

# Children's Newsletter

## St Margaret Mary's

### Luke 5:1-11

Today's Gospel tells us about Jesus using Peter's boat to preach to the waiting crowds. Not only that but we also have a miracle.

Jesus tells Peter to let down his nets. At first, Peter says there is no point, they have already tried and caught nothing. However, he does what he is asked and is rewarded by so many fish that Peter has to call to other fishermen to come and help.

Peter, of course, is ashamed that he didn't trust Jesus. But Jesus

tells him that from now on it won't be fish that Peter catches, it will be men.

This Gospel tells us how Jesus gathered his special friends around him.

It wasn't unusual for religious teachers to gather students around themselves in order to teach them. What is different is the type of people Jesus gathered. They were not the rich, or well educated or people who thought themselves grand. It was the ordinary, the poor, those who knew they needed God that Jesus called.

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### Prayer

Sometimes it isn't easy to find time to pray or when we do find time, to know what to say. It's like many things, if you get into the habit of saying a prayer when you wake up and just before you go to sleep then it's easy to remember. Try and find a quiet place and give your whole attention to it.

You could just tell God about your day, or whatever you are worrying about.

Here are a few prayers which you could use.

#### Prayer for the Morning

Lord, I awake and see your light,  
For You have kept me through the night,  
To You I lift my hands and pray,  
Keep me from sin throughout this day,  
And if I die before it's done,  
Save me through Jesus Christ, Your Son.

#### The Glory Be

Glory be to the Father  
And to the Son  
And to the Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now,  
And ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen

#### Prayer to your Guardian Angel

O angel of God my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love commits me  
here. Ever this day be at my side,  
to light and guard, to rule  
and guide.

#### Act of Love

O My God,  
I love you above all things,  
with my whole heart and soul,  
because you are all-good and worthy of all love.  
I love my neighbour as myself for the love of you.  
I forgive all who have injured me,  
and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.  
Amen.



## Did you know?

Lake Gennesaret, which is mentioned in Luke's Gospel today, is another name for the Sea of Galilee.

## The Baptismal Font

This is where the blessed water is kept for when people are welcomed into and baptised into the family of God.

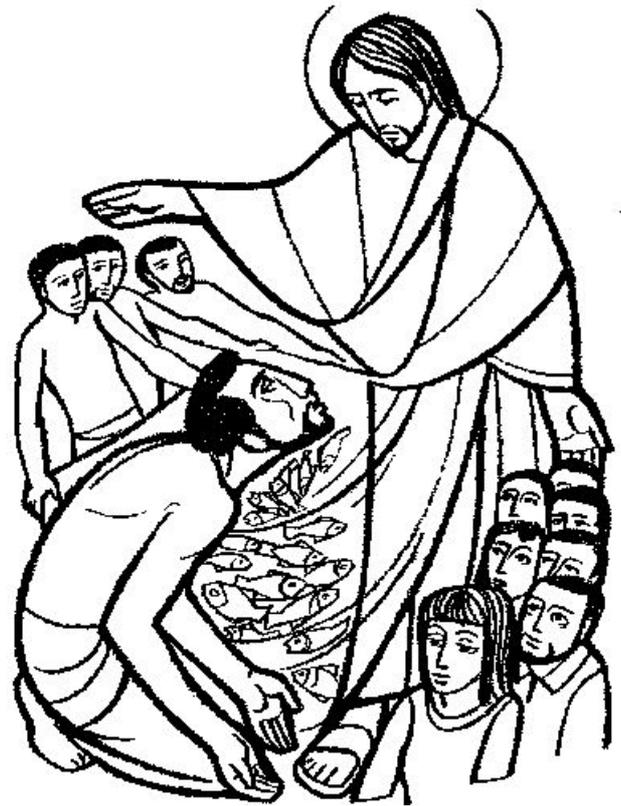
In the early church people were often baptised in local rivers and streams. The earliest fonts were found in the old roman catacombs (the caves below the streets of Rome).

In the beginning they were called a number of names but the one we use now, the font, comes from the Latin word *fons* which means a 'spring of water.'



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## Joshua - Superhero

Joshua was leading the Israelites over the River Jordan. When he reached Jericho, God repeated his promise to give the city to him. He told Joshua that every day for six days, the priests must blow their horns and carry the Ark in front of them.

All the people must follow them and march around the city in silence. On the seventh day they were to do the same but they were to give a great shout.

The instructions were a bit odd but Joshua trusted God and told the people to do as God had said. They did this and on the seventh day the walls of Jericho fell down. The city was theirs.

