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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

FEBRUARY 8TH/9TH, 2025

Requirements for Discipleship

Today's gospel brings to a close a trilogy of episodes focussing on Jesus' mission to announce the good news of God's love to the poor the sinners and the outcasts. What Jesus announced in Nazareth he now lives out by the sea of Galilee in the choice of his first followers. Luke borrowed this 'call story' from Mark's Gospel but made significant additions in Jesus' dialogue with Simon, the miraculous catch of fish, and Simon Peter's response. Luke's additions emphasise Peter's doubt, "We've fished all night," and his unworthiness, "I am a sinful man." But this is just the type of person Jesus announced that he has come to welcome. Peter qualifies as a disciple.

Keep in mind that this Gospel was written for a Christian community living fifty years after Jesus' death. In Peter, later Christians can see a person like themselves. Peter is a person of common sense and he reluctantly take advice from this wondering preacher who has arrived in Capernaum. But when God does act, he responds with faith and humility. Don't take Peter's response for granted because it is familiar. There are other ways he could have reacted- made excuses, become cynical or even angry at being shown up. Peter recognises God's power at work and knows his own human weakness. This recognition qualifies him for discipleship. Knowing his unworthiness, he can now be invited to join Jesus. Reluctance, doubt, even sinfulness, are no barriers for Christian disciples. Self-sufficiency is.

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Francis' Focus

'God does not want a cruise ship,' Pope Francis quips while reflecting on today's Gospel passage. Instead, as he points out, when the fishermen are tired and dejected Jesus climbs into their boat with them. Moreover, in doing so, Jesus encourages them to go out again for what turns out to be a greater purpose. Their lives are changed when they let Jesus in the boat.

The Pope reminds us that Our Lord can 'make use of our poverty to proclaim his richness, of our miseries to proclaim his mercy.' Provided, that is, we welcome him into our lives and livelihoods.

When we work with God, trusting that Jesus shows us the way, then we will find our true calling. We might even gain the courage to leave our familiar boat behind!

What is crucial, the Pope asserts, is that we 'set out anew with him and to sail a new sea,' open to surprises along the way. When we serve Jesus, the Pope affirms, 'he accomplishes great things in us.' We should therefore heed Jesus' call to each one of us, which is, the Pope suggests, 'to go out into the open sea of the humanity of our time, in order to be witnesses to goodness and mercy.'

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The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

READINGS FOR PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

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 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 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.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

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.

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.

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!'

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.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

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.

PARISH DIARY

Monday, February 10th

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, February 12th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, February 13th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, February 14th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, February 15th

Reconciliation 4:30pm
St Joachim's

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 15th

Mass (Vigil) 5:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, February 16th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'



Pope Francis has said that the Jubilee Year is an opportunity to be renewed in hope. He has also said that hope is a theological virtue that gives people the courage to build a peaceful world.

READINGS – PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

1ST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-8

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17. 20-26

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Allan Kavanagh, Makisi Manu and Desiree Nevis. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

with the Chandra family as they celebrate the baptism of Luca and Beau in the parish this weekend.

HOSPITALITY THIS WEEKEND

There will be hospitality after each of the masses at St Joachim's this weekend.

COUNTERS

Alison's team.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 10th commencing 5:00pm in the Parish Centre.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, February 11th commencing with a cuppa at 3:30pm followed by meeting at 4:00pm in the parish centre.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



All children are invited to join us for CLOW at the 9am mass at St Agnes' next Sunday, February 16th. All parents are very welcome however children under 5 years must be accompanied by an adult.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

There will be hospitality after the 9:00am mass next Sunday.



NEW TO THE PARISH – REGISTER VIA FLOCKNOTE

If you have recently joined our Parish we welcome you to our community. So that we can keep up-to-date on who is part of our parish we ask that you consider registering via our secure, online portal of Flocknote.

You can register using the following link or by scanning the QR code.

<https://hollandparkmtgra.flocknote.com/register>



The Parish has up a Container for Change initiative to provide an opportunity for you to be part of our recycling program. For this we are seeking donations of bottles, cans and other containers to recycle through the program.

You can drop your donations into the parish office or if you are attending mass on the weekend there are containers outside each of the churches for you to use.

Alternatively, you can use our client number (C11371867) to deposit the return into our Containers for Change account when you are recycling at the depot.

Thank you



Team Member number
C11371867

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025

PENANCE (Year 5 children and above)

Preparation Session

Saturday 15th March 2pm-3.30pm, St Agnes' Church

Celebration of Penance Saturday 22nd March 10.30pm-12pm OR 1.00pm-2.30pm St Agnes' Church

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4 children and above)

Parent information sessions

Wednesday 30th April 6.30pm St Joachim's Church OR

Thursday 1st May 6.30pm St Agnes' Church

Enrolment Masses ALL Parish Weekend Masses 17th & 18th May

Family sessions Monday 26th May 6pm St Joachim's Church OR

Thursday 29th May, 6pm St Agnes' Church

Celebration of God's Mercy/Rehearsal Wednesday 11th June 6.30pm,

St Joachim's Church

Celebration of First Holy Communion Parish Weekend Masses on 14th & 15th June AND 21st & 22nd June

CONFIRMATION (Year 3 children and above)

Parent information sessions

Monday 14th July 6.30pm St Agnes' Church OR

Tuesday 15th July 6.30pm St Joachim's Church

Enrolment Masses ALL Parish Weekend Masses 26th & 27th July

Family sessions Thursday 7th August 6pm St Agnes' Church OR

Saturday 9th August, 2pm St Joachim's Church

Presentation of the Creed ALL weekend Masses 16th & 17th August

Rehearsal Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th August, 6.30pm, St Joachim's Church

Celebration of Confirmation Wednesday 3rd September 5pm OR 6.30pm St Joachim's Church



INVITATION TO SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

The parish would like to invite all children in year 5 and above who have received their First Holy Communion to join us in preparing for the Sacrament of Penance.

Registration now OPEN and closes on Monday 3rd March.

Where: St Agnes' Church

When: 2 Sessions - Saturday 15 March 2pm-3.30pm and

Saturday 22 March 10.30am – 1200pm

OR

1.00pm - 2.30PM*

**Children need only attend one time slot on the second session on 22 March. At this session the children will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance.*

This program is for children/candidates only. Parents are not required to attend, however, you are most welcome to join your child. You are encouraged to be present at the Celebration of the Sacrament on 22nd March. Details will follow.

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2025 College Tour

Please join us for a College Tour on

THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2025

9.00am to 10.30am

This event will provide you with a comprehensive insight into the life of Clairvaux MacKillop College and will allow you to take a tour with our Student Mentors; meet our Principal, Mr Wayne Chapman, and senior members of staff. We look forward to welcoming you to the College.



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