



## Gospel Mk 1:14-20

*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.

## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

When Jesus says to Simon, Andrew, James and John 'I will make you into fishers of men', then, amongst the many levels of meaning they would have heard the allusion to Ezekiel 29:3-5.

Jesus was telling them that he was creating a society of liberated human beings, called the 'Kingdom of God'. This would involve struggle against powerful elites, the pharaohs of this world, who oppress and enslave people. It would be as dangerous and demand as much energy as required to haul a crocodile out of the Nile.

Yet they did so, 'straightaway'. Because of the call of Jesus? No. At least, not that alone. We read 'He saw Simon and his brother Andrew . . . He saw James and his brother John.' They were responding not to his voice alone but to his eyes. His is like the attentive gaze of a parent loving a baby into a beautiful future. Jesus looks at you and at me wanting to love us into a barely imaginable future.

We could pause for a moment to remember that when His call comes, demanding an 'aye' or a 'nay', the Eyes have it.

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# The Living Word

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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## First Reading Jon 3:1-5. 10

*The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4**

*(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and  
teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. (R.)

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from  
of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Cor 7:29-31

*The world as we know it is passing away.*

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

## Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

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Tuesday - Saturday 8:30am

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Next week 4<sup>th</sup> Ordinary: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28.

## Fr Stan writes ...

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through until Lent. Today's Gospel describes how Jesus called his first disciples and the immediacy with which these men dropped everything to follow him. We can only begin to imagine what Jesus' presence must have been like to invoke such a response in these first disciples. While a few of us might relate to such a radical conversion, many of us would find such a sudden change in ourselves or in another person unsettling. There are few things for which we would willingly drop everything. And yet this is the immediacy with which these first disciples responded to Jesus. These first disciples were willing to drop everything in order to make Jesus and the Kingdom of God the most important things in their lives. How would we respond to such a call?

## SUMMER HOLIDAYS WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Throughout January 2024

Monday: Church will be open for private prayer

Tuesday to Saturday Mass 8:30am.

The usual schedule with devotions will resume in February 2024



**PRAYERS FOR HEALING:** Andrew Chan, Dean Davids, Joseph Papandrea, Vic & Avonia Moran, Joan Johnston, Michael Maglunog, Baby Addison Jean Oldman, Greg Forrester, Vianney Brown.

**PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF:** Brother Marian Swierczewski CSMA, Norman Merlino recently deceased.

Also, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Angelo & Carmela & Angelo Scicluna, Albert Khoshaba, George Maiolo, Frank Ientile, Maria Ientile, John, Annarita, Antonio Ientile, Natale & Teresa Papandrea, Tony Bietola, Giovanni & Santina Bietola, John & Robyne Bietola, Sam Tedesco, Papandrea, Ientile, Cessario families, Vincenzo & Caterina Cincotta, the Escalante & Venal families, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Carmela, Angelo, Paul Scicluna, Ignazio (Jim) Torrisi, Charlie & Melina Bietola, Dr Raphael Panetta, Rosina & Michele Panetta, Rosa & Raffaele Fazzolari, Mary & Sam Bietola, Angelo Fazzolari & Fazzolari family, Fortunato & Rosa Galluzzo & Galluzzo family, Mario & Dirce Gualdi, Gianni Gualdi, Antonino, Tindara & Vincenzo Caravello, Alberto Tanzini, Angelina & Antonino Rando, Giuseppe & Maria Caterina Pupo, Baby Cove Rose Pupo, Fr Kevin O'Grady, Stefano Zappia, Polocrispo & Rosalinda Romagos, Rufino & Esmenia Acosta, Denis Wonderley, Marie & Jim Hyde, Tony Ayres, Rosina Buono.



## AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

FRIDAY, 26 JANUARY

8:30AM

We bless you, God of the universe, for this land, for its contrasts of landscape and climate, for its abundance of wealth and opportunity.

We bless you for our history, with all its struggle in adversity, its courage and hope.

Give us in our diversity, tolerance and respect for each other and a passionate commitment to justice for all.

Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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