knees and begs Jesus to leave, because as Simon says, "I am a sinful man" (5:8).

In the presence of God's imminent holiness, Simon feels acutely his own unworthiness. But, Jesus doesn't leave, of course, instead he calls Simon (later Peter) to be one of disciples adding, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people" (5:10). Most scholars agree that Mark was the first of the Gospel accounts written and that Matthew and Luke both relied upon him for their outline (or synapse, thus they are collectively called "the synoptic gospels"). But, why would Luke rearrange things as he seemingly has done. Was it because someone told him, "no, no, I was there, it happened like this!" Maybe. Or perhaps Luke was trying to make more sense of these disciples immediately leaving everything to follow Jesus at his call.

Maybe their response is more understandable to us following the miracles, rather than preceding them. Even so. I think there was something more. I believe the soul recognizes its Creator, and when Jesus called to his disciples, I believe they heard something so irresistible that it could be none other than the call of God upon their very lives. "Follow me and I will make you fishers of people," says Jesus and his words are provocative. What does it mean to be a "fisher" or "catcher of people"? If Jesus is quoting the prophet Jeremiah (16:16-17), then we might shudder a bit. There God was calling for "fishermen" to "catch" and for "many hunters" to "hunt" down those who were perpetrating iniquity.

Thankfully, Jesus didn't use the image in this way. As he does elsewhere, Jesus draws on images already in the popular imagination or tradition but uses them in a new way. Here to be a fisher of people is to my mind to search out those deep waters, those depths where many are hiding in profound despair or hopelessness. I believe he sends them forth to find those who have given up on looking for God, and God's reign upon the earth. And he calls these disciples to seek out those ones, perhaps especially sinners, to bring them up, not for retribution, but to the light of God's mercy and love. These fishers will gather them into the kingdom that Jesus is proclaiming has arrived. That kingdom is where new life and new possibilities abound.

Interestingly, when Jesus calls his disciples he is already doing something novel. In his time, a disciple sought out a rabbi, and asked (perhaps begged) to be his disciple, not the other way round.¹ This reminds us of something the Master says elsewhere, "you did not choose me, but I choose you" (Jn 15:16). And I believe Jesus is still calling us to "follow me, and I will make you fish for people." We might react as Simon did initially, focusing on our own unworthiness to be his disciples. Yet, Christ knows what he is doing. And, as with the disciples, he tells us "fear not" and then uses our skills and talents of the past but puts them to new and more holy use. We share his ministry of gathering in, of fishing for people.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

¹ See *Sacra Pagina*, vol. 1, the Gospel of Matthew, Daniel J. Harrington, S.J. (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1991) Pg. 75

The Rev. Norma Guerra joins Cristosal board

The Rev. Norma Guerra, assisting priest at Church of the Messiah, Santa Ana, and St. Clement's by-the-Sea, San Clemente, has been appointed to the board of Cristosal, an organization that works to advance human rights in Central America through rights-based research, learning and programming. Building on a longstanding relationship between Cristosal and the Diocese of Los Angeles, Bishop John Harvey Taylor nominated Guerra to the board, and she was unanimously elected. "Thanks to Norma," Taylor told the News, "I'd say the ties will be as strong as ever, and importantly so, especially in this time when historic bonds between the people of the United States and El Salvador are shadowed by our government's unjust immigration and asylum policies. When it comes to Central American-US relations in general, it will be a blessing to have someone from our diocese on the board who understands both sides of the equation so well." Guerra will travel to El Salvador in late March for a board meeting.



SAVE THE DATE

Called to the Wall 2020 planned for March 28

Called to the Wall, the annual pilgrimage to the U.S. – Mexico border in support of immigrants' rights sponsored by the dioceses of Los Angeles and San Diego, will be held this year on Saturday, March 28. Plans are being finalized; watch for more information in the weeks ahead.



News from Fr. Brad

I am grateful to Fr. Patrick for the opportunity to guide the 2020 Confirmation Class. While we will indeed download important information about Church history, traditions, and liturgy, I want to give tools to the participants to enhance their own spiritual life and participation in the liturgy and parish life.

In January, I presented a seminar on Ignatian Spirituality for the Diocese of Los Angeles seminary students preparing for the Diaconate.

Continuing my writing projects on desert spirituality, there is a new posting on my blog *Desert Spirit Press*. The blog is “*Desert Angels at Dunmovin.*” It is a reflection on Ruth and Les Cooper, who owned the desert town of Dunmovin, CA, which is on the west side of Highway 395 south of Olancho, in the Eastern Sierra. It is mostly a deserted ghost town now, but it has a history of desert hospitality, rooted in the witness of the patriarch Abraham. Here is the link to the blog post:

<https://desertspiritpress.net/2020/01/22/desert-angels-of-dunmovin/>

The brochure for 2020 programs at **Emmaus Spiritual Ministries** in Orange, CA has been printed. This is the spirituality center offering a diversity of spirituality programs sponsored by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Orange. I will be presenting two Saturday programs in the summer.

