



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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REFLECTION: Jesus says to Philip “Have I been with you all this time and you still don’t know me?”. I wonder if you too have had the experience of spending a great deal of time with someone only for them to say and do something that is quite unexpected leaving you to ponder what a great mystery humanity really is. The evolution, the moulding, the shaping who we are through circumstances, experiences, encounters, changes us. Sometimes we become unrecognisable for a moment to those around us. Jesus for His disciples as He does for us today constantly revealed Himself to them even in the midst of their confusion and misunderstanding. We are immersed in John’s gospel “The Way to the Father 1:41-12” in a swelling revelation of the “Great I am”. We experience in these words the intense desire Jesus has for His followers to know the truth of who He really is. The truth of His love for us and the Father’s desire that we should be reconciled to Him through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Allow yourself to be moved by the intensity of Jesus’ words. The desire for His heart to be known intimately by us. The things that move Him, the injustice that bewilders Him, the joy that sustains Him. United with Him in heart and mind we too will do even greater things.

YOUNG ADULT CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY: Are you interested in

learning more about the Bible? Or looking to meet other devout Catholics your age? Starting on Sunday 16 February 2025, after 7pm Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church, Beaconsfield. The parish will begin a 6-week Bible Study on the Epistle to the Hebrews in the Parish Hall. The Bible Study will be a great opportunity to learn about the Bible and meet other young Catholics in the Fremantle area.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC YOUTH: Join us for the launch of the Catholic Youth Assembly in the Archdiocese of Perth. This exciting new initiative is designed to lay the foundation for the formation of a Catholic Youth Council (CYC). This synodal process is an opportunity for young people to have a voice in shaping the future of our Church! Friday 7 March 2025. Arrive 6.45pm for 7- 9pm. St Mary’s Cathedral Parish Centre, 41 Victoria Square, Perth, 6000. Parking is Available on-site. *Light refreshments and food will be provided.* **REGISTER NOW:** <https://events.humanitix.com/cya-launch>

2025 COLUMBAN CALENDARS: Dear Parishioners, it was hearty to see that all 120 copies of the Columban Calendars for 2025 left on the table for purchase have gone. My sincere thanks to those parishioners who supported the Missionary Fathers by the purchase of the calendar. Alas, the realisation of the sales was

disappointing. Sales received were \$499.90 where it should have been \$1200.00 with a shortfall of \$700.10! The parish will continue to support the Missionary Fathers as best we can. Again, thank you for your support. Fr Michael.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are Baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you to choose from the families of our Parish many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS: Christine Rhow, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Edward Fortune, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Anibal Da Cunha, Peter Scanlan, June McGinnity, John Brackovich, Alison, Sofia, Rebecca, Fr Francis Sundararajan, Fr Greg Carroll, Bill Watkins, Daniel DiMarco, Joshua Oorschot, Fr John Piumatti, Mila Hogan, Mara Ravlich, Fr Vittorio Ricciardi, Lloyd Smith, Tegan Colgan, Patrick O’Brien, Archbishop Emeritus Barry Hickey, Fr Jean Fernandez, Fr Benedict Quadros, Fr John Hogan, Alessia Saraceni, Anthony Lopez, Fr Richard Rutkauskas, Fr Peter Meo, Dennis Woodcock.



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<p>MASS TIMES WEEKENDS: Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 7.30am & 9am.</p> <p>MASS TIMES WEEKDAYS: Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 9am, Thursday 9am, Friday 9am.</p> <p>RECONCILIATION - Saturday's: 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment.</p> <p>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm & Friday 9.30 – 10.30am.</p>

HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Monday night's 7-9pm.

MASS & RECONCILIATION DURING FEBRUARY: Dear Parishioners, during February there will be **NO** 9am Mass on Saturday Mornings **NOR** Reconciliation. Reconciliation will be on Saturday evenings at 5.15-5.45pm during February.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025
We are reminded that the Sacraments are a gift to us from God. We meet God in each of the Sacraments. They assist us in our spiritual relationship with God and others. These are gifts from on High. That is why we must prepare well to receive them because God is calling us and talking to us.
Reconciliation

1. Presentation of Candidates: Saturday 22-2-25 at 6pm
 2. Parent Workshop: Tuesday 11-3-25 at 6pm
 3. Parent / Child Workshop: Tuesday 18-3-25 at 6pm
 4. The Sacrament by Appointment: Tuesday 1-4-25 from 3.15 to 4.15pm
 5. Wednesday 2-4-25 from 3.15 to 6pm
- First Eucharist**
1. Presentation of Candidates: Saturday 3-5-24 at 6pm
 2. Parent Workshop: Wednesday 7-5-25 at 6pm
 3. Parent / Child Workshop: Wednesday 14-5-25 at 6pm
 4. 1st Eucharist by Appointment: Saturday 14-6-25 at 6pm
 5. Sunday 15-6-25 at 9am
 6. Saturday 21-6-25 at 6pm
 7. Sunday 22-6-25 at 9am
- Confirmation**
1. Presentation of Candidates: Saturday 26-7-25 at 6pm
 2. Parent Workshop: Wednesday 6-8-25 at 6pm
 3. Parent / Child Workshop: Wednesday 20-8-25 at 6pm
 4. Sacrament of Confirmation: Saturday 13-9-25 at 4pm
- PARENT / S and CANDIDATES MUST ATTEND to fulfil the Formation Process.**
- SACRAMENTAL BOOKS AVAILABLE:**
Those children of our Parish School

who are preparing for the Sacrament of Penance, the Candidate Parent, Family Workbook is available to purchase from the Parish Temporary Office situated near the kindergarten play area and the back of the Parish House during normal Parish Office Hours for \$10 each book.

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.

- MASS INTENTIONS**
- Saturday 8 February to Friday 14 February 2025**
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NO Morning Mass
Reconciliation: 5.15-5.45pm
6pm Mass: Enrico D’Alessandro (RIP)
- Sunday 9 February**
7.30am Mass: Parishioner Intention for Improved Health
9am Mass: John Randall (RIP)
- Tuesday 11 February**
9am: Marin Resic (RIP)
- Wednesday 12 February**
9am Mass: Stephen Randall (RIP)
- Thursday 13 February**
9am: Eucharistic Service
- Friday 14 February**
9am Mass: John Randall (RIP)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:19

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.

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