

GOSPEL

Lk 5:1-11

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH—Nicene Creed

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, 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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.
All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .
P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .
All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.
P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .
R. Amen

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
R. And with your spirit.
P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear

fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. Go in peace.
R. Thanks be to God.

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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I AM A SINNER. In today’s Scripture readings the prophet Isaiah, the apostle Paul, and the apostle Peter each acknowledges that he is a sinner: ‘I am a man of unclean lips,’ cries Isaiah; ‘I persecuted the Church of God,’ confesses Paul; ‘I am a sinful man,’ says Peter. They know their need of forgiveness but they are also aware of the power of God at work in them. We too are sinners, but if we have faith in the grace of God working within us, we can be great missionaries as well.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

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.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory; / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

Longer form, 1 Cor 15:1-11.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:19

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

PARISH WEBSITE
https://melbcatholic.org/s/dandenong

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Sebastian Arockia
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Mr. Miguel Matamala

If you urgently need a priest please call 9791 4611, if Father does not answer, please leave a message and he will call you back.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES
Saturday Morning: 9.15am
Saturday Evening: 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am and 5.30pm

WEEK DAY MASS TIMES
Monday to Friday: 9.15am
Friday (9.45am –12.30pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction at 12.30pm)

ANOINTING MASS

Last Friday of every month 9.15 am
DAILY ROSARY
After morning Mass Mon-Sat
(Friday will be before Mass)

RECONCILIATION
Saturday after 9.15am Mass and 5pm to 5.45pm before 6pm Mass or upon request

BAPTISM
Please contact the Parish Centre on 9791 4611

MARRIAGE
Please book the Church at the same time as you book your venue. As marriage preparation is an essential condition of marriage, you must book your **preparation course** at least **4 months** prior to the wedding. Further details can be obtained from Fr. Sebastian

HOUSE BLESSING
If any Parishioner would like their house to be blessed, please contact Franca or at the Parish office on 9791-4611 to make a booking with Fr Sebastian

COMMUNION AND ANOINTING OF SICK
Please inform the Parish Office on 9791-4611 if a sick person is seriously ill, homebound or hospitalised and wants to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing. Any parishioners who take Communion to the sick, could you please put your name and the person you are taking Communion to, into the **Communion to the Sick** book. This book is kept in the sacristy.

PARISH CENSUS
Over the next three weeks, we invite each member of our parish to participate in our census process. By completing the census form, which will be made available during Mass from this weekend, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. Data from this census will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality. Thank you.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter
Gospel Reflection

The theme that comes through this week’s readings is one of ‘being called’. The first reading is the call of the prophet Isaiah (Is 6:1-8). Isaiah experiences a vision of the glory of God and is humbly reminded of his own deficiencies: he believes himself to be ‘a man of unclean lips’. As such, he is certainly unfit to speak on behalf of God as his unclean lips would taint whatever message he may speak. But his lips are cleansed by God who then asks, ‘Whom shall I send?’ Demonstrating a complete conversion of heart and mind, Isaiah immediately replies, ‘Here I am, send me!’

This first reading provides a perfect balance to the gospel. Jesus is being closely pressed by the crowd when he asks a nearby fisherman to take him just off shore to preach without being overwhelmed by the crowd. Seemingly at random, he has selected the boat of the fisherman Peter. Having finished preaching for the day, Jesus tells Peter to set out into deeper water and pay out his fishing nets. Peter is certainly not keen on the idea! Out of some interest or good nature he had agreed to allow this preacher to use his boat for a while, but now this country bumpkin is trying to tell him how to fish! Just to prove Jesus wrong, Peter agrees to go through the futile exercise and is overwhelmed by the enormous catch of fish. Like Isaiah in the first reading, Peter is suddenly acutely aware of his own deficiencies – ‘Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man’. Like Isaiah, he recognises that he has just seen the glory of God revealed and he feels unworthy to be part of the experience. But Jesus reassures him, ‘Do not be afraid,’ and calls Peter to follow.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY WILL COMMENCE THIS SUNDAY DURING 10:30AM MASS
WHAT IS CHILDREN’S LITURGY?

Children’s Liturgy is actually the Liturgy of the Word for children. The Gospel of the day is read and explained at a level that the children can understand and enjoy. Group discussion, prayers, songs and some simple activities are some ways that enhance the message of the Gospel. We also try to raise the children’s awareness of God’s love, the humanity of Jesus, the seasons of the church, the understanding of symbols in the Mass, and the context of the Bible.
WHEN DO CHILDREN GATHER FOR CHILDREN’S LITURGY?
The priest invites the children to come forward after the opening prayer and the catechist leads them to a gathering space for the liturgy of the word; when the congregation is professing their faith, i.e. when “The Creed“ is being recited, the children are brought back into the church to join their families.