Journey in the Desert: A Spiritual Treasure Map, Saturday, July 25th, 9am to noon, is a personal journey into desert spirituality which I presented last year for men. This year, I will rework it for presentation with men and women.

On the Road: A Spirituality Series for Men returns in 2020. I will be presenting “***Lord, Teach us to Pray....Prayer Practices to Nourish Men.***” This workshop will explore ways of praying that can feed the spiritual hunger of men. August 29th, 9am to 12 noon.

For further information, visit www.EmmausSpiritualMinistries.org and 714-744-3172.

Faithfully,

Fr. Brad Karelius



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Preparation for Confirmation, reception
or reaffirmation.

Join us
Sunday, February 9th
9:00am, Room 11
led by Fr. Brad

- Pergola Project

After more than two years St Clement's has a new outdoor worship space. And boy is it grand.

The pergola, which will now shade most of the patio between the sanctuary and the parish hall and office, occupies 680 square feet .

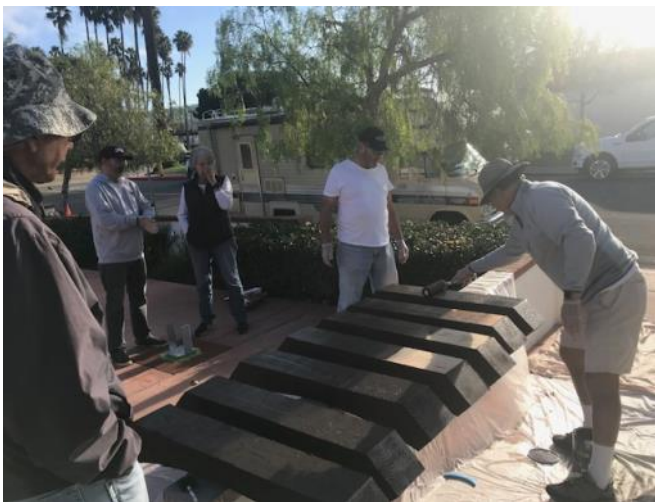
Funds for the structure were gifted by generous parishioners. It was built in the Spanish Colonial Revival style consistent with the rest of the historic church, and went through an extensive review with the city.

Steve and Amy Ambellan organized a pergola painting party in early January where about 20 volunteers showed up to paint the massive beams. Amy provided a delicious array of food during the day.

As one parishioner noted, the structure really ties our campus together, making it look much more connected. Also, we just learned that the Peaceful Warriors held one of their classes under the pergola soon after it was put up and they loved it! This was not a use that we anticipated.

Father Patrick blessed the pergola at the annual parish meeting on January 26.

Thank you, many volunteers helped make this vision a reality.



- Pergola Project



The Annual Meeting



A photo captured during our 2020 Annual Meeting of Fr. Patrick inducting our new vestry members and appointing our Senior Warden.

Our Annual Meeting took place on Sunday, January 26th. Great news was announced of what was accomplished with God’s help in 2019. If you were unable to attend, please pick up a copy of the Annual Meeting booklet in the office.

New Recipient of the St Clement’s Star

Patty Clarke was awarded the *St Clement’s Star*, an annual honor and trophy that is awarded to those who have demonstrated the very best of what it means to be a member of the parish and given us all an example to follow.



VESTRY

Kent Adamson, Senior Warden

Laurie Baxter, Evangelism

Mary Colarik, Parish Life

Margarita Farias, Junior Warden

Michael Grombone, Technology

Rebecca Marcu, Registrar

Ray Spencer, Youth Ministry

Rich Suda, Buildings & Grounds

Jon Ulz, Stewardship

Tatia Wallett, Christian Education

Patrick Warren, Finance

Vacant, Outreach

Mike Morris, Treasurer



Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, February 18th

7:00 pm

We will meet in the Library

The Harris Voice Studio Winter Recital: "Leaps of Faith"

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 29TH

4:00PM
IN THE SANCTUARY

FREE ADMISSION

Amanda Patterson, Voice Instructor

Lee Massie, Accompanist

*Classical, Traditional, Musical Theatre Songs & Duets in
English, French, German, Italian & Latin.*

- Godly Play

Godly Play, I Wonder...Join Us

Sundays at 10 in the Education Wing - Children Ages 4 - 9

Godly Play is a Montessori –style curriculum that invites children into the world of wonder as they explore what it means to come closer to God through Biblical stories, prayer and creative response. Each week we follow the same format, as we introduce a new story. Our morning looks like this:

