

All Hallows' Five Dock



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 22nd 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 Richard

Dear parishioners,

G.K. Chesterton once observed that the process of "discovering" the Catholic Faith is most enjoyable, "easier than joining the Catholic Church and much easier than trying to live the Catholic life."

Jesus in this week's Gospel proclaims that God comes to reign among us. "The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned." This means that we receive definitive salvation! Having encountered this great light, he calls us to the process of conversion. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." The biblical meaning of "convert" is to take another road. For Jesus, it calls for a renewal of life from inside out.

This conversion or renewal is not the end but a beginning of the faith journey, that's to say, "trying to live the Catholic life". The Gospel will tell us that this renewal follows the discovery of God's mercy and is the work of his Spirit within us. In other words, it leads to mission. It is a journey from being fishermen to fishers of men. Active Catholics are called to continually be converted and continually renew their faith, in order that they may evangelize others.

Today, thank God for discovering the Catholic faith and especially for being a member of the Body of Christ unworthy as we all are. As the journey continues, let us all aspire to renew our lives in order that we may live constantly in the light of Christ's presence.

How could I be a better disciple of Christ in this new year? How shall I live my catholic faith more fruitfully? How am I to transition from a fisherman to a fisher of men?

With best wishes -
Fr Richard



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:

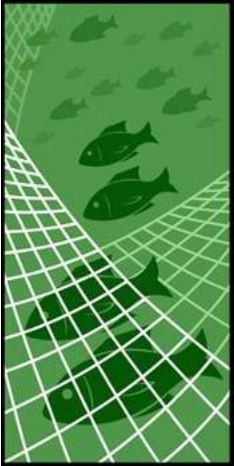
Contact the parish office.

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.



First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Is 8:23 – 9:3 A reading from the prophet Isaiah <i>In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.</i></p> <p>In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.</p> 	<p>(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.</p> <p>1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)</p> <p>2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. (R.)</p> <p>3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! (R.)</p> 	<p>1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians <i>I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.</i></p> <p>I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.</p>
<p>Next Week's Readings</p> <p>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:26-31 Gospel: Mt 5:1-12</p>		<p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!</p> 

Gospel
<p>Mt 4:12-23 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew <i>He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.</i></p> <p>Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.</p> 

From the perspective of ... The first called

What must it have been like for those first four disciples Jesus called? The fact that they were fishing means that they had not been chosen to continue studying the Torah beyond childhood and had not been chosen by a rabbi to be his followers. Even as young men, these four were has-beens and had no hope of a rabbi asking them to be his disciples. Suddenly, Jesus appears and calls them to follow him. A life that had passed them by suddenly opened up before them! Of course they dropped everything and followed.

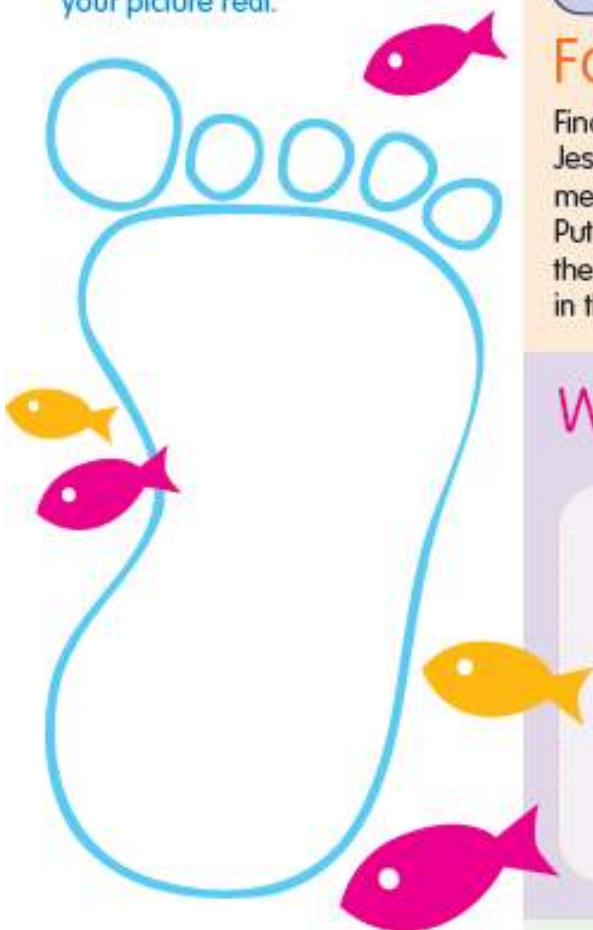


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In the
GOSPEL TODAY

I can follow Jesus

Think of one way you could help at home today.
 Draw yourself helping at home.
 Ask Jesus to help you to make your picture real.



As Jesus is walking by the Sea of Galilee, he sees two brothers, Simon Peter and Andrew. They are fishing. Jesus asks them to, "follow me!". Next, he sees James and John, two more brothers. They are also fishermen, mending their nets. Jesus asks them to follow him too. All the fishermen come straight away!

FOLLOW ME!

Footprints

Find out Jesus' message. Put together the letters in the footprints.



Wordsearch

Find the names of the fishermen in the Gospel who answered Jesus' call.

L	U	A	N	D	R	E	W	J	E
E	V	L	O	S	Y	S	U	A	C
G	A	B	J	R	I	L	E	M	A
S	I	M	O	N	P	E	T	E	R
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A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to answer your call. Help me to do what I am asked straight away. Amen.

Untangle the twine

Help Simon Peter find the net he is mending by following the twine.



Answer: Follow me.