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HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Mass Times

Monday - NO Mass

Tuesday & Thursday
8.00am

Wednesday & Friday
5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am

Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,
5:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm
and 4pm—4.30pm

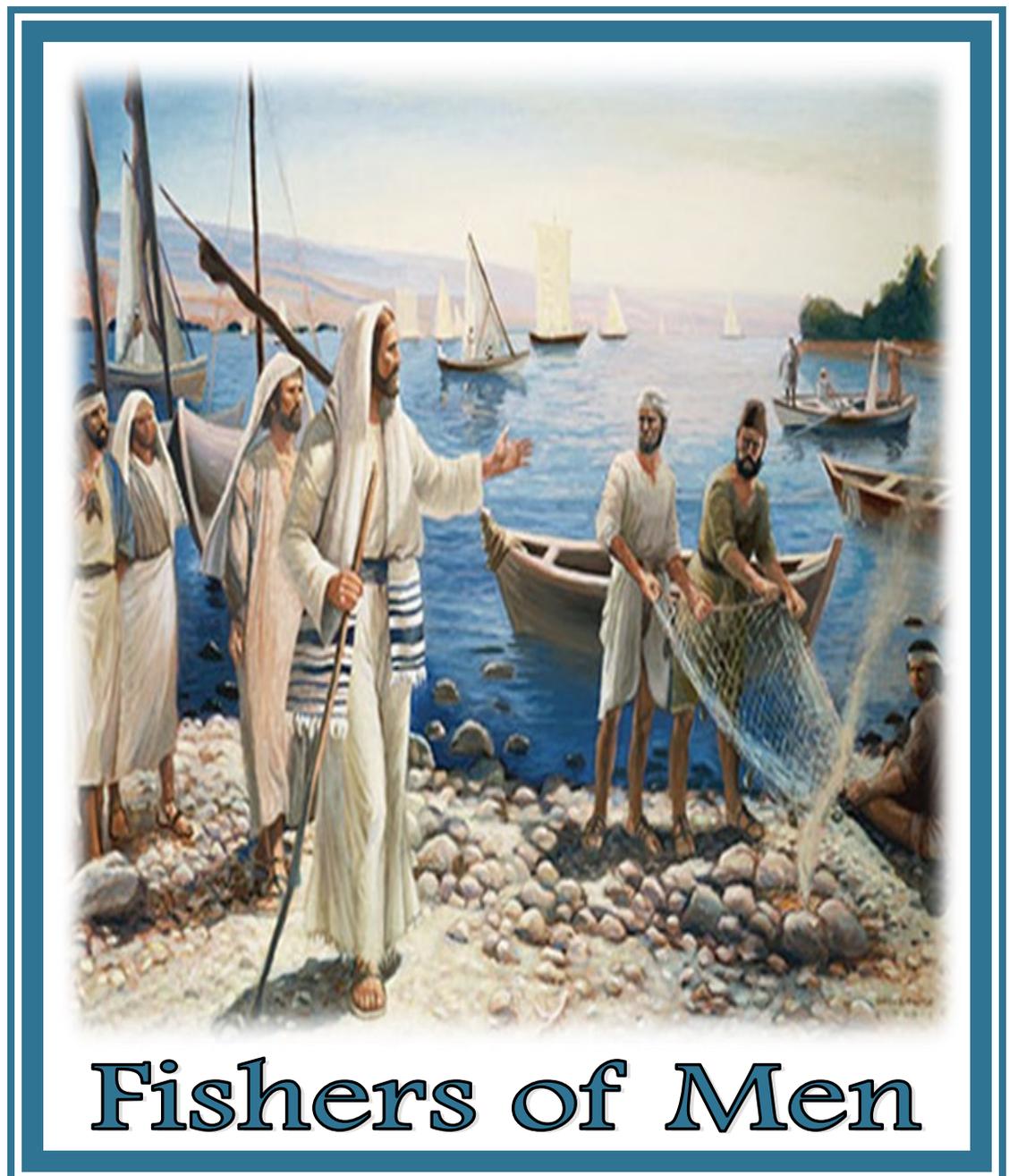
Adoration - Holy Hour

Starts - 01/02/2022 back
Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

Pray the Rosary

Before 10am Mass on Sundays

If you are in Urgent need of a Priest
out of office hours call - 6248 8253



Fishers of Men

Face Masks are mandatory,
and encouraged for those 12 years and over.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 94: 6-7

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING

First reading: Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one 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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 137(138):1-5,7-8

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

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.

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!'

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.

