

All Hallows' Five Dock



4th Sunday in Ordinary Times | Year C | Sunday 30th 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 Fr Richard

Dear parishioners,

In today's gospel scene, Jesus goes on to say that the chosen people of Israel are not the only recipients of God's mercy, and there have been occasions when mercy has been granted to others in preference to the chosen people. This seems pretty disturbing for his listeners - the people who have come for worship turn angry to the extent of intending to throw Jesus off a cliff.

What is it that made them so angered? He had reminded them of some low points in their history. Jesus made two references for them: firstly, when God punished the people of Israel with a famine, but then saved a Gentile widow through prophet Elijah. Secondly, Jesus reminded them of God's mercy through Elisha towards a Gentile named Naaman - "... there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman." In each of these two stories that Jesus uses, the prophets bypass "many . . . in Israel" to bestow God's blessings on non-Israelites who had faith that the prophets were men of God. "None . . . not one" in Israel was found deserving, Jesus emphasizes.

This can be a real problem for us as well, when we see radiant sanctity outside the Catholic church or even the Christian churches and especially when at the same time, we see so much unacceptable behaviour within our own Christian community. We must realise that God's mercy comes in many different forms, and it is humbling to realise that we ourselves sometimes put more obstacles in its way than many non-Christians, non-Catholics.

With best wishes -
Fr Richard.

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

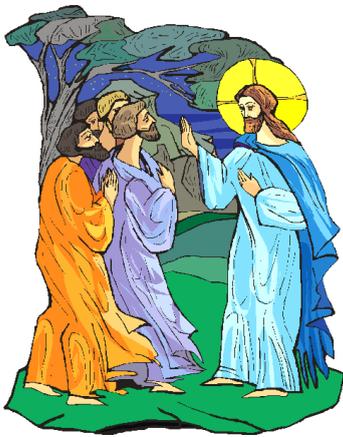


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Safeguarding our Parish

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. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 A reading from the prophet Jeremiