

PARISH OF ST.FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

THE YEAR OIF THE WORD

Fourth Week, beginning January 5th, 2020
This week we read St.Matthew's Gospel Chapter 4

KEY PASSAGE ST.MATTHEW 4:18-22

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat, and their father, and followed him.

POINTS TO CONSIDER

- * St.Matthew tells us that both sets of brothers obeyed Jesus 'immediately'. Does Our Lord find us as eager and as ready to do what He asks of us- even as regards spending time with Him in prayer ? How responsive are we to his will?
- * Peter and Andrew 'left their nets', and James and John 'left the boat and their father' . What sacrifices does following Jesus demand of us? Have we, indeed. left anything significant behind?
- * How magnetic Our Lord's personality must have been , how powerful he was to attract. Do we come close enough to him - through Prayer, Bible Reading, Eucharistic Adoration, etc - to allow ourselves to feel that attraction?