Join the Circle - on the rug to share about our week

Circle of the Church Year – Church Year Calendar and liturgical colors get updated and their meaning highlighted each week

The Story – Each week we hear a new story about people coming close to God, and wonder about how we are a part of that story

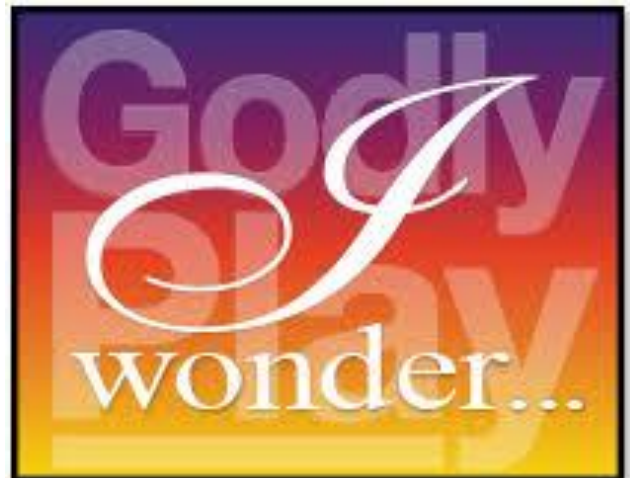
Prayer Circle – We conclude our Story Circle by praying our way around the Circle together

Our Work – This is the children’s time to respond to the story through art, building structures, or perhaps using the time to get out the pieces and tell a story themselves

Eucharist – We rejoin our families in the sanctuary for the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Story Schedule – See our schedule for February below.

Feb. 2	Parable of the Good Samaritan
Feb. 9	Parable of the Great Pearl
Feb. 16	St. Valentine
Feb. 23	Mystery of Easter



- *Pre-Lenten Retreat*

Listening for the Heartbeat of God

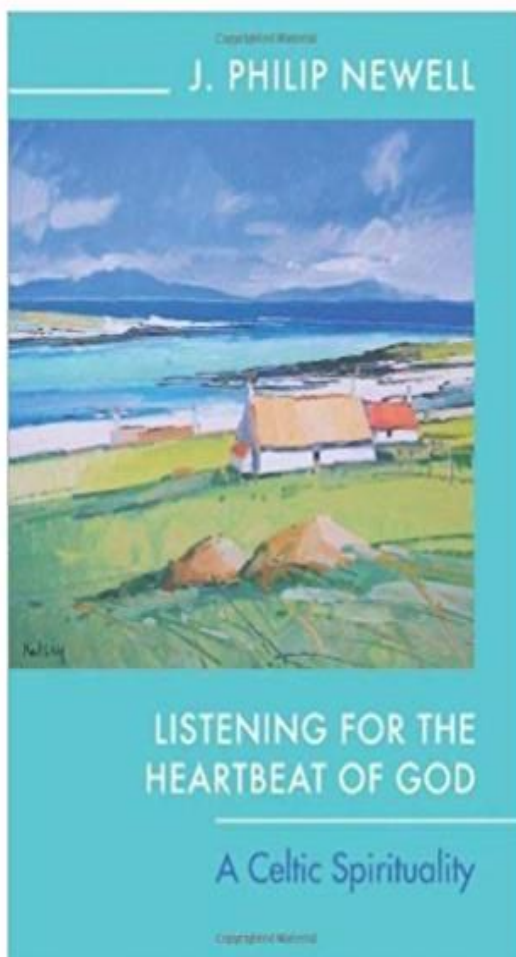
Celtic Spirituality

Led by J. Phillip Newell

A Pre-Lenten Retreat

Monday, February 24, 2020 | 9a - 4p

The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour,
535 West Roses Road, San Gabriel, CA



Newell is a poet, peacemaker, minister and scholar, internationally acclaimed for his work in the field of Celtic spirituality. Based in Edinburgh, Scotland, Newell teaches and preaches internationally on themes related to the sacredness of the earth and the oneness of the human soul. He is one of the most prominent teachers of spirituality in the world.

Sign up online: Stillpointca.org

Fr. Patrick has tried for about two years to bring this speaker to our diocese. He is honored to be the one who will introduce the speaker at this retreat. Hope you can attend. A great way to prepare for and begin our Lenten journey.

- February Events -



Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn

Please join us in the Parish Hall on

Sunday, February 16th at 1:00pm

to help make sandwiches and sack lunches for those in need!



Social Justice Book Club

Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer

By Brother David Steindl-Rast

Thursday, February 20th at 7pm

Home of Hilary & Francis Viscount

24386 Antilles Way - Dana Point 92629

Questions? Please contact Jan Geneviro at outreach@scbythesea.org.



