

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.

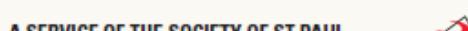
When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that 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

## APOSTLES OF THE LORD

All the readings for today share a sense of awe and wonder as Isaiah, Peter, and Paul reflect on their respective vocations. In their own ways, each of them has to come to terms with their unworthiness to undertake the mission they have been given. Having seen the living God in a vision, Isaiah knew he was unworthy. However, once he had been purified, he was able to respond willingly and generously to God's call. In the face of the miraculous catch of fish, Peter pleads with the Lord that he would depart from him. He knows he is a sinner and yet the Lord will make use of him as one who will be catching people for the kingdom of God.

Paul understood that of all the people who bore the name apostle, he was the most unworthy. He makes mention of his persecution of Christians before his conversion in 1 Corinthians 15:9, Galatians 1:13,23, and Philippians 3:6. The damage that he had inflicted was to become a powerful stimulus for his tireless missionary endeavours. In today's reading, Paul reminds the Corinthians of the message they had received concerning the resurrection by drawing upon one of the earliest creeds. Some of the members of the community had mistakenly come to think that they already shared fully in the life of the resurrection. Their baptism had immersed them in the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but Paul knew that Christians would need to wait until Jesus' return to experience this fully.

Christopher Monaghan CP



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

## 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.

## 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 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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## WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>	<b>Sat:</b> 5.30pm	<b>Sun:</b> 9am and 5.30pm	<b>CONFESIONS</b>
	<b>Mon:</b> No Mass	<b>Tues:</b> No Mass	<b>Sat: 4.30-5.15pm</b>
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>	<b>Wed:</b> 12 noon	<b>Thur:</b> 9 am St Scholastica	*Or by appointment
	<b>Fri:</b> 9am Anointing Mass	<b>Sat</b> 9am	

**ENTRANCE  
ANTIPHON:** O come, let us worship God, and bow low before the God who made us, For He is the Lord our God.

**COMMUNION  
ANTIPHON:** 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.

**May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:**

**Recently Deceased:** Shirley Hobbs, Frank Mood, Neville Smyth (WA), Shirley Tiberi, Mary Maher.

**Anniversaries:** Mary Sampson (2/1), John O'Brien (3/1), Pam Davy (nee Barry) (6/1),

Terry Sweeney (7/1), Ivan Lilliacrap (18/1), Rod Kelly (20/1), Lawrence Vella (23/1).

**Deceased:** Laurence Vella, John Paul Vella, Joe Chetcuti (Malta), Kevin Hamilton, Pat Smyth, Sr Geraldine Maher OP. Eva McLean, Joe McLean, Bill CMcLean, Andrew Tickner.

**Sick:** Paul D'Elbeoux, Barbara Brennan, Peter Richards, Colin MacPherson, Kevin Bonner, Maria Mood, Sophie Littlejohn, Lisa Foster, Kate Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Margaret Marshall, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.

### **FOCUS ON THE WORD OF GOD:**

As we focus on the Word in our Eucharist today we are reminded, "Most are no doubt familiar with the saying of Vatican II: "the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord's body ... offering people the bread of life from the one table of the Word of God and the body of Christ (Dei Verbum 21)." In the same vein, the second document quotes St Jerome: "We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: 'whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood' (Jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the [eucharistic] Mystery, Christ's body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God's teaching."



### **COMING EVENTS:**

<b>11 Feb</b> Anointing Mas	<b>2 Mar</b> Lent begins
<b>5 Mar</b> Reflection Day	<b>6 Mar</b> Parish Special Morning Tea after 9 am mass
<b>17 Mar</b> St Patrick's Day	<b>19 Mar</b> Diocesan Men's Gathering

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS:** BSB 082105 **1st Coll:** Presbytery Acc 001023642  
(contactless option) **2nd Coll:** St Patricks Church Acc 001041198

*God give me strength for what is necessary. (1877)*



### **NSW STATE COVID RULES: \*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\***

**\*\* YOU MUST REGISTER TO ENTER USING EITHER QR CODE AT ENTRANCE OR PAPER REGISTER ON ENTRY TO CHURCH.**  
**\*\* FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY WHILST INSIDE.**  
**\*\* ONE PERSON PER TWO SQUARE METRES ALLOWED AT EACH MASS.**



**COVID SIGNING IN:** We ask that if you are using the QR code for signing in that you DO NOT also sign in on the paper sheets. The Service NSW App is the preferred method and links with any notifications of close or other contact locations. Please still feel free to greet those on the table and collect a bulletin and only sign in if you have not used the Services NSW mobile app. Thank you for your co-operation.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** Pope Francis has declared Friday 11 February the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. An Anointing Mass will be held at 9 am.

**LENT 2022:** Keep in mind now that Lent is just over 3 weeks away with Ash Wednesday this year falling on 2 March.

**5 MARCH REFLECTION DAY:** Hosted by Sr Maureen McDermott RSJ with the theme *If You Knew the Gift of God*. There will be an introductory meeting on Fri. 4 Mar. at 5pm to introduce the program with refreshments. Sat 5 March will commence at 9.30 am.

**PARISH MORNING TEA:** There will be a very special morning tea on **Sunday 6 March** after the 9 am mass. It is hoped as many parishioners as possible will attend. Please bring a plate if you can.

**CALL FOR CATECHISTS:** This is a hugely rewarding calling for those who think they might be able to bring knowledge of God and His love to our little ones. Lessons are approximately 30 times per year for a half hour on Thursdays. Do you think this might be what you're called to do? If you have the slightest interest, please speak with Fr Anthony or get in touch with Anne Bowden on 0419 42 5555.

**SYNOD OF BISHOPS:** Have you taken up Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a global conversation about the Catholic Church? You still have three weeks to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Submissions close on February 27. Both individuals and groups can submit.

Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

### **WEEK 5 ROSTER: 6/2/22**

<b>Vigil:</b>	R D Gowing D Bolitho
<b>9am Sun:</b>	R R Paull G Clout
<b>5.30pm Sun:</b>	R M and J Murray
<b>Counting Team</b>	P Sheils, A Bowden
<b>Sat Cleaning</b>	12/2 J Hutt & J Moran
<b>Altar Linen:</b>	J Hutt

### **WEEK 6 ROSTER: 13/2/22**

<b>Vigil:</b>	R P Bamford Sr Kathryn
<b>9am Sun:</b>	R S Brown A Sartori
<b>5.30pm Sun:</b>	R M and J Murray
<b>Counting Team</b>	S Brown; A Bowden
<b>Sat Cleaning</b>	19/2 M Vella, R Pace
<b>Altar Linen</b>	E Jackson

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

