



St Mary's Parish

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

7 February 2016

First Reading Is 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 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.

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.
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 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11 (shorter form)

*A reading from the first letter of
St Paul to the Corinthians*

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

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.

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*

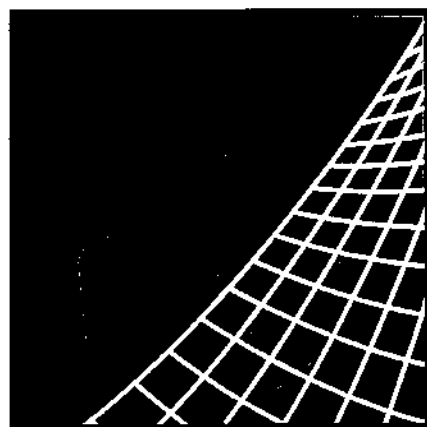
They left everything and followed him.

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 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



Reflection by Greg Sunter

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.

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We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the Gunditjmarra people.

Country Mass Schedule (New from Feb.7th)

	1 st Sun	2 nd Sun	3 rd Sun	4 th Sun	5 th Sun
Penshurst 8:30am	No Service (To Ham)	Mass	SAWC	Mass	Mass
Dunkeld 8:30am	Mass	No Service (To Glen)	Mass	SAWC	SAWC
Glenthompson 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	No Service (To Dunkeld)	Mass	SAWC
Macarthur 8:30am	No Service (To Ham)	SAWC	Mass	SAWC	Mass

ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER

21st February 2016

Lector	Don Adamson
Leader	Margie Eales
Prayers	Catherine Loria
Special Minister	Helen Brown
Gifts	Aileen & Anita

Parish Collections

Pledged: \$108,779

Stewardship:

Priest Support: \$641

Weekend counters :

A Milne & M Meagher

Next w/end counters:

F&D Soulsby, B&J Roache
& G Howell

	Hamilton: Saturday 13th @ 6pm	Hamilton Sun 14th @ 10.30am
welcome	Helen Watt & John Schurmann	St Mary's School
Commentator	Annette Mason	St Mary's School
1st Reader	Karen Brewis	St Mary's School
2nd Reader	John Duyvestyn	St Mary's School
Power Point	Bev Kaaye	St Mary's School
Offertory	Francis & Rosemary	St Mary's School
Eucharist	T Oliver, K Barker & J Gustus	V Lovell, P Stanhope, P Fitzgerald & B Storer.

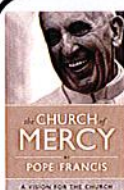
**This Weekend
Ministers of Communion**

6 pm	J Ryan, M Byrne & Z Celewych
10.30am	F Soulsby, P Fitzgerald, D Dunn & D Brody

Church Cleaning February

M Walter, J Cass

& I Underwood

**The Church of Mercy by Pope Francis**

"To be faithful, to be creative, we need to be able to change. To change! And why must I change? So that I can adapt to the situations in which I must proclaim the Gospel. To stay close to God, we need to know how to set out; we must not be afraid to set out."

— [Pope Francis, The Church of Mercy](#)

Weekday Mass or SAWC Tue, Wed, Thurs. & Friday @ 10am St Mary's Parish Hamilton Day Chapel. All Welcome

Wednesday Meet Up

A Casual Cuppa & Chat, All Welcome!

Each Wednesday, Dunworth Centre @ 9:30am until 11am, \$2

Christian Meditation

7.30 - 8.30pm Weds @ Parish House

All Welcome



St Mary's Parish

Hamilton

July 30th & 31st 2016

Celebrating 150 Years of Church Life at St Mary's Hamilton

Celebration Dinner, Ceremonial Mass, History, Tours.

Aug 13th & 14th, 2016

St Mary's Parish, Reaching Out In Faith!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

DEATHS:

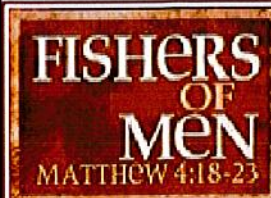
Mary McPhee & Joshua Kane.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Val Johnson, Debra Gould, Rosie McDonnell,
Eileen Drew, Thomas Brown, Grant Newell,
Enid Flynn, Annie McLean.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Val Carter, Claire Kinnane, Marg Lane,
Connie McArthur, Heather Boyd,
Kerryn McCluggage, Shirley McNamara.