When: February 19th from 2:00pm-5:00pm

Where: Laundry Basket-South

2405 S. El Camino Real in San Clemente

New volunteers are welcome and should arrive at 1:30pm for a brief orientation.

Laundry will be done in two hour shifts between 2:00pm-6:00pm

Contact Tina English for more information on this ministry: ringlish@cox.net



Anchor's Potluck Supper Club

When: February 21st @ 7pm

Hosted By: Judy Johnson

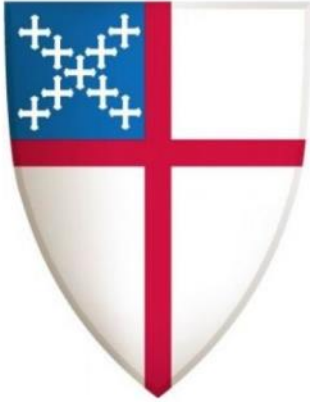
Location: 223 Calle Campesino

San Clemente, 92672

Please contact Judy Johnson 949.498.8480 or Pat Sawyer 949.498.6460 with any questions.

**Please sign up at Coffee Hour as your name must be on the list at the guard gate*

- *February Events* -



Do you currently serve?
Would you like to start serving?
Join us...

Fr. Patrick is having a training session for existing and future MCs, Acolytes, Readers and other servers.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH @ 9AM
MEETING IN THE SANCTUARY



**American
Red Cross**

Give Blood, Give Life.
**St. Clements by-the-Sea
Blood Drive**

**Friday, February 28th
1:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

Location: Parish Hall

**To schedule your appointment sign up
on-line at www.givelife.org
Use sponsor code: episcopal**

Please Bring Picture ID

Ministry Fair



Opportunities to learn about a wide variety of church-related topics, plus community worship and fellowship, will be offered at the diocesan **Ministry Fair on Saturday, March 7 at Campbell Hall in Studio City.**

All lay and clergy members of the diocesan community are invited to the fair, which will begin at 8 a.m. with coffee and registration. Two morning workshop sessions will be followed by Eucharist. Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch to enjoy during the noon break.

The fair will continue with two additional workshop sessions in the afternoon. Some workshops will be offered in Spanish.

Among the workshops planned for the event are:

- Social Enterprise, led by the Rev. Canon Jaime Edward-Acton
- Words & Worship, led by the Rev. Canon Susan Russell and the Rev. Norma Guerra
- Refugees and asylum-seekers, led by Meghan Taylor, executive director of IRIS (Interfaith Refugee & Immigration Service)
- Spiritual Direction, led by the Rev. Elizabeth Rechter and others from Stillpoint: The Center for Christian Spirituality
- The ministry of deacons (presenters to be announced)
- Latino Ministry (presenters to be announced)
- Communication strategies and photography for congregations (presented by members of the diocesan office of communications and public affairs).

More detailed information about workshop offerings will be published as it becomes available. Applications for additional workshop presenters may be submitted in English or Spanish. Exhibitors from diocesan ministries are also invited to take part in the fair; cost is \$25, which includes a table. Because the exhibit area will be in the courtyard, exhibitors will be encouraged to bring a pop-up shelter.

There is no charge to attend the Ministry Fair or take part in the workshops. (The offering during Eucharist will go toward offsetting costs.) Pre-registration is required. For security purposes, attendees will need to print the confirmation page to be admitted to the parking area (in Campbell Hall's north lot). Complimentary coffee and snacks will be available during registration in the morning, but attendees will need to bring a sack or picnic lunch.

Campbell Hall is located at 4533 Laurel Canyon Blvd, Studio City 91607. For additional information, contact the Rev. Laurel Coote at laurelcoote@pacbell.net or Samantha Wylie at swylie@ladiocese.org.

February

Birthdays

2- Karina Jaimes

6- Hilary Viscount

12-Rosemary Bradley

13 -Jorge Berber

14-Michael Tomeo

19- Leticia DeLeon

19-Tatia Wallett

20-Sean Casey

24-Karen Anderson

24-Duggan Neville



February

Anniversaries

8-Pat & Robert Kensler

14- Brigitte & Curtis Bower



Bible Studies



Centering Prayer

Every Wednesday
in the Library

11:00am (English)

6:00pm (Spanish)

Centering Prayer Group

Every Monday at 6:00pm in the Library

For more information,
please contact Matt Duncan:
morphix1@cox.net

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00am Holy Communion Rite I, Nursery

10:00am Holy Communion Rite II with Choir, Nursery, Sunday School

12:00pm La Misa en Español

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