

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 11 February 2018 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Anthony Randazzo. Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park. Society of Our Lady of Lourdes

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

Sunday: 8am,

10am (Children's Liturgy),

6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 8.00am.

Nursing Home Masses

No visits this week.

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

DEVOTIONS

Benediction: Saturday 7.00am.

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

Divine Mercy Prayer:

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time. Please call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: By appointment. Preparation classes are held in the Presbytery on the 1st Sunday of each month after 10AM Mass .



'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'
(Mark 1:17)

Responsorial Psalm

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord .

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

This weeks readings - Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1Corinthians 7:29-31; Gospel - Mark 1:14-20.

Next Weekend: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B. Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1Corinthians 7:32-35; Gospel - Mark 1:21-28.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 21 January 2018

Lenten Program

As Ash Wednesday is so early this year (14 Feb), we are now taking orders for the new Lenten Program, SURRENDER which is from the Wollongong diocese. It comes as a book and there is also a Triple CD resource to accompany if wanted. If you would like to form a Lenten group please advise the office before the end of the month how many books you need for your group. If anyone would like to join a Lenten group this year also advise us and we can help you.

Finance Committee Meeting

Could all the Finance Committee members come to the meeting which is scheduled to be on Tuesday 23 January 2018 at 7PM at the Presbytery. Thank you.

Walk With Me

"Walk with me", this Lent, through a guided silent retreat given by the Verbum Dei Missionaries: Sunday 11th February 9.30am - 3pm. It will be held at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville and cost \$30. Please BYO lunch as no food will be provided. For more information contact Kylie 0403453620 or verbumdeisddney@gmail.com

Mass Intentions:

Recently Deceased: Anna Theresa Thanh Le.

Anniversary: Dora Galletta, Catarina, Alexander Page, Fabiano Nguyen Thai Sao, Matta Le Thi Thinh, Peter Tran Van Xuan.

Deceased: Irene Page, Robert Page, Alex Page.

Sick: Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; Tim Logue; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Vaoliko Pesamino, Jovie Casuso; Reyes & Adelle Lim.

(Please advise the office if these names can be removed)

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society: 28/1/18 Group 4: Phyllis Vujkovic, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Chris Kreltszheim, Eric Valencia, Bach Lam (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 21/1/18 John Ashe 28/1/18 Thom Pham

Church Cleaners: 26/1/18: Mai Hai **Children's Liturgy:** 28th Jan - HOLIDAYS

Weekend Choirs: 28/1 Saturday 6pm - Samoan Divine Mercy Group.

Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God. 10 am - Children's Choir 6pm - Youth Choir.

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	21 JANUARY	8am	10am	6pm
C	Stephen Hoang	Joseph Dang	Thu Ha Kim	Charbel Eltarraf	
R	Kalisiana Mar	Robyn Molloy	Emanuela Viner	Elias Eltarraf	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf	
M	Tuyen Tran	Madelyn Nicole	Helen Vujevic	Loreto Eduardo	
28 JANUARY					
C	Emmanuel Icard	Mary Buckley	Anthony Rowe	Lucia Mezentsef	
R	Patrick Abourizk	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Mary O'Hea	Kathleen Mezentsef	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Joseph Bui	An Dang	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc	
M	Gloria Booby	Chris Kreltszheim	Jessie Kovacevic	Phu Nguyen	

Reflection

Follow Me

Lots of motives and events influence people who switch their path in life for a new one. In today's Gospel we hear of four fishermen-Simon, Andrew, James and John-who dropped their fishing nets when Jesus called them to follow him. They left behind their daily routine at the Sea of Galilee as soon as they heard the call to a new life.

God has a way of showing up in the ordinary places of life and interrupting the daily routines. This was also the experience of Jonah in today's first reading, who was sent on a mission by God to the city of Nineveh. When these men accepted the invitation, their lives were different for ever. God's call led them into an uncertain but inspirational future.

Whatever your life is, however you spend your time, whatever circumstances affect normal living, there is in that life Jesus' call to "Follow me". It is the call to participate in God's saving work and the building up of the kingdom of God. That work is always about moving to a larger vision, orienting life in a new direction and experiencing that our own story of life is connected to a much larger story of life, God's life. It happens in the casting and mending of nets. It happens in the context of our everyday activities: work, school, families, paying the bills, running errands, fixing dinner, relationships and trying to do the right thing. These are the times and places Jesus shows up and call us into a new way of being, and our world changes.

The call to follow Jesus is the call to discipleship. If we take Christian discipleship seriously it is a challenging path. It was not easy then and it will not be easy now. To follow Jesus, in other words, is to follow the one who turns the world upside down. Christian discipleship is the commitment to live a Gospel life, a marginal life in this place, at this time, whatever the cost. True discipleship takes the side of those who are poor, minorities, outcasts, people who are reviled and rejected. True discipleship means being a witness for justice and peace even in situations of injustice or war. When we enter into our callings we have no idea how it will all end up. We choose our careers and jobs hoping that we can use the gifts and talents God has given us.

What might be God asking you to leave behind? What is standing in the way of you following Jesus today? The call to follow Jesus is the call to discipleship. Christ is calling you. How will you respond?

(The living Word)

Feasts of the week

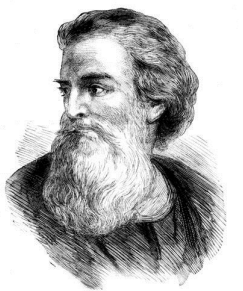
24 January – St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor. Memorial.

His ardent love of God and souls, his great kindness, rare wisdom and sure teaching made St. Francis exceptionally influential in bringing about conversions and in guiding souls in the spiritual life. He won back to the faith more than 70,000 heretics, thus restoring to the Church a great part of the Chablais, which had been ravaged by Protestantism. He was St. Jane de Chantal's spiritual director, and with her founded the Order of the Visitation. He is the author of *Treatise on the Love of God* and *Introduction to the Devout Life*. St. Francis died at Lyons in 1622.



25 January - The Conversion of St Paul, apostle. Feast.

St. Paul, named Saul at his circumcision, a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin, was born at Tarsus, the capitol of Cilicia. He was a Roman citizen. He was brought up as a strict Jew, and later became a violent persecutor of the Christians. While on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of Christians, he was suddenly converted by a miraculous apparition of Our Lord. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. He made three missionary journeys which brought him to the great centers of Asia Minor and southern Europe, and made many converts. Fourteen of his Epistles are found in the New Testament. He was beheaded in Rome around 66 A.D., and his relics are in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside-the-Walls near the Ostian Way.



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