

# TO THE Heights

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

## Sunday Mass Readings

### First Reading:

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

### Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

### Gospel:

John 1:35-42

"Look, there is the Lamb of God."



Ottavio Vannini (1585-c. 1643), Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

## INTRODUCING "TO THE HEIGHTS!"



"To the Heights" ("Verso l'Alto") was a motto made popular by Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, a young Italian saint.

CLICK HERE TO WATCH A SHORT VERSION OF HIS LIFE-STORY ON YOUTUBE.

BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI  
MAN OF THE BEATITUDES

### Making connections:



- If Pier Giorgio Frassati lived in your area today, would you like to hang out with him?
- What strikes you most about his life?
- In what ways are you similar / different?
- What are **you** striving for in your life?

## Hear



Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries, you can find the text [here](#).

You can also watch a video clip version by clicking [here](#).



## Reflect

- Think of a time you met **someone you were very impressed by** and wanted to get to know more. What was it about them that impressed you? Was it how they acted / spoke / treated others?
- Who are **your role models**, the people you look up to and aspire to be like?
- Why do you think Jesus answered them with, **"Come and See"**, rather than explaining himself there and then to them? Why would it benefit them more to spend time with Him, rather than just get a simple answer to one question?

# Carlo's Corner

## COME AND SEE!

Blessed Carlo Acutis  
- Pray for us!

"Seek a relationship when you pray, not answers." - Fr Mike Schmitz

In today's Gospel, Jesus turns and asks John's disciples what they are looking for. What would you say if He asked you? Would you have a list of things? Would you know what it is that you long for most in your heart? Bl. Carlo was always very clear on his goals in life, but also on the need for a relationship with Jesus. Sometimes we pray, expecting quick answers and solutions, or we feel our prayers aren't heard. Jesus invites us to **come and see** what He has planned for each of us. He wants us to actually get to know Him, in a very real and personal way, so He can show us the amazing things He has planned for us! The ball is in our court. He has invited us and now He waits patiently.

### WEEKLY CHALLENGE:



Every morning this week pray simply:  
"Lord, help me to find you today",  
and be open to how He may answer you!



### TUNE OF THE WEEK

Click to listen to  
"I will follow"  
(Chris Tomlin)



## TEACHER'S CORNER

### Alpha

Watch this short  
Alpha promo!



Covid 19 has raised a lot of questions for people about life and faith. The Diocese of Waterford & Lismore invites parish groups and individuals to participate in an online Alpha series beginning on 10th February 2021 for 11 weeks.

Email [events@waterfordlismore.ie](mailto:events@waterfordlismore.ie) or call 085 8623705 for more information.

Why not experience Alpha yourself, and consider running Alpha Youth in your school / parish with the support of the Diocese?



### Young Person's Prayer

God, it's not always easy to see you in the everyday situations of my life. Life in general is pretty confusing right now. Help me to trust in your plan for my life. Show me how to seek you, and how to find you today and every day. Amen

## Gospel Reflection: What do you want?

'What do you want?' – This is the challenging question which Jesus put to the two disciples who were following him. Imagine a situation where the same question was put to you and me. 'What do you want?' And suppose that we were given the opportunity to answer this question only once in our life? Surely we would think very deeply, and consult whatever wise people we knew, before answering.

Let's take it that we are not talking here about some fleeting choice between apples and oranges or tea and coffee! We are talking about our deepest yearning and hope for our lives. We are talking about what would make us truly happy. We are talking about that which would bring about our deepest fulfilment. It would be so easy to stand bewildered before an impossible range of choices and stay in a state of indecision, 'keeping all options open'.

The good news about all of this is that we are not left to our own devices. We need only give the response which Samuel learned to give: 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' We need only say with today's psalm: 'Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.'

'What do you want?' – There is a world of difference between working this out for ourselves alone, or placing ourselves freely at the service of God. Jesus sought always to know and do the will of the Father. He taught us to pray: 'Thy will be done.' He said: 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me.'

It is just as well that Jesus followed up his question with an invitation: 'Come and see', he said. And they followed him and stayed with him the rest of that day – and forever.

Fr Pat Fitzgerald



## CHECK IT OUT: THE BIBLE IN A YEAR



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The Bible in a Year Podcast guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. This podcast has been number one in the US since the beginning of the New Year! 1) Read the ENTIRE Bible; 2) Feel more confident about your understanding of Scripture; 3) Experience the transformative power of God's Word in your daily life; 4) Start seeing the world through the lens of Scripture. Note that some readings contain adult themes and may not be suitable for children.