



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th /10th February 2019

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

Wednesday & Friday (St Anne's opening

School Mass) 9.30am

**First Tuesday of the month: 11.00 am Mass
at Mercy Place.**

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661

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Today we consider the call to continue the mission of Jesus by engaging in some form of ministry. The first and the last readings are call narratives; the epistle contains a statement of the faith that undergirds our response to our call; the psalm response celebrates the gracious goodness of God that makes all of this possible.

Our call is more than a summons to faith; it is a call to ministry. Isaiah is called in order to be sent; the fishermen are called in order to gather others to Jesus. So it is with us. We are called to be sent out to the world. This call comes to us in the ordinariness of life. It will usually come to us as we wash our nets or our dishes, as we teach or raise children, as we prepare a brief for trial or examine a patient; as we repair cars or work at the computer. The call of God comes to us in the ordinariness of life.

We are called to proclaim the message of the resurrection by any and every means possible. Some, like Isaiah and the disciples of Jesus, will witness in open and dramatic ways. They will teach and preach; they will nurse the sick and care for the elderly. Others will witness in less conspicuous ways. They will insist on fair practices in their own workplaces; they will weed out expressions of prejudice and violence so that a new and just world can be fashioned for themselves and for their children. Called in the ordinariness of their lives, they will witness to the death and resurrection in that very ordinariness, thus transforming everything into extraordinariness. (Dianne Bergant CSA)

Parish Community



We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jim Brigden, Kathleen Birch, Elaine Brain, Kylie Dawson, Royce Boyd, Sr Pat Osborne, Margaret Gordon, Tony Iverson.

ANNIVERSARIES: Alice Frauenfelder, Vin Griffiths Snr, Hubert Newhauser, Kath Dowling, Pauline Blissett, Noel Hickey, Alma Whitehead, Sadie Berkley, Des Healy, George Dehahunty, Les Bingham Arthur Campbell, Shirley Pantling, Herbert O'Callaghan, Catherine McCormack, Alice Butler, Birute Valys, Stephen Ratcliff, Claude Jones, Edith Ryan, John Gogoll, John Powell, Matthew O'Brien, Bill Gibbs.
Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them. May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all. We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 9th / 10th February

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Virginia Mitsch	Terry Hillman
Lector 1	Kellie Gordes	Richard Parkinson
Lector 2	Barbara Godde	Leanne Michael
Eucharistic Ministers	Jim & Kaye Deanshaw	Mary Lefevre Noelene Cruise Marjorie Serbinek
Cantor	Brian Waters	Bernadette & Wendy
Musicians	Judy Foley	
Counters: Brian & Carmel Butts		

Sat /Sun: 16th / 17th February

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Rosalie Martin
Lector 1	Karen Purtle	Michael Stephenson
Lector 2	Michael Byrnes	MACE Sisters
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Lindsay Michael Regan	Trish Parkinson Kansas Michael Dianne Treacy
Cantor	Catherine Cutler / Judy Lindsay	Simon Goss
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Michael Byrnes		

Prayer of Discipleship

God of love,
source of mercy and compassion,
weave your dream for the world
into the fabric of our lives.
Remove the scales from our eyes
and lift the indifference from our
hearts,
so that we may see your vision –
a new reign of justice and compassion
that will renew the earth.
Transform our lives,
so that we may accomplish your
purpose.
Anoint us with your spirit of love
that we might bring good news to the
oppressed,
bind up the broken hearted,
and proclaim release to the captive.
Help us to reach out to those
whom no one else will touch,
to accept the unacceptable,
and to embrace the enemy.
Surround us with your love,
fill us with your grace,
and strengthen us for your service.
Empower us to respond to the call of
Jesus – and to follow.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"The mission of the Christian in the world is a mission for all, a mission of service, which excludes no-one; it requires great generosity and in particular the gaze and heart turned heavenward to invoke the Lord's help.

Parish News

The funeral prayer service to celebrate the life of Tony Iverson will be held this Monday 11 February at 10.00am in Sacred Heart. Let us continue to hold in prayer his parents Graham & Gwen, his wife Lisa and their children Abby & Curtis, their extended family and friends during this very difficult time.

Parish Finance Committee / Council

In keeping with the principles set down in canon law it is my intention to establish a Parish Finance Council. The overall function of this body will be as a consultative group to assist the parish priest / administrator with the stewardship of the material goods of the parish. In the short term, this group will need to advise me in urgent matters that need attention in the area of church maintenance and capital works and to prioritise an action plan. In the long term it will be to help devise a strategy to ensue that sufficient parish finances are available to address pastoral priorities. It will also contribute to establishing a framework for greater shared responsibility within parish life.

A balance of male and female members across a range of ages will help ensue that a variety of perspectives is accessible.

If you have a particular interest or expertise in such matters and wish to be considered a part of this collaborative body please contact our parish office by phone / email as soon as possible.