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

SECOND READING

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you

Cont...only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, 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.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

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 boat 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 106: 8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

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PRAYER INTENTION

Pope Francis' prayer intention for February is for 'religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.'

The Pope's prayer intention reminds us of all those women who generously give their time and talents to the church. However, 'Religious Sisters and consecrated women are special because for them the Church has been home, workplace and family. For many of us they have been friends and have modelled for us service and courage.'

THE FOOLISHNESS OF GOD

During a frustrating argument with a cardinal, Napoleon Bonaparte supposedly burst out: "Your eminence, are you not aware that I have the power to destroy the Catholic Church?" The cardinal, the anecdote goes, responded ruefully: "Your majesty, we, the Catholic clergy, have done our best to destroy the church for the last 1,800 years. We have not succeeded, and neither will you."



One of the sure signs of the Church's divine foundation is that it has often been left in the hands of foolish individuals. Individuals who have perhaps used their position in the Church to feather their own nests, or on many occasions, men who have been neglectful of their duties as shepherds and pastors.

One may ask why does God allow the Church to be run with such incompetency? The answer is found in our selection of readings today. Both the prophet Isaiah and the apostle Peter confess their ineptitude:

Isaiah says: **'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips**

Whilst Peter exclaims: **'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.'**

Both of these religious professionals would have failed the job interview with statements such as these. The thing is they knew they were weak, venal and cowardly. Peter's own confession of being a sinner opens the door, nevertheless, to the rest of the Church's professional outfit. Fundamentally and mysteriously God entrusts his message to sinners, to the weak, to the broken, to the proud.

Yet the reason for God's game-plan is evidenced in the life of the apostle Paul who also confessed his weakness and the only response God gives him is that the graces given by God are sufficient for the activity God wishes to execute. Paul writes for the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God

Cont...is stronger than man's strength." (1 Cor 1:25) What human stupidity and folly bring to the table is that it magnifies God's power even more. It is the Lord who reveals to St Paul that God's power is perfected in weakness. (2 Cor 12:9). The fact that God can bring some good out of human stupidity and sin is a more profound sign that ultimately God is in charge and we are not.

Yet God in his own ingenious way entrusts his work to fallen humanity because as St Augustine once remarked "God created us without us: **but he did not will to save us** without us." (Sermo 169, 11, 13: PL 38, 923.)

God wants to save us but he will not just lavish it on us without our cooperation. By virtue of our ability to merit we are made co-workers with God in the life of his Church and indeed in achieving salvation. Salvation is not thrust on us against our wills, rather by God's grace we are enabled to help out in the pathway to holiness.

Today as we contemplate our own weaknesses let us not see them as barriers to holiness of life, but rather, in realizing our need for God's help may we be open to the graces he wants to give us so as to be the glorious beings he wants us to be.

God love you all. You're all in my prayers. Fr Mannes OP

LIVING GOSPEL

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Fr David McLean OP
*reflects on the living message of the Gospel
of salvation that brings hope to every generation.*

Paul wants to remind the Corinthians of the gospel that he had preached to them, the gospel which they had received. He is, of course, not referring to a book. When someone mentions 'a gospel', we tend to think of the four gospels of the New Testament. There is a tendency to think of the word in the written form. We may even think of Luke, the gospel we have at today's Mass. Paul, however, is not referring to a written book.

There is still a lot of debate concerning when specific books of the New Testament were written. It is likely, however, that Paul wrote to the Corinthians, before any of the four gospels were written. There is perhaps a tendency to think the gospels are older than the epistles because they come first in the canon of the New Testament, or because their chronological setting in history precedes that of the epistles. In reality, it is generally accepted that the epistles, and certainly Paul's letters to the Corinthians, were written first.

So, when Paul talks of the "gospel", he is not referring to the four gospels with which we are familiar. In all probability, Paul is not referring to a written book at all. Instead, he is talking about a 'message', something to be preached and taught. Paul tells us what he first taught the Corinthians: "Christ died for our sins". The good news though is that Christ was then "raised to life" again. There is a message that evil does not defeat goodness. No matter how bad things seem, goodness will overcome. That is a message Paul wants people to hold onto. It is not a book, but a message or a belief. It is a message, once given and received, that can't really be lost again.

It is a message that can be related to the gospel reading for today from Luke. The reading describes the call

Cont...of Peter and others to apostleship. Peter feels unworthy as a sinner and resists the call. Perhaps Peter foresees that his sins will be responsible for Jesus' death as Paul suggests. Whatever the case, Jesus does not leave matters that way. He persists and recruits Peter as an apostle. Whatever sins Peter has committed and will commit in the future, he will be an apostle who preaches the message and brings countless to faith. As sins, ultimately, were not a defeat of Jesus, so Peter's sins do not defeat his preaching as an apostle.

