



ADELAIDE CATHEDRAL PARISH

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

6th February 2021

Word of God Sunday

St Luke 5: 1-11. It is an episode that reminds us of the other miraculous catch of fish, which took place after the Resurrection, when Jesus asked His disciples if they had anything to eat. In both cases, there is an anointing of Peter: first as a fisher of men, then as a pastor.

Jesus then changes his name from Simon to Peter; and, as a good Israelite, Peter knows that a change of name signifies a change of mission. Peter felt proud because he truly loved Jesus, and this miraculous catch represents a step forward in his life.

After seeing that the nets were at the point of breaking on account of the great number of fish, Peter throws himself at Jesus' feet, saying, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

This is the first decisive step of Peter along the path of discipleship, of the disciple of Jesus, accusing himself: 'I am a sinner.' This is Peter's first step; and also the first step for each one of us, if you want to go forward in the spiritual life, in the life of Jesus, serving Jesus, following Jesus, must be this, accusing oneself: without accusing oneself you cannot walk in the Christian life. There is a concrete experience, like that of Peter when he said to Jesus, "Depart from me, a sinner." He really felt himself to be a sinner; and then he felt himself to be saved.

The salvation that Jesus brings us requires this sincere confession precisely because it is not a cosmetic thing that changes your looks with "two brushstrokes". Rather, it transforms – but because you enter into it, you have to make room for it with a sincere confession of your own sins; and so one experiences the wonder that Peter felt.

The first step of conversion, then, is to accuse oneself with shame, and to try to experience the wonder of feeling that you are saved. We have to be converted, we must do penance. And so that first step is also a grace: the grace of learning to accuse oneself, and not others.

A sign that a person does not know, that a Christian does not know how to accuse himself is when he is accustomed to accusing others, to talking about others, to being nosy about the lives of others. And that is an ugly sign. Do I do this? It's a good question to get to the heart of things.

Today let us ask the Lord for the grace, the grace to find ourselves face to face with Him with this wonder that His presence gives; and the grace to feel that we are sinners, but concretely, and to say with Peter: 'Depart from me, for I am a sinner'.

(Homily of Pope Francis)

6 Feb: Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. To access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday

8 Feb: Feast of St Josephine Bakhita

Tuesday, 8th February is the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita. **The African Catholic Community will celebrate Mass on Sunday, 13th February at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 2.30pm.** Archbishop O'Regan will be the main celebrant.

11 Feb: Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of the Sick

Each year, on World Day of the Sick, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Mass is offered for those who are of ill health. All are welcome to receive a blessing and anointing on Friday, 11th February at 10am at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. Please note there is **no onsite car parking**. For more information please contact Archdiocesan Events on P: (08) 8210 8106 or E: events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

11 Feb: Cancellation of Benediction

There will be no Adoration and Benediction on Friday, 11 February at 11am due to the Feast Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes. Confessions will take place from 11.15am onwards in the Cathedral.

20 Feb: Day of the Unborn Child Appeal

There will be a special collection on 20th February, which is the Day of the Unborn Child Appeal. Your contributions go to Birthline Pregnancy Support and Genesis Pregnancy Support that provides a wide range of services to expectant mothers and families including those without Medicare. Thank you for your generous contributions to this worthy cause.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

Please ensure all Pedestrians use ONLY the Carpark Staircase when entering and exiting the Adelaide Cathedral Underground Car Park. Kindly do not use the Car Park Ramp as a Pedestrian walkway. Thank you for your cooperation.

Cathedral of St Francis Xavier, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide

Church of St Patrick, 268 Grote Street, Adelaide
Church of St John Vianney, 546 Glynburn Road, Burnside
Church of St Mary, 179 Stanley Street, North Adelaide

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, cnr of Giles and Todd Streets, Kingscote, Kangaroo Island

Church of the Holy Name, 80 Payneham Road, Stepney
Church of St Peter Claver, cnr Stuart Road & Grandview Grove, Dulwich
Church of the Queen of Angels, cnr South Road & Kintore Street, Thebarton

Walk for Life March 2022

The annual Walk for Life will be held on Saturday, 12th February starting at 10am at the Pennington Gardens, Adelaide. This is the first walk held since the State Government passed the abortion up to birth legislation last year and Catholics are being urged to continue to show their support for the sanctity of life at all stages and in all situations. For more details and to register for free tickets go to www.loveadelaide.org.au

The Southern Cross: February 2022

The February issue of *The Southern Cross*, which includes a Back to School/student achievements feature and all the latest news in our Catholic community, will be available in all our churches this weekend. Please pick up a copy from the church foyer for \$2. Thank you.

