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Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into [Galilee](#). There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of [Galilee](#) he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.



Going on a little further, he saw James son of [Zebedee](#) and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father [Zebedee](#) in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

Reflection

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'The call to discipleship'. Mark tells us how Jesus began his mission and called the first disciples. Jesus calls on all who will listen, saying, 'Reform your lives and believe in the good news.' Jesus finds his first disciples in ordinary places doing ordinary things. He asks us to give up all and follow him. This is necessary to become members of the Kingdom of God and to play an active role in establishing the Kingdom by being like Jesus to others in community—to proclaim the Good News and be the Good News. It is not about me and God against the world, but we are challenged to God and us together FOR the world. The kingdom of God starts here with us one step a time. Building relationships together as part of the Kingdom of God.

In Brief

- Become a new you.
- Walk in Jesus' ways.
- Being a Christian is radical.
- Come, follow Jesus

Dear God, We pray that we will have the faith to answer his call and learn to walk in Jesus' path. Jesus calls us to be fishers of men and women. But it takes a lot of courage to cast out our net and reach out to God's people. Let us pray that we have the courage to share the Gospel message with others through our words and actions. Please bless your disciples and draw us together in a common mission to live and share your Gospel. Amen.



Answering Jesus' Call

As disciples we are called to bring people to God. How can we bring people to God in our everyday lives? What is the good news? One way is through the Mercy Values.

St Oliver's Mercy Values

How would you action these values in everyday life? **These are just a few ways**

<p>Compassion......understanding the needs of others and giving unselfishly. Action: Helping others at home at school Give up something you usually spend for yourself to give money for others Seeing a need and doing something about it Giving something that is special/ important to you, to someone else Making time for others</p>	<p>Dignity......respecting and recognising of the value of each person. Action: Treating everyone with respect Treating everyone as you would like to be treated</p>
<p>Justice......the fair treatment of all people. Action: Letting people join in games Playing with someone that you normally don't play with Playing fair Hospitality......creating an environment that is welcoming and respectful using our words and actions. Action: Smiling and welcoming to everyone we meet. Greeting people</p>	<p>Stewardship... grateful and responsible use of our God given gifts to help others. Action: Looking after our environment Looking after people</p> <p>Excellence......doing the absolute best we can. Action: Giving our best work Working hard for the good of others</p> <p>Service... being a leader so I can make a positive difference in the lives of others. Action: Doing something for others without personal gain</p>