

# All Hallows' Five Dock



3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time | Year B | Sunday 21st January 2024

## 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

The theme of repentance is central to the readings this weekend. Saint John Chrysostom once said, "Be ashamed when you sin, don't be ashamed when you repent. Sin is the wound, repentance is the medicine. Sin is followed by shame; repentance is followed by boldness. Satan has overturned this order and given boldness to sin and shame to repentance."

The first reading tells how the prophet Jonah preached repentance to the pagan city of Nineveh and met with an immediate and whole-hearted response. All without exception renounced the wicked things they had done. In the Gospel, we see how Jesus began his public ministry with the call: "Repent, and believe the Good News." The essence of Jesus' mission was to bring sinners back to God. Yet, even though his voice was a far greater prophetic voice than that of Jonah, many of his contemporaries failed to respond.

Repentance is often portrayed as something negative and joyless. To some, "repent" sounds like beating yourself up – this is not true. To repent is a good thing. Repentance involves turning away from things that are manifestly evil. It also involves embracing the good. Repentance involves a new way of living. In this case, the change is not necessarily drastic or radical. It could be a simple resolution. The change could be from being selfish to being more loving and caring.

Repentance is a positive thing and always leads to joy. To repent means to be converted. And conversion is an on-going process for each of us. "Repent, and believe the Good News" – Unless we repent, we cannot hear the Good News.

With best wishes -  
Fr Richard



## Sacramental Life

### Holy Mass:

**Saturday:** 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

**Sunday:** 8.30am (1st Sunday of the month - Italian mass), 10am and 5pm

**Monday - Friday:** 8am

**Wednesday:** Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration - 12pm - 4pm

- Start: Exposition at 12 noon
- Divine Mercy prayers: 3:00pm
- Reconciliation: 3pm – 3:40pm
- Benediction: 3:45pm • Finish: 4:00pm

### 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](mailto: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. To read the Archdiocese Child Safeguarding policy, please visit the parish website



First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p><b>Jonah 3:1-5</b> A reading from the prophet Jonah <b><i>The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.</i></b></p> <p>The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.</p>	<p><b>(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.</b></p> <p>1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)</p> <p>2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)</p> <p>3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)</p>	<p><b>1 Corinthians 7:29-31</b> A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians <b><i>The world as we know it is passing away.</i></b></p> <p>Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.</p>
<p>God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.</p> 	<p><b>Next Week's Readings</b></p> <p><b>4th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b></p> <p><b>1st Reading:</b> Deut 18:15-20 <b>2nd Reading:</b> 1 Cor 7:32-35 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 1:21-28</p>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b></p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!</p> 

**Gospel**

**Mark 1:14-20**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
***Repent, and believe the Good News.***

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.



**Living the Gospel – The Good News is here**

This week's gospel marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in the Gospel of Mark. The gospel writer has Jesus clearly announcing his message in plain, simple language: 'The kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' That message is as true for us today as it was when those words were first spoken. The kingdom is still close at hand if we would only recognise it in our midst rather than pinning our hopes on some future reward. The call to repent and believe the Good News is as relevant for us as it was for the first believers.