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

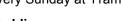
Reconciliation: Saturday:

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. 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



radiant dawn shines on

those lost in death.

Alleluia!

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

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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.