Seeking Expressions of Interest to join the 'Caritas Advisory Committee'

"Social Justice, Ecology and Peace are inseparable" (Bishop Long's words in the Social Justice Statement in 21/22). The Caritas office in the Archdiocese of Adelaide is seeking members to join its advisory committee in 2022. Your passion and expertise would be most valued in collaboratively guiding and promoting the work of Caritas in Adelaide. For more information contact Tracey on P: 8210 8172. Please send your expressions of interest to the following email: caritas@adelaide.catholic.org.au



The theme of **Project Compassion 2022** is 'For all future generations'. Taken from the scripture passage *'When God gave his covenant to Noah and every living creature, for all future generations'*.

This theme connects to the Cry of the earth/Cry of the poor focus from the Bishops Conference, and our Catholic Earthcare work. Caritas Australia brings us 'Stories from the field' – the true stories of the people benefitting from Caritas programs. These five stories shared over the season of Lent help us have a deeper understanding of the work your donations fund; the support you are enabling and mostly the people you are empowering!

The main story this year is of 12-year-old Anatercia from Mozambique and other stories include Biru from India, Janice from Australia, Rosalie from the DRC, and Shaniella from the Solomon Islands.

We would like to thank all our parishioners for supporting Project Compassion 2021 and request you to visit the website www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/ for more details on how your contributions have changed lives.

Caritas Tonga Appeal

Tonga is coated in a thick blanket of ash after the eruption of undersea volcano Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai on January 15, which triggered tsunamis across the region, destroyed telecommunications and contaminated water supplies in the small Pacific Island nation. Coastal communities in Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu have been impacted by tsunami waves, along with communities as far afield as Australia, Japan and the Americas. The Tongan government has said that "immediate assistance" is needed to deal with the fallout of the massive volcanic eruption. Caritas Australia is currently raising funds to support communities impacted by the eruption and tsunami in Tonga. Visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support by donating to our Pacific Emergency Appeal.

Cathedral Parish Scripture Study Program

The 2022 program is scheduled to commence on Monday 21st March (not 14th February as planned). The program will commence with a double module 'Women In The Old Testament' (10 sessions) followed by a two week break after which Women in the New Testament (8 sessions) will start. Enquiries and bookings to Br. Martyn at martynpaxton@gmail.com

Thank You from the Thebarton Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul

A big thank you to all of our parishioners at Queen of Angels and other people who have donated money, food and clothing for our Christmas appeal. Be assured that all donations have helped people and families who really needed help at this time and continue to need help on an ongoing basis. One of our volunteers said, "To see the joy on the faces of people we help is very emotional." We know the people are very grateful for your support. We were able to deliver food hampers to many families who needed it and so we thank you very much again on behalf of the families we visit and we thank God for the privilege to do this work.

Thank You from the Dulwich/ Burnside St Vincent de Paul Society Conference

The Conference would like to extend their thanks to all parishioners who generously supported the Christmas Appeal by donating money, food and gifts for Christmas Hampers. Thank you to those people who helped with packing and delivering the hampers. Thanks to your generosity we were able to assist people in our local area plus provide assistance to Mt Barker, Elizabeth and Noarlunga. Your contributions certainly provided some Christmas cheer from the feedback we have received.

Safeguarding Children

A reminder that all children within the church premises need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member. Kindly ensure that children are supervised by an adult family member in the carparks at all times.

Latin Mass Community

We are in the middle of our novena (consisting of the public recitation of a decade of the Rosary followed by the Memorare after Mass each day) in preparation for the Solemn Consecration of the FSSP to the Immaculate Heart, which will take place after the 6.30pm Mass this Friday 11th February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Please feel free to join in praying with us for the Fraternity.

