



SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY, 2025.
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR C
REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL (LUKE 5:1-11)

The Gospel reading opens with Jesus by the lake shore looking for a little space from the people who are pressing around him to hear “the word of God”. For the Gospel writer, the word of Jesus is the word of God. The listener/reader has been gradually prepared, in the baptism scene and in the episode in the Nazareth synagogue, to receive this momentous truth. Jesus is the anointed of God who brings good news/God’s word to the destitute. The Gospel narrative assumes that the crowd by the lake receives his teaching as God’s word.

Jesus sees two empty boats and gets into the one that belongs to Simon Peter. The implication is that Jesus knows Peter since he feels free to get into Peter’s boat and ask him to move the boat out from the shore. Having gained the distance he needs, Jesus sits down and teaches the crowd from the boat. God’s word thus comes to the people from the potentially regenerative waters of the lake.

Simon no doubt has one ear on Jesus’ teaching as he and his despondent business partners clean the nets and pack up ready to go home without any fish. They have fished all night without a single catch.

Evoking the creation story of Genesis where God’s spirit moves over the face of the deep, Jesus invites Simon and his companions to put out into deep water and lower the nets for a catch, even though there is little likelihood of a catch.

Simon Peter hesitates, noting that they have laboured without success all night. He nonetheless follows Jesus’ instructions. The dramatic result of his attending to Jesus’ word brings Simon to his knees: he acknowledges his limitations, his “sinfulness” in Gospel terms. Jesus then

commissions him to engage fearlessly in a new mission of reaching out beyond his present business enterprise in order to “catch people”. This commission is not to be understood as a recruitment drive for the reign of God movement.

As the Gospel story unfolds we discover that it is, rather, a mission to bring the vulnerable safely to shore where they can know the compassion and justice and the “hospitality” of God.

While Peter and his companions are said to “leave everything” and “follow” Jesus, the subsequent narrative makes it clear that they do not abandon their fishing activities. They simply re-centre their lives on the following of Jesus. In other words, they undertake to live out in their lives the pattern of Jesus’ life amid the ordinary concerns of daily life. The previous chapter has provided glimpses of that pattern: bringing good news to the destitute, release to the shattered, healing to the sick and the broken.

In our times, we are beginning to realise that the “shattered” includes the despoiled Earth and its often polluted waters.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Tony Carabott, Deidre Byrne and Fr John O’Reilly** who died recently; and for **Anna Bove** and **Lucia Bellabernadina** whose anniversaries occur about this time.
May they rest in peace.

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 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: Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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 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. (R.) Thanks be to God.

Responsorial 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 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 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. (R.) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:19

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

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.

(R.) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
(All bow)

*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Parents of children attending State Schools
who require their children to receive the
Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist or
Confirmation please contact Fr. Werner at
the Parish Office.

FAREWELL TO DEANNE & PAUL FITZGERALD

Deanne has been employed for
approximately 36 years at Corpus Christi
and Paul at St. Augustine's for the last
13 years.

As a transition to Retirement we wish them
well and take the opportunity to thank them
for their generous and faithful service over
many years.

We keep them in our prayers as they
transition into this next exciting stage of
their lives.

*Fr. Werner and all at St. Augustine's, Corpus
Christi and Annunciation.*

On Tuesday 11th February we encourage
parishioners of St. Augustine's and Corpus
Christi to come along to the 6pm Mass at St.
Augustine's and join us afterwards to thank
Paul and Deanne and wish them both well
in the future.

SAFEGUARDING

On Wednesday we had a safeguarding
meeting and realized that some of our
volunteers have not submitted their Working
With Children Check details or completed
the online training program mandated by the
Archdiocese. We ask that all volunteers,
Lectors, Eucharist Ministers, Counters,
Ministers of Communion to the Sick and
Musicians, please provide a copy of your
WWCC card and complete the online training
program ASAP. If you have difficulty in
obtaining any of the above, please contact
the Parish Office.

We have new rosters coming up soon and we
will be unable to include people who haven't
completed the requirements.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are looking for volunteers to lead the
Sacramental Preparation for children who
are not attending our Parish Primary Schools.

Volunteers will need the Working with
Children Check and all the requirements
from the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

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VIETNAMESE LEGION OF MARY

Meets at 3.00pm Saturdays

at Corpus Christi Kingsville

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP

Meets at 10.00am Thursdays

at St. Augustine's Yarraville

TRUE NORTH YOUNG ADULTS

Contact Kim: ktruong49@gmail.com

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK

(8th & 9th February)

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm Kath Baker

9.30am Phillip Marques

Anna Messina

Counting..... John Ryan

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Joe Fusca

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm..... Maree Ryan

9.30am..... Agnes Hopmans

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am..... Val Taylor

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

(15th & 16th February)

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm Nic Fusca

9.30am Pina Guzzardi

Sam Polzella

Counting..... M. Fracalossi

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Imelda Gibson

Natasha Fernandes

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm..... Frank Galea

9.30am..... Pat Mc Laughlin

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am..... Kahn Nguyen

LITURGY TIMES

TUESDAY MASS

St Augustine's.... 6.00 pm

Exposition: 5.30 – 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY MASS

Corpus Christi..... 9.15 am

THURSDAY MASS

St Augustine's... 9.15 am

FRIDAY MASS

Corpus Christi.... 9.15 am

SATURDAY MASS

Corpus Christi.... 9.30 am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

St Augustine's... 5.00 pm

SUNDAY MASS

Annunciation.... 8.00 am

St Augustine's... 9.30 am

Corpus Christi... 11.00 am

St Augustine's... 11.30 am

(Polish)

RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAYS after 9.30am

Mass at Corpus Christi

St. Augustine's... 4.15pm

NEXT ITALIAN MASS

Thursday February 13th at

11am at St. Augustine's

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL

VULNERABLE PEOPLE

At Yarraville, Kingsville and Brooklyn, we hold the care, safety and well-being of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our communities. The Parish Statement of Commitment and Reporting Process are on display at the entrance of all the Churches and all Diocesan Policies are available on the website or at the parish office.

www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards/Statements

YEAR OF JUBILEE AND CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE 3.00pm

Jubilee Concert

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST 9.30am

Jubilee Mass

SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER

6.30pm

Jubilee Christmas Carols

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY - We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.