

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

## GOSPEL

Lk 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*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.**

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# 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

# THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

9 FEBRUARY 2025

## 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.**

## 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.**

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

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 10.30am Delegate 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed

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## ST PATRICK'S PARISH FAMILY THREE PARISHES TOGETHER



*Baptism Request forms can be located on Parish website/at Parish Office, Fr Mark and Fr Kose will be available to celebrate Baptism during mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month*

[CatholicMarriagePrep.com](http://CatholicMarriagePrep.com)  
[<hello@catholicmarriageprep.com>](mailto:hello@catholicmarriageprep.com)

**St Patrick's Cooma Mass**  
 Mass Sunday's at 10am  
 Cooma Reconciliation available as requested following Mass  
**Adoration - Fridays 5.30-6.30pm**

**St Patrick's Weekday**  
 Mass: Tues, Thu, Fri 10am CANCELLED  
 Except Third Friday of Month for Nursing Home Masses -postponed  
 Yallabee Lodge  
 Sir William Hudson

**Adaminaby -2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday month**  
 Next date =TBA (priest A/Leave)

**Nimmitabel**  
 Mass 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
 \*5pm Sat Vigil Mass  
 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm

**Numeralla**  
 Liturgy of Word  
 LITURGY 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 5.00pm

**Berridale- Lof W: Annual Leave**  
 Sunday's until 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2025  
 Liturgy of the Word 10am Sunday

**Jindabyne**  
 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> =Vigil Mass 5pm Sat  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat

\* CHANGES During A/ Leave

Roster	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb
<b>Acolyte</b>	Richard Cmunt	Kaitlyn Bosco
<b>Usher</b>	Carol Byrne	Kathleen Bashford
<b>Reader/Commentator</b>	Susan Tighe Jan Payne	Mike Introna Tony Goodwin
<b>Mass Servers</b>	.....	Bosco Family
<b>Special Minister</b>	Mike Introna	Heather Collin
<b>Childrens Liturgy</b>	Suja Tessa	Belinda Wilkins
<b>Linen</b>	Jan McLean	.....
<b>Church Care</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> S McPhie L Baker B Moser	23 <sup>rd</sup> C Byrne J Upton P Stewart
<b>Hospital</b>	Kathleen Bashford	Joan Simpson

\*As our priests are away there will be **No Week day** Mass this coming week, thank you

We are grateful to Fr Richard Thompson for joining us in prayer this weekend. We hope to have Fr Mark return to light duties next weekend



*We have an **EFT TAP n Go** available in Church entrance for your cashless donations* (Archdiocese split 70/30: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> JUST TAP! The **New Smart Device** at door has the option to Choose donation \$amount  
 Thank you for supporting our Parish

FLOWERS: Claire Neumeyer

Next weekend Readings

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time / C  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Jeremiah 17: 5-8  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20  
 Gospel Luke 6: 17, 20-26

*Please Pray for our Recently Deceased,*

*"We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death":*

Debby Merrill formerly of Cooma, John Alexander, Fr. John Ryan, Joan Taylor, Lola Povey  
**Anniversaries & Special Intentions: "In loving memory of" our departed family and friends.** Wendy Hain, Warren Hinds, Geoff Fitzgerald, Anita Stefani

**Prayers for our Sick: "We pray** for the sick: may they feel the healing power of Christ and find comfort and hope in His constant presence" Colin McMillan, Joel Stone, Walter Neumeyer in Germany

**Fr. Mark is away** taking leave to recuperate , returning to Parish on 15<sup>th</sup> February.  
**Fr Kose will soon return from annual leave on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 .**  
**No Weekday Mass this week**  
 Parish relief: We welcome Fr Richard for Mass this weekend.

### Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon)

It is the last Prayer said from the Office of Readings each evening.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: ♦  
 your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation ♦  
 which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

A light to reveal you to the nations ♦  
 and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
 and to the Holy Spirit;  
 as it was in the beginning is now  
 and shall be for ever. Amen.

### Lenten Booklet 2025

Daily Reflections and Sunday meditations and heartfelt prayers- perfect for Lenten Groups and personal spiritual renewal please add name to list available today if you would like a copy cost is \$10 / book

### POPES INTENTION FEBRUARY For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



**Joke: As long as there are tests, there will be prayer.**

**VOLUNTEERS: many vacancies exist in our Church.**

If you would like to assist our Parish please let us know your availability and talents for Cleaning/ Reading/ Children's Liturgy/ Eucharistic Ministry/ Usher/ Acolyte and Catechist.

**Special request for a Catechist Assistant for public schools,** you will be assisting Catechist Leader with children's coloring in and completion of worksheets as a 2<sup>nd</sup> person in the scripture room. If you would have ½ hour available time on a Tuesday or Thursday we would love to hear from you. Please consider helping the children shine!

### Part Time Parish Secretary

People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for St Patrick's Cooma. This is a part-time permanent position (12 hours pw/ days Tue/Thu/Fri 9am to 1pm)

Essential Requirements:

- Experience with database packages.
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Strong organisational skills
- Ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction.
- Understand and administer areas of regulatory compliance (eg. WHS, child protection, copyright)
- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching
- Current experience in an office environment.

Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. Please phone 02 83317608 for a copy of the duty statement. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above with attached resume to the Parish Priest Fr Mark Croker must be received by 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025.