Paul keenly identified himself as an apostle. Whether he was familiar or not with Luke's account of the calling of Peter, he would recognise the message as the message that he taught to the Corinthians. Peter felt unworthy to be an apostle and so does Paul, but that sense of unworthiness has to be overcome. In Luke, Peter asks Jesus to leave him because he is a sinful man. In Corinthians, Paul declares that he barely deserves to be called an apostle. In the end, both accepted the call to apostleship. We have to hold onto the idea that good will overcome evil; that Christ is victorious over sin. Preaching that message and bringing people to faith in it, made Paul an apostle. By holding true to that belief and teaching it ourselves, we share in the work of Paul and the other apostles.

The significance of our four gospels is the message they preach rather than their physical existence. If all our copies of the four gospels were suddenly lost never to be found again, the gospel itself, Christianity itself, would continue to be preached. The writings that are collected into what we call The Bible are the writings collected by the Church and preserved because they tell us about God. They're not just any old writings, but neither are they meant to fossilise the message.

They are meant to inspire and continue to inspire the life of the Church, now and through the ages. They are essentially Church documents, the founding documents of the Church, the Church built on the message that Jesus died and rose again, meaning that good will triumph over evil. A living Truth handed down in the Church through all the Ages, preached and lived as well as written about. <http://english.op.org/torch>

PROPOGATION OF THE FAITH

This year is an exciting one for Catholic Mission as we prepare for the impending beatification of Pauline Jaricot, a young, faith-filled woman who, desiring to support missionaries around the world, founded the Society for the Propagation of the Faith 200 years ago. As the first Pontifical Mission Society, it endeavours to support communities in need and is a cornerstone for our work here at Catholic Mission. To help celebrate this momentous occasion, we invite you to learn more about other great women of faith and action who are following their call. One such woman, novice Saren Teresa, is following her calling to become a Salesian Sister to serve those in need.

You can learn more about Teresa and how you can support novices like her by, going online to catholicmission.org.au/faith, or calling our team on 1800 257 296.

'Gang Gang' 2022

Time to catch up again for morning tea every third Thursday in the month from 10-30 am at 'Gang Gang,' Frencham place Downer. This month we will gather on Thursday 17th. Look forward to seeing regular parishioners again and welcome to some new faces.

PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: Greg O'Neill, Ruth Burke, Frank Zobec, Carol Hallam, Mary Martin, Edith Jensen, Barbara Wilson, June Pollard, Anne Corver, Rosa Maria Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Philip Bailey, Fr Ellis Clifford, Mimma Gia, Bob Hackett, Joe Schimizzi, Awny El-Ghitany, Margaret Sullivan, Mary Lou Pentony, Elizabeth Webster, Una Bell, Peter Catlin, Terry Stephens, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Bernard Druett, Denis Lawrence, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Patricia Zorzi, Gwen Gleeson, Neville David Caulfield

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.
Alice McDonald, David Pembrey,
Jim Tobin (Ireland), Patrick Readon

ANNIVERSARIES

In Loving Memory - Janice Stephens,
Vivian Lynda Ruiz

PRAY THE ROSARY Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. You are welcome to join in.

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets 2.00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays.

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on Thursday evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - www.wccm.org

WEEKLY READER FORMATION - Formation sessions are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. All parishioners are invited. - Meet at the door of the office at 7.30pm OR join us online using Zoom. Zoom details are - <https://zoom.us/j/91493407836>
[pwd=eVBQR0hnZ05CL1YzWU93YmJLNm53UT09](https://zoom.us/j/91493407836)

The Meeting ID is 983 138 1937 and the passcode is 815443.

ROSTER 12 / 13 February 2022

Saturday 5.00pm	- Acolyte - M. Tran Reader - Sr Veronica, M. Dawes
Sunday 8.00am	- Acolyte - K. Linard Reader - N. Webb, Noah Webb
Sunday 10.00am	- Acolyte - R. Tanzer Reader - C. Barbaro, P. McDonald
Sunday 5.00pm	- Acolyte - L. Kim Reader - J. Schwingamer, T. Malone

God calls the prophets and apostles in dramatic ways but he also calls each of one of us. He breaks open our familiar defences and transcends our limited expectations. He invites us to put out into the deep wherever we are. Only by responding to his call and encountering his holy presence, we will finally discover the true identity for which he created us.



Fr David Sanders OP