Plenary Council 2020

***When we listen to each other -
We listen to the Spirit***

"I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, styles and methods of evangelization in their respective communities. A proposal of goals without adequate communal search for the means of achieving them will inevitably prove illusory...." *Pope Francis*

Have your say in the life and future direction of the Catholic Church in Australia. The Plenary Council is still accepting submissions from individuals and groups until 6 March (Ash Wednesday) at plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au or mail to PO Box 747, North Sydney NSW 2059.

Volunteers

The practical support of our parish community is required to take communion to those requesting it at the Mercy Hospital, Borella House and the Lutheran Nursing Home on Sundays. If you would be willing to help out on a roster basis at one of these facilities please contact our parish office for further details. While a police check will be necessary you do not need to be a current Eucharistic minister to carry out this act of hospitality and service.

This week we commemorated the tenth anniversary of the Black Saturday bushfires which swept through Victoria killing 173 people. It also marked the fiftieth anniversary of the crash of the Southern Aurora with a goods train near Violet Town. Townsville and much of Northern Queensland continue to recover from a monsoonal rain event. Let us pray for all those affected in any way by such catastrophic events that hope may be renewed and lives restored in the aftermath of such devastating occurrences.

Call For Volunteers 2019

Mercy Access, part of Mercy Works and under the auspices of the Sisters of Mercy, provides assistance to Aboriginal children in schools within the Sandhurst Diocese.

We invite volunteers to assist in this In-School Program at St Monica's Primary School, Wodonga beginning in Term 1, 2019.

Hopefully volunteers would have had previous experience and/or interest in the field of education. Adherence to Child Safety Standard Protocols required.

For more information contact Project Coordinator on 0417 674 919 or email ma@mercy.org.au

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 6 March. You are encouraged to participate in one of the Lenten groups that will be operating within our parish community. We will be using the new reflection program compiled by Michael McGirr the coordinator of Faith Mission at St Kevin's College Melbourne. If you wish to be a participant in a group please add your name and preferred day/time to the list on the noticeboards.

Our Opening School Mass for St Anne's Primary School which will include the induction of student leaders will occur this Friday 15 February at 9.30am in Sacred Heart Church. All welcome to attend

Healing & Growing in the Love of God Seminar

From Friday evening 22 Feb to Sunday 24 Feb 2019 at St Patricks Church with Valerie Murphy, internationally known & respected speaker, intercessor counsellor, spiritual director, outreach worker and co-founder (with Fr Doyle) of Mary of the Angelus Association, a recognised lay organisation.

Valerie has ministered to people from all walks of life; prisoners, royalty, clergy, the homeless, the broken and lost, drug addicts and those with everyday struggles. Motivated by the love of God and her neighbour her association has groups around the world. Come and join us for a weekend of healing, support and prayer. See flyers on noticeboards.

Liturgy of the Word

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Readings: Jer 6: 1-8; 1 Cor 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm:



In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises,

Alleluia Verse:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Reflection on the Readings

The theme that comes through this week's readings is one of 'being called'. The first reading is the call of the prophet Isaiah (Is 6:1-8). Isaiah experiences a vision of the glory of God and is humbly reminded of his own deficiencies: he believes himself to be 'a man of unclean lips'. As such, he is certainly unfit to speak on behalf of God as his unclean lips would taint whatever message he may speak. But his lips are cleansed by God who then asks, 'Whom shall I send?' Demonstrating a complete conversion of heart and mind, Isaiah immediately replies, 'Here I am, send me!'

This first reading provides a perfect balance to the gospel. Jesus is being closely pressed by the crowd when he asks a nearby fisherman to take him just off shore to preach without being overwhelmed by the crowd. Seemingly at random, he has selected the boat of the fisherman Peter. Having finished preaching for the day, Jesus tells Peter to set out into deeper water and pay out his fishing nets. Peter is certainly not keen on the idea! Out of some interest or good nature he had agreed to allow this preacher to use his boat for a while, but now this country bumpkin is trying to tell him how to fish! Just to prove Jesus wrong, Peter agrees to go through the futile exercise and is overwhelmed by the enormous catch of fish. Like Isaiah in the first reading, Peter is suddenly acutely aware of his own deficiencies – 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man'. Like Isaiah, he recognises that he has just seen the glory of God revealed and he feels unworthy to be part of the experience. But Jesus reassures him, 'Do not be afraid,' and calls Peter to follow.

In the other two synoptic gospels – Matthew and Mark – the call of the disciples is one of the first recorded actions of Jesus' adult life. Luke, on the other hand, delays the call until after Jesus' public ministry has commenced. By this stage of the gospel, Jesus has made a public declaration about the nature of his ministry and begun to enact it. In this way, the sort of ministry Jesus will undertake is already established when the disciples are called to join it. It becomes a more conscious decision by the disciples – they know what they're getting in to!

Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse! (Greg Sunter)



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