The annual Latin Mass Community meeting will be held today, Sunday 6th February at 11am in the Ellengowan Hall. There will be a review of 2021 and an outline of upcoming events in 2022. (Including the provisional listing of Holy Name Church on the State Heritage Register) . All welcome.

The Young Adults Group will hold its 1st meeting for the year this evening, 6th Feb, beginning with a Holy Hour and Vespers at 6pm, followed by pizza at 7.15pm. All Welcome.

Scripture Classes this year will be held on Monday evenings, beginning tomorrow, 7th Feb at 7.30pm. We will start reading the Letter of St Paul to the Romans. All Welcome. Please bring your own bible.

Fr. Sofatzis will start a series of Thursday evening classes on deepening our understanding of and participation in the holy sacrifice of the Mass. Classes begin this Thu 10th Feb at 7.30pm.

The 1st meeting of the Youth Group is this Friday, 11th Feb, beginning at 7.15pm.

Please note that there will be no Adoration after this Friday evening's Mass.

The annual Walk for Life will be held this Sat 12th Feb beginning at 10am from the Pennington Gardens opposite St Peter's Cathedral. Please take a flyer for details.

1st Holy Communion Classes will start next Sun 13th Feb. If your child is 7 and you wish him/her to make their 1st Holy Communion this June, please see either Fr. McCaffrey or Mary Hookway after mass to enrol.

The 1st Play Group for 2022 meets next Friday, 18th Feb at 9.30am.

The 2022 Latin Mass Community Calendar is now available from the doors of the church on yellow A4 paper. Please take one home and put it on your fridge.

Welcome to new parishioners: If you are new to the Latin Mass or new to Holy Name, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to either Fr. McCaffrey or Fr. Sofatzis after Mass. There is a cuppa after the 9.15am Mass every Sunday in the tea room behind the church diagonally across the car park. All welcome. Also please feel free to register as a parishioner on our community census. The link is available on the blogspot.

Please see the community blogspot for more information

Please respect the social distancing norms, sanitise your hands and either scan the QR code displayed at each door or record your name by hand each time you enter the church.

Latin Mass Community

The Archbishop requires that we wear masks inside church. (There are masks available at the doors of the church if you forget to bring one.) Thank you for your co-operation. Congregational singing is permitted, but masks must be worn while singing. The Covid Marshals for this Sunday are 8am Rob Marsh, 9.15am Brian Moran, 5pm Peter Balan, and Bianca Fisher is the COVID Marshall for weekday masses.

Please remember the sick in your prayers, especially Jane Carey, Kathryn Nader, Tony Caruso, Luise Obrist (Gaby Freer's mother), Terry Hockley (Jess Marsh's father), Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson's mother). Please remember also the recently deceased, and also those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

COVID-19 Protocols Update: 27th Dec 2021

- **If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please follow the instructions as per SA Health in terms of contact tracing and isolating yourself as per government health protocols. Please stay home and do not attend church services till you have fully recovered.**
- **The density requirement has been updated to 3 people per 4 sq. meters.**
- **These density requirements also includes funerals and weddings services held in the church which was earlier capped at 150 people. It will now be determined by the seating capacity of the church.**
- **COVID check-in using the QR Code or entering your details into the Register prior to entering the Church is mandatory.**
- **Wearing of face-masks completely covering your nose and mouth is mandatory in Church at all times. Please carry your own mask. (Celebrants are exempted).**
- **Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.**
- **Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances. Kindly sanitise your hands before entering the church.**
- **There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group. There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during Mass.**
- **Every gathering must record contact details. Logs are located at the entrance to the church.**
- **Precious Blood will not be distributed.**
- **No hymn books are to be passed around and congregational singing with facemasks on is now permitted.**
- **Communion is given only in hands.**
- **Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches. Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.**
- **All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.**
- **Care should be taken at the dismissal and on leaving the church to avoid social contact.**
- **Kindly follow the instructions of the Mass Coordinators and COVID Marshals in terms of seating, COVID-19 protocols etc. who are here to assist you.**