Men's Gospel Reflection

Tues, 9th Feb, 7:30pm-8:45pm
56a Hammond St,

All Welcome!

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

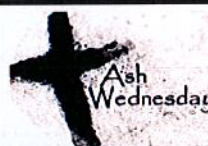
Cath News - www.cathnews.com.au
Fr John McKinnon www.johnmckinnon.org
Fr John Corrigan blog - www.acountrypriest.com
www.youngcatholicmums.com

BULLETIN NOTES

- St Joseph Primary School Penshurst
Opening school year Mass on Wed. February 10th at 12pm. All community members welcome to attend.
- St Mary's Primary School start of 2016 school year
Mass Sunday 14th February @ 10.30am.
All Invited to stay after Mass for a Cuppa & Chat
Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

Feasts Days February

Wed. 10th - Ash Wednesday
Sun. 14th - 1st Sunday of Lent
Sun. 21st - 2nd Sunday of Lent
Mon. 22nd - The Chair of St Peter the Apostle



St Mary's Hamilton
February 10th
Mass Times 10am & 7pm

The Australian Christian Meditation Community...

- is an ecumenical community committed to Christian Contemplative prayer
- promotes an ancient practice of stillness and silence
- is rooted in the teaching of Jesus on prayer
- leads to a personal encounter with the sacred
- loosens the grip of anxieties and addictions
- assists meditators to live more fully in the presence of divine love

Our parish group meets each Wednesday 7.30-8.30pm at the parish house. All welcome, especially newcomers.

BEING LOST...
BEING FOUND



Gospel Reflections for Lent - Jubilee of Mercy

Lenten Faith Sharing Groups

As we prepare for Easter in this Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis has asked us to '*live this Jubilee Year in light of the Lord's words: merciful like the Father*' (The face of Mercy, Pope Francis)

For those interested in participating in a Lenten group, a sign-up list can be found in the gathering space. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 10th February.

Volunteer needed

We have a parishioner who would like to attend Mass once a month (Sun) needing transportation if you can help please contact Parish Office for details. Thank you

PRAYER

Lord God, all-holy One,
you came among us Jesus,
Who sat teaching among the fishermen.
He would not depart from us sinners
But invited us to follow him
And become his disciples, his friends.
Place on our lips
This good news of salvation,
And in our hearts a welcome
From which no one is excluded,
A love that delights in befriending all
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
you Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.
Amen

ASH
Wednesday
RETURN
TO THE
LORD
YOUR
GOD

February 10, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

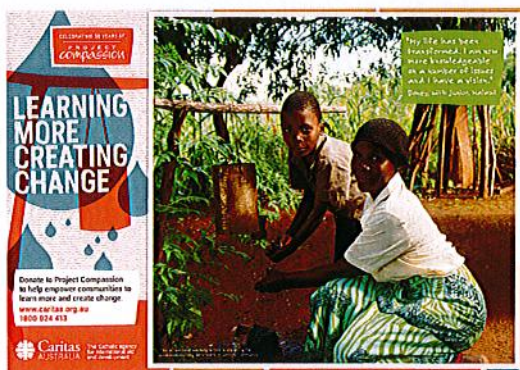


Ash Wednesday Service



Project Compassion
Sunday

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF
PROJECT
COMPASSION



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season as we celebrate 50 years of Project Compassion.

In Pope Francis' words, "**Lent is a time for drawing near to Christ,**"

You will be helping to empower the world's poorest children, women and men with vital learning and renewed hope.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Project Compassion
Lent Calendar

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Did you know that you can download a Lent Calendar for your iPhone or Android? You can also view it on the Caritas Australia website!

Use the calendar to deepen your spirituality this Lent and learn about Caritas Australia's work in six countries across the globe. Explore Project Compassion, meet inspiring people and reflect on the Lenten period through daily readings, prayers and social justice actions.

View or download at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/lent-calendar