

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boats to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

APOSTLES OF THE LORD

All the readings for today share a sense of awe and wonder as Isaiah, Peter, and Paul reflect on their respective vocations. In their own ways, each of them has to come to terms with their unworthiness to undertake the mission they have been given. Having seen the living God in a vision, Isaiah knew he was unworthy. However, once he had been purified, he was able to respond willingly and generously to God's call. In the face of the miraculous catch of fish, Peter pleads with the Lord that he would depart from him. He knows he is a sinner and yet the Lord will make use of him as one who will be catching people for the kingdom of God.

Paul understood that of all the people who bore the name apostle, he was the most unworthy. He makes mention of his persecution of Christians before his conversion in 1 Corinthians 15:9, Galatians 1:13,23, and Philippians 3:6. The damage that he had inflicted was to become a powerful stimulus for his tireless missionary endeavours. In today's reading, Paul reminds the Corinthians of the message they had received concerning the resurrection by drawing upon one of the earliest creeds. Some of the members of the community had mistakenly come to think that they already shared fully in the life of the resurrection. Their baptism had immersed them in the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but Paul knew that Christians would need to wait until Jesus' return to experience this fully.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

6 FEBRUARY 2022

FIRST READING

Isa 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips

and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the

Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137:1-5, 7-8. R. v. 1

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, / you have heard the words of my mouth. / Before the angels I will bless you. / I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love / which excel all we ever knew of you. / On the day I called, you answered; / you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**



3. All earth's kings shall thank you / when they hear the words of your mouth. / They shall sing of the Lord's ways: / 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R.**

4. You stretch out your hand and save me, / your hand will do all things for me. / Your love, O Lord, is eternal, / discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15:3-8, 11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

■ The word of the Lord.

Longer form, 1 Cor 15:1-11.

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Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadagal People of the Eora Nation as traditional custodians of this land, that we stand on.

THE 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Catechist Sunday



Go Make Disciples,
The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Rev Penisimani Folaumoetu', Rev John Snehadass Kuzhithadam, Ivica Bartos, Maxin Seddon, Gloria Fisher (Archbishop Fisher's mother) Lina Gullota, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.

Deceased: Agnes Brisbane.

Anniversary: Jye Orel Mary Hemelda Kandur, Candice Basheer, Euricyles Jordao, Helena De Aravajo, Merita Alves, Carlota De Aravajo, Dr Ralph Baccash, Olivia Baccash, Tim O'Keefe, Lydia Bujeya, Sylvia Paoella (1st Anniversary), Maria Italiano, Angela Nad, Julia Laporte, and Angelina & Joseph Portelli, and all deceased Catechists.

The Sick: Fran Evans, Fr Paul, Ernie Ross. Pray for the sick, the dying, poor and homeless in our parishes, and those suffering from Covid.

Where will Fr John be celebrating Masses next weekend?

Saturday, 12, February, 5.30, – St Agnes'

Sunday, 13 February, 9am St Andrew's - Livestreaming

Sunday, 13 February, 10am at St Agnes'

Please scan the QR Code to watch on YouTube



SCAN ME

From my desk.

Greetings to all parishioners, friends & visitors to our Twinned Catholic Parishes of St Andrew's & St Agnes War Memorial Church.

Is it great to have our schools back in full swing. I hope that you all have had a restful break, even only you had gone to Malabar Beach for a swim or walk. I am very aware that many of you have contacted Covid during the break. I hope you are all now well.

I am very excited with the new beginnings in 2022 as I begin my 2nd year of ministry with you all as your Parish Priest. Where has the time gone?

We welcome new leaders to our Catholic Primary Schools: St Andrew's, Phil Tax as Principal and Mrs Jo Wong as Assistant Principal and at St Agnes', Mrs Debra Cusick as Religious Education Coordinator, together with all our new teachers. I pray that the Lord will bless them in all ways to be effective Catholic leaders in our wonderful Parish Catholic Primary Schools. Happy to note, that Father Paul has recovered well from heart surgery, and will slowly begin to assist with his supply ministry with our Twinned Catholic Parishes of St Andrew and St Agnes' War Memorial Church.

This Sunday is Catechist Sunday, where we center upon the wonderful gifts of our parishioners who spend ½ hour a week, sharing their faith with our Catholic students in our State Primary Schools. All Catechists are asked to come forward at one of our Masses to be blessed as they begin this new school year. You may wish to be part of this wonderful ministerial team as a Catechist. If you are interested, please contact St Agnes' and St Andrew's on our Parish number 9311 2062 or see one of our Catechist team this weekend after Masses.

Lent is only around the corner; you may wish to know what you do with those old palms you collected last Palm Sunday? Now is the time to return them, there will be baskets for you to return them in the next few weeks, and then we will burn them for Ash Wednesday (March 2). Those students in Year 3, will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance this 1st Term. St Agnes' will celebrate it on Wednesday March 30, at 5pm, while at St Andrew's this will be Thursday, 31 March at 5pm & 6.30pm. Parent information evening Thursday, 3 March, 6pm at St Andrew's Hall.

You may wish to donate towards the Tongan Disaster Appeal, please see website for details for your donation. This would be much appreciated by the people of Tonga.

Wishing God's blessings upon you all.

Fr John



PERE RECEVEUR MASS AT LA PEROUSE **SUNDAY 20th FEBRUARY at 11am**

This Mass is celebrated annually near the grave of
 Fr Receveur who died at Botany Bay on 17th February 1788.

He was a priest and scientist with the La Perouse expedition.

He may have been the first Catholic priest in Australia

Everyone is invited to this outdoor Mass

Marquee, sound system and transportation of equipment provided courtesy
 of Randwick City Council, Sausage Sizzle provided by Seaside Lions and
 refreshments by Friends of La Perouse Museum.

COVID SAFETY: Please ensure you sign in, and sit 1.5m from those not from the same household, do not touch statues, and take bulletins with you instead of returning bulletins to the receptacle.

Congratulations on your 63rd Wedding Anniversary (29 January) John and Grace O'Brien



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or afeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.