

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

9 FEBRUARY 2025

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.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Ps 94:6-7

**O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.**

## GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**R. And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

## GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.**

## COLLECT

P. Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unflinching care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**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.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP 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.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

*Longer form, 1 Cor 15:1-11.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 4:19

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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



**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**9th of February 2025**

HOLY EUCHARIST & ST. MARY'S  
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**Mass Times**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's
	9:30 a.m.	St. Roch's
	10:30 a.m.	St. Joseph's
	5:00 p.m.	St. Roch's
Monday	5:30 p.m.	St. Roch's
Tuesday	9:15 a.m.	St. Joseph's
Wednesday	5:30 p.m. [Exposition until 7 p.m.]	St. Roch's
Thursday	9:15 a.m. [Exposition until 10:30 a.m.]	St. Mary's
Friday	9:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	9:15 a.m.	St. Mary's

**Confessions:**

Monday	6.00pm (until the last penitent is heard)	St Roch's
Tuesday	9.45am (until the last penitent is heard)	St Joseph's
Wednesday	6.00 p.m - 6:50 p.m	St Roch's
Thursday	9.45 a.m - 10.20 a.m	St Mary's
Friday	9.45am (until the last penitent is heard)	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	9.45am (until the last penitent is heard)	St Mary's

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS COMING WEEK:**

Sat	8th Feb	5:00 p.m.	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sun	9th Feb	8:30am	Renata Tzitzivakos & Born Di Paolo
		9:30am	<i>Pro Popolo</i>
		10:30am	Private Intention
		5:00pm	Private Intention
Mon	10th Feb	5:30pm	Pasquale Lamanna, for the repose of his soul on his 2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary
Tues	11th Feb	9:15 am	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed	12th Feb	5:30pm	Frank & Eileen McQuillan, for the repose of their souls
Thur	13th Feb	9:15am	Private Intention
Fri	14th Feb	9:15am	Angelo & Giuseppe Favaloro, for the repose of their souls
Sat	15th Feb	9:15am	The Holy Souls in Purgatory

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE:**

**CURRENTLY SICK:** Sr. Dr Mary Treacy LCM, Andy Basa, Sam Bernardo, Angela Biviano, Chris Connaughton, Peter Conroy, John Dals, Tony Davenport, Delfina Di Pasquale, Iris Dumenden, Linette Falckh, Gigi Falckh, Karl Falckh, Primo Giudici, Margaret Gladstone, Raymond Gibson, Renee Lawrence, Arlette Lobo, Maria Lombardo, Gemma Lopes, Colleen Lloyd, Margaret Marriott, Mary Maconochie, Audrey Marden, Keith McDougall, Michelle Moore, Laila Petrie, Monique Poussin, Danuta Przekwas, Elizabeth Rusden, Mercedes Sanabria, Corrin Stares, Frances Trainor, Leigh Wingate, Susena Zeiden.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME:** Gilda Barbuscio, Charlotte Berchy, William Brown, Margaret Burrows, Henrietta Callil, Norma Coad, Gloria Christolefz, Mary Colgan, Eileen Daniel, Paul Donegan, Michael Duffy, John Duggan, Marcia Duncan, Lyall Dwyer, Kyle Galan-Marsh, Gerald Grotjan, John Haugh, Bernard Helmond, Noel Jones, Kirsteen Lee, Henry Leporati, Marianna Lombardo, Hannah Lucas, Daisy McKertich, Mike McManamon, Martin Nolan, Anne O'Sullivan, Angela Ridsdale, William Ridsdale, Carmel Ruler, Marie Seton, Fran Turner, Francis Waters, Roselyne Zavec.

**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial  
with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was  
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is  
adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

**MASS IN JAPANESE AND AFTERNOON TEA  
AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

Sunday **16th of February**, Mass will be  
celebrated in Japanese at 2:00 pm.

Following Mass, afternoon tea will be held in  
the Narthex.

All welcome!

**CONFESSIONS ON SUNDAYS**

It has been a good thing that we have been able to offer confessions before Mass on a Saturday evening and Sundays, and edifying to see how many people have been taking those opportunities. However, the way things have developed it has become necessary to make a change. We have found that often we still have many people waiting for confession in the last few minutes of the time available. This means that there is not sufficient time to give the penitent and their confession the attention they deserve, sometimes means Mass has to start late, and also puts the priest under pressure to get ready and be recollected before offering the Holy Sacrifice.

So this year we will not be offering confession times before the Saturday evening, the Sunday morning or the Sunday evening Masses. There is still the opportunity for confession after each weekday Mass, six days a week, and I hope it will be possible for people to attend the Sacrament at those times. Fr Tom and I are also happy to hear confessions at other times when requested, including after Masses on Sundays, but we ask your understanding for this change.

*Fr Gallacher*

**READING THE WORD  
TOGETHER**

Every Tuesday at St Joseph's  
from 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Beginning again this Tuesday,  
February 4, in Meeting Room 1.

Enter from the west side of the  
church, at the rear.

You're most welcome.

**MONDAY'S SCRIPTURE GROUP**

Every Monday at St. Roch's after  
the 5:30 pm Mass, we gather in  
St. Roch's narthex from  
6pm - 7pm, sharing the upcoming  
Scriptures using "2025 Break  
Open the Word".

*All welcome*



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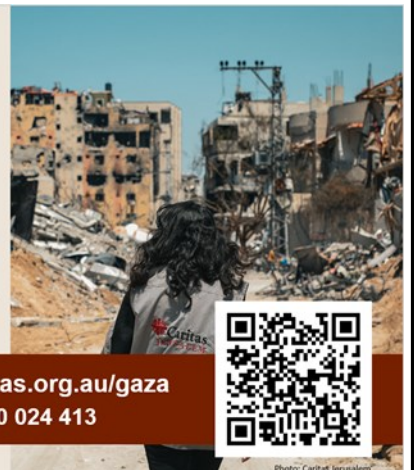


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## GOSPEL

Lk 5:1-11

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES’ CREED

*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

## PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

## COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

**R. Amen**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace*

## LAMB OF GOD

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 106:8-9

**Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear

fruit for the salvation of the world.

Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ~~and~~ and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go in peace.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

### INTO THE DEEP

Today’s Gospel powerfully illustrates the nature of discipleship and the role which Peter will play in Luke’s writings, first in the Gospel and then in the early chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. Luke reworks the account in Mark’s Gospel of the call of the first four disciples (Simon, Andrew, James and John (Mark 4:18-22)) to focus on one—Peter. It is set within the context of Jesus’ preaching from a boat to an enthusiastic crowd of listeners on the Galilean shore.

He invites Peter to move out into deep water to let out his nets for a catch. We learn that Peter and his companions have already tried to fish earlier, but without success. It is because of Jesus’ word (literally, though the translation has “but if you say so”) that Peter responds. Then, overwhelmed by the great catch of fish which almost sinks his boat, Peter recognises his utter unworthiness and sinfulness, in the presence of one so holy. Finally Peter, along with his colleagues, leaves everything to become Jesus’ disciple.

There are several features of this unique story worthy of deeper reflection about discipleship and church life today: Peter’s call comes from within his regular life; it is in response to Jesus’ word and initiative; it is about the “catch”, a metaphor for the missionary focus on the lives of human beings; it requires humility; it entails letting go of those things which separate the disciple from Jesus, including past failures; the call is not private or solitary but occurs with others.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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