



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B – 24th January 2021

The community of the Cathedral of St. Stephen acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

*Embracing
Villa Maria Centre
and
St Patrick's
Fortitude Valley*



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*As Jesus passed along the
Sea of Galilee, he saw
Simon and his brother
Andrew casting a net
into the sea,
for they were fishermen.
And Jesus said to them,
"Follow me."*

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

Dear Friends,

The 2016 sci-fi movie "Arrival" has a familiar premise: At various points across the globe, alien spacecraft appear and simply hover over their locations. At first, no one knows how to interpret their appearance or how to communicate with them. Dr. Louise Banks, a language expert, is given the task of trying to communicate with the aliens. Eventually, she discovers that their language is circular, as opposed to ours, which is linear; we read from left to right (at least in English anyway), and our stories have beginnings, middles and endings. This gives a particular structure to our sense of time. The past is always behind us and the future is always in the distance.

As Dr. Banks begins to communicate with the aliens and their circular sense of language and time, she too begins to experience language and time as something circular – past, present and future almost co-exist in the same moment. She sees her future. She will marry the other scientist with whom she is working, they will have a child, they will separate, and, their daughter will be diagnosed with a disease that will claim her young life. (Spoiler alert!): Dr. Banks moves into this future, knowing the probable result, and she doesn't change a thing.

"Arrival" is a very interesting mediation on language and its relationship to our sense of time, and our life choices. It poses the question: If any of us knew at the beginning, what we now know about our lives, would we change a thing? If we could start over, would we? For each of us, there are probably various things that we would change, but would we change the course of our whole

lives? There is a very good reason why God reveals our future one day at a time; it prevents us from getting too far ahead of ourselves.

When Simon Peter and Andrew, James and John were called away from their nets, they had no idea what was ahead of them. We tend to think of them as old, but they would have been young men, presumably in their late teens or early twenties. Within ten to fifteen years of leaving his father's fishing business, James would be martyred in Jerusalem – one of the first Apostles to be called and the first of the Apostles to die. Peter and Andrew would suffer the same fate, dying martyrs' deaths some twenty or so years later. Tradition tells us that John would die in exile on the Greek island of Patmos. If they knew how it would all end for them, would they have left their nets?

From the moment of being called to follow, they were constantly being taught, challenged and transformed by their experience of Jesus Christ. Christ invited them into the mystery of the living kingdom, a kingdom which was close at hand, and however naively, they followed, to the point where the values of the kingdom and the person of Christ became the centre of their very existence. Even though they had seen him die, they also knew that he had Risen. So no death, not even their own could be a threat to them. They left their families and their nets to find a new life and they found life itself. No expectations about the future could possibly have prepared them for that. The future, whatever it holds for any of us, always comes as an unknowable gift.

Fr. Anthony



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St. Patrick's
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Villa Maria Chapel
171 St Pauls Tce
Spring Hill
*No public Masses
until further notice.*

Cathedral Parish Mass Times this week

Monday, Wednesday to Friday 8:00am (*live-streamed*); 10:00am; 12:30pm; 5:10pm (Chapel)
Tuesday 10:00am only (Australia Day)
Saturday 11:30am (*live-stream suspended in January*)

Sunday **St Patrick's Church** **Sunday:** 9:00am & 11:00am

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Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am; 10:00am; 12 noon & 7:30pm (*8am & 10am live-streamed*)

Reconciliation: **Monday, Wednesday to Friday:** 10:30-11:30am; 1:00-1:30pm; 4:30-5:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am-11:00am; 4:30-5:30pm

Exposition: Mon, Wed to Fri 10:30am – 12:15pm **Benediction:** Mon, Wed to Fri 12:15pm

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

*Music at today's Mass is drawn from Catholic Worship Book II,
with congregational hymn texts on this sheet.*

Processional Hymn You walk along our shoreline

Kyrie Chant mass

Gloria Chant mass

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9



℟ Lord, make me know your ways.

Gospel Acclamation Mk1:15

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
*The kingdom of God is close at hand;
believe the Good News*
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Offertory Motet Organ music

Sanctus Chant mass

**Memorial
Acclamation
(ICEL #1):** We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection,
until you come again.

Agnus Dei Chant mass

Communion Motet Organ music

Communion Hymn O breathe on me, O breath of God

Recessional Hymn Christ our Lord, the Prince of ages

You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me.
And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal,
then I will make you fishers, but of the human soul."

You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel across the water's face,
our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.

We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name;
we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.
You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons,
to let your judgement heal us so that all may be one.

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love all the you love
and do what you would do.

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
til my heart is pure,
until with you I have one will,
to do and to endure.

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
all my life refine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with fire divine.

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

Christ, our Lord, the Prince of ages,
Christ the nations' glorious King,
whom we praise with exultation,
saints and angels answering,
to your throne with true devotion,
hearts and minds and senses bring.

Come, O Lord, and claim your kingdom,
rebel hearts your grace can gain;
bend the stubborn will of rulers
who from homage still refrain:
in the home as in the city
be supreme, O Christ, and reign.

On our own dear land, Australia,
let the light of mercy shine,
that, in holy Church united,
all may know the saving sign:
Christ, up on the cross-uplifted,
drawing all with love divine.

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