

All Hallows' Five Dock



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 15th January

Parish Mission

We, the people of this place,
live and celebrate a love of faith.

We share this faith in a spirit of
service, that creates a sense of
God's presence among us.

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A Reflection by Fr Sebastian

John 1:29-34

John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.

The ministry of John the Baptist prepared for and pointed to the ministry of Jesus. In a similar way, our lives are to offer testimony to who we know Jesus to be for us and for the world. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. How does the witness of our lives give testimony to the reconciling presence of Christ?

As a family, identify as many titles for Jesus as possible, such as Lamb of God, Son of God, Prince of Peace, and so on. Talk together about what these different titles mean and what they tell you about Jesus. Then read together today's Gospel, John 1:29-34.

Consider how John the Baptist gives testimony to who Jesus is. Talk about what people might come to know about Jesus by observing your family life. Pray together that your family life will show others that Jesus is the Son of God, the lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

With best wishes -
Fr Sebastian



Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5pm

Monday - Friday: 8am

Wednesday: Eucharistic Exposition &
Adoration - 3pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday:

8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm

Or any time by appointment.

Sick Calls:

Any time - day/night.

Baptisms:

Every Sunday at 11am.



Weddings:

Contact the parish office.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime 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 safeguardingenquiries@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.



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First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Is 49:3. 5-6 A reading from the prophet Isaiah <i>I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.</i></p> <p>The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'</p> 	<p>(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R.) 2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (R.) 3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R.) 4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. 	<p>1 Cor 1:1-3 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians <i>The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.</i></p> <p>I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.</p> 
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p> <p>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Is 8:23 - 9:3 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Gospel: Mt 4:12-23</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!</p> 

Gospel

<p>Jn 1:29-34 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John <i>This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.</i></p> <p>Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'</p>	
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Living the Gospel – Pointing the way

John the Baptist fills the role of 'pointing the way' to Jesus. In our own lives we also have the ability to 'point the way' towards Jesus. It doesn't need to be as blatant as John's 'Look, there he is!' However, the way we choose to live our life can point the way just as powerfully as John did. More often than not, our actions speak much more powerfully than any words we might utter. Consistently treating others with respect, maintaining prayer as a central part of life and working for justice in the world will make an impression on others and point the way to Jesus.

Gospel Focus – Ranking

There is an odd line in today's passage. John reminds the crowd that he had said 'A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me.' In Jewish tradition, the prophets and patriarchs who came earlier in their history ranked higher than those who came later. They believed that the history of salvation was at its pinnacle with God's self-revelation to Abraham. Successive episodes and characters were regarded as lesser. But John affirms that Jesus ranks before himself because Jesus existed before John. He is saying that Jesus is more than simply the latest in a long line of prophets.

LOOK

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In the GOSPEL TODAY

JESUS IS SPECIAL

Have a guess!

Could someone tell by looking at **US** that we think Jesus is important? When we do what Jesus says we are showing he is important. Put a tick by the children who are showing that Jesus is important.



"Look!" says John the Baptist when he sees Jesus. "It's Jesus, the lamb of God!". John knows Jesus is God's Chosen One because the Holy Spirit came and rested on Jesus when he was being baptised.

Knowing Jesus

We can't see Jesus like John did – but we know he is special. Follow the strings and find out some of the ways we can get to know Jesus.

At ___ ur ___ (h c h d)

People I ___ (e v o) us

In our p _ a _ _ r _ (s y e r)

Stories in the B _ _ l _ (e i b)

How can I share what believe?

- I can **TELL** my friends
- I can **LISTEN** to their worries
- I can **HELP** at home
- I can **CHAT** to Jesus
- I can **TALK** about the Gospel
- I can **SHOW** I am a Christian

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Can you find the coloured words in the word search?

A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to show that I know you and think that you are important. Help me to treat the people I meet with love and kindness. Amen.

Signpost

John pointed the way to Jesus. Write or draw something in this signpost; something you could do, to tell everyone how important Jesus is.

