

# All Hallows' Five Dock



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Times | Year C | Sunday 23rd January

## Parish Mission

We, the people of this place,  
live and celebrate a love of faith.

We share this faith in a  
spirit of service,  
that creates a sense of  
God's presence among us.

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## A Message from Bishop Danny

Dear parishioners,

We have the beginnings of Luke's Gospel in today's readings. It summarises why Luke wrote and the essence of who Jesus was.

Jesus stood up in the synagogue – a place sacred for Jews for it is the place where the Law and the Prophets were read (and the first reading contains a passage showing how sacred the Scriptures were to the Jewish people). Jesus chose the prophet Isaiah and announced himself:

- The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me: That is, Jesus is in a unique relationship with God, the anointed one of God;
- And so, his mission is to bring good news to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind....

In other words, Jesus, anointed by God, came for us. In particular, he came for those who actually do suffer poverty and sickness. But all of us share in the universal poverty of humanity, that of being separated from God due to Sin. So Jesus came for us all. God is interested in helping his children.

Pope John Paul II used to say that the work of the Church is the same as the work of God, namely to serve people in the concrete circumstances of our lives. Sometimes it is to share food. Sometimes it is to share love. Sometimes it is to teach. Sometimes it is to challenge the evils of our day. Whatever, we are here to complete God's work of redemption.

The point is that Jesus' mission and the Church's mission are the same. To serve our brothers and sisters in whatever need there be. I hope that we at All Hallows, Five Dock can participate in this great mission made holy by God Himself.

With best wishes -  
Bishop Danny



## Sacramental Life

### Holy Mass:

**Saturday:** 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

**Sunday:** 8.30am, 10am and 5pm

**Monday - Friday:** 8am

**Wednesday** - 3pm - Eucharistic  
Exposition and Adoration

### Reconciliation:

Saturday:

8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm

Or any time by appointment.

### Sick Calls:

Any time - day/night.

### Baptisms:

Every Sunday.



### Weddings:

Contact the parish office.

## Supporting our Parish



You can support our Parish financially by accessing the BPoint Secure Payment Service on the Parish website or you can use the QR Code printed here. For contributions to the First Collection, please select *Pastoral Revenue* from the drop down menu. For Planned Giving contributions, please select *Planned Giving* from the drop down menu and include your name and your Planned Giving Number (if known). You can also contribute using the Tap and Go devices in the Gathering Space at the entrance to the church.

## Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p><b>Neh 8:2-6. 8-10</b>  A reading from the book of Nehemiah  <i><b>They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.</b></i>  Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep’. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’</p>	<p><b>(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)</li> <li>2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)</li> <li>3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)</li> <li>4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! (R.)</li> </ol> 	<p><b>1 Cor 12:12-30</b>  A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  <i><b>Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.</b></i>  Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, ‘I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, ‘I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,’ would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I do not need you,’ nor can the head say to the feet, ‘I do not need you.’ What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?</p>
	<p><b>Next Week's Readings</b></p> <p><b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Times</b>  <b>1st Reading:</b> Jer 1:4-5, 17-19  <b>2nd Reading:</b> 1 Cor 12:31-13:13  <b>Gospel:</b> Lk 4:21-30</p>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b></p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia!  The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.  Alleluia!</p>

Gospel
<p><b>Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21</b>  A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke - <i><b>The Scriptures were fulfilled on this day.</b></i>  Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’</p>