St. Mary’s Primary School Phone: 9791 7650, New St, Dandenong. **Principal:** Terry Gardiner
St. John’s Regional College Phone 8793 2000 Caroline St, Dandenong. **Principal:** Timothy Hogan
St. Mary’s Community Centre: Tel 7064 3928 **Bookings:** Miguel Matamala 0402 155 192

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
Recently Deceased: Martin Martens

Anniversaries: Joelle Lebrasse, Cadmis Bosquet, Michel Bosquet

Sick: Rosa Maria Santos, Long Phan, Ush Henry Bangkal, Leti Luki, Kathleen Nelson, Jim Lynch , Bernardo, Ray Gilligan, Frank Pezzaro, Janet Augustine, Bridget Phyland, Desmond Hopper, Chris Grubb, Solofuti, Samantha Vasanthy, Kevin, Maria Perez, Alan John Borninkhof, Angela Anthony, Ray Simmons, Frank Camara, Rita Breen, Katrina, Tasileta Lolesio, Jim, Lucia Germano, Imelda Quatre-bornes, Sandra Wills, Reuben Jacobs, Maddie, Herve, Asis Zullah, Nacera Burekovic, Charlie Mastrogiovanni, Carla Lunardi, Russell D’Costa, Satty Lee, Ping Lo, Dale Reynolds, Keith Reynolds
(The privacy legislation requires us to have written permission by an authorised person before any name can be printed)in the Marian.
(IF THERE ARE ANY NAMES THAT NEED TO COME OFF THE SICK LIST PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE)

MASS INTENTIONS If you want to request a Mass Intention, please either ring the Parish Office during business hours or email with your request. Please do not put any Mass Offering envelopes into any of the collections. Thank you.



St. Josephine Bakhita :: February 8

"Loving God, rewarder of the humble, you blessed St. Josephine Bakhita with charity and patience. May her prayers help us, and her example inspire us to carry our cross and to love you always. Pour upon us the spirit of wisdom and love with which you filled St. Josephine Bakhita. By serving you as she did, may we please you by our faith and our actions. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

ST MARY’S PARISH, DANDENONG—MUSICAL CLUB
ST MARY’S JAZZ JUNCTION
To entertain people of all age groups on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of every month Commencing on Thursdays **13th & 27th February 2025**
Time: 12noon—2:30pm, Venue: St Mary’s Marian Room
Address: 26 New Street, Dandenong No Tickets, ONLY DONATIONS accepted. Lunch will be provided For further details please contact:- Brian David (President on 0430 076 691)

CALENDER (FEBRUARY)

DATE	EVENT
8 Feb (Sat)	Legion of Mary (Fellowship Room)
8-9 Feb (Sat & Sun)	Parish Census
12 Feb (Wed)	R.C.I.A Meeting
13 Feb (Thur)	St Mary’s Jazz Junction (Marian Room)
15 Feb (Sat)	Legion of Mary (Fellowship Room)
15-16 Feb (Sat & Sun)	Parish Census
19 Feb (Wed)	R.C.I.A Meeting
22 Feb (Sat)	Legion of Mary (Fellowship Room)
22-23 Feb (Sat & Sun)	Parish Census
26 Feb (Wed)	R.C.I.A. Meeting
27 Feb (Thur)	St Mary’s Jazz Junction (Marian Room)

ROSTERS				
15TH-16TH FEBRUARY	6:00PM	8:30AM	10:30AM	5:30PM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	R. Coomaraswamy Elizabeth Fernandez Theresa Fernandez	Valerie D’Costa Russell D’Costa Roseline Alain	Orito Awo Thorwald Philipp Edith Philipp	Marie Michel Graham Newberry Wilma Nunez
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St. Mary’s Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adult

REGULAR GROUP MEETING
ST MARY’S PARISH

LEGION OF MARY:
Saturday mornings after 9:15am mass in the Fellowship Room followed by Rosary

SPANISH PRAYER GROUP :
Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the church

VINCENTIAN RETREAT CENTRE:
Fridays Mass with healing prayer 7pm

ST MARY’S FRIENDSHIP CLUB:
3rd Wednesday of month lunch meet at Dandenong RSL.12pm

BINGO AT ST MARY’S
St. Mary’s Bingo is on Tuesdays at 12noon & Saturdays at 6.30pm in St Mary’s Community Centre, New St, Dandenong

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Thanksgiving: \$2272.00
Presbytery \$548.00 **Loose:** \$2054.00

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