

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

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 boat 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

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Loyola Press

Last Sunday, we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. In the verses that follow, Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. While in Capernaum, Jesus cures a man possessed with a demon and heals Simon's mother-in-law. After spending some time there, Jesus prepares to preach in other places. The fact that Jesus had previously been in Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law suggests that this encounter is not the first between Jesus and Simon Peter. We can read today's Gospel, therefore, as a description of the developing relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title “master.” He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus “Lord”— the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the “successor of Peter.” We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.



Parish Bulletin

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 8/9 February 2025

They left everything and followed him.

I AM A SINNER.

In today's Scripture readings the prophet Isaiah, the apostle Paul, and the apostle Peter each acknowledges that he is a sinner: 'I am a man of unclean lips', cries Isaiah; 'I persecuted the Church of God', confesses Paul; 'I am a sinful man', says Peter. They know their need of forgiveness but they are also aware of the power of God at work in them. We too are sinners, but if we have faith in the grace of God working within us, we can be great missionaries as well.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today- our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

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

And they cried out to one 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 wretch 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

SECOND READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 137:1-5,7-8

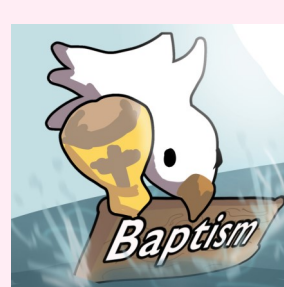
Response:
In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

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**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, 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. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.



WELCOME

Daisy Rose
QUIGLEY-STAPLEDON

To God's family through Baptism on 9 February 2025
Our prayers and blessings to you and your family

Morning Tea

This Sunday
9th February
after Morning Mass

All are welcome!



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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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ROSTERS— 15/16th Feb 2025
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

| Time | Commentator/Readers |
|---------------------------|---|
| 6.30pm Vigil | Josh Page Michelle Page Fil Ciancio |
| 9:30am | Alan Tyson Antonetta Bartley Mikayla Bartley |
| Children's Liturgy | Nickie Palumbo Jessie Yesudas P |
| Count team | Peggy Buckler Gareth West Doreen Ryan Wendy Rahaley |
| Altar and Flowers | Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers |

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

| SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY | 1/2 FEB 2025 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Open Plate | \$414.65 |
| Planned Giving | \$423.00 |
| PARISH TOTAL | \$837.65 |

ELECTRONIC PLANNED GIVING
January 2025: 2,315.00

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$566.00

CHILDREN SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH RANMERE PARISH

RECONCILIATION

Workshops—

- Monday 3rd March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
- Monday 17th March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall

Celebration— Tuesday 25th March at 7.00pm

CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

Workshops—

- Monday 12th May at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
- Monday 2nd June at 6:30pm in Parish Hall

Rehearsal—Sunday 15th June after parish mass
Celebration— Sunday 22nd June 11:00am
Celebrant: Archbishop Patrick O'Regan

For more information, please contact the Parish Office. Tel: 8431 6932
Email: info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au

Let's pray together

Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:
Marie Shevlin
Paily Paul


Death Anniversary:
Francesca Costa

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex



Our heavenly Father wants us to accept one another as brothers and sisters of a single family and to work for a future together with others, not against them. True wealth lies in people and in good relationships with others.

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

St Vincent de Paul Society campaign
We can Build a Fairer Australia. In the coming months, and in the lead up to the Federal election, St Vincent de Paul Society nationally will be releasing some ideas on how to improve the quality of life for all Australians, and how to find the funds to make Australia fairer. If this is of interest to you and you would like to comment or hear more, you are welcome to contact the SA Social Needs Analysis and Advocacy Committee - Jennifer Harvey on 8112 8702 or at svdp@svdpsa.org.au.

Lefevre Catholic Community - Fr Julian Tenison Woods in the Philippines
Sunday February 16 from 4pm to 5pm at the Lefevre Catholic Parish, 253 Military Road, Semaphore.
Fr Julian Tenison Woods, a pioneer Australian scientist and priest, integrated faith and science in his life and ministry. Fr Roderick O'Brien will present an overview of Fr Julian's three voyages to the Philippines and the treasure trove of scientific papers and articles and correspondence he left for us. For enquiries, please call Sr Marie on 8449 6378. A certificate of attendance is available for professional development. Please register with Sr Marie prior to the event, and on the day.

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal
We urgently need your support. The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long. Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild.
Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

Picture Puzzle: An Amazing Catch!
The pictures for this story are all mixed up!
Sort them out by putting the right numbers in the corners.

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| So Jesus preached from Peter's boat. | The nets were completely filled! |
| They called James and John to help with the fish. | Jesus was preaching and a large crowd came. |
| They left their nets and followed Jesus. | Then Jesus told Peter to let down the nets. |

The Kids' Bulletin



Luke 5:1-11

Peter had been fishing all night and caught nothing. But when Jesus told him to let the nets down again, they got filled right up! Can you draw enough fish to fill the nets?

Fishers of Men

In today's gospel reading Peter had been out fishing all night and hadn't been able to catch any fish. When Jesus told him to let down the nets again he did it anyway. He was very surprised when the nets filled up with fish right away. And there were so many that the boat started to sink!

Jesus told Peter and his friends James and John that he was going to make them "fishers of men." But He didn't mean that they would catch people in nets! He was showing them that they had to bring people into the Church.

Who are the "fishers of men" today? Priests! They help people to come to the Faith by giving them the sacraments and teaching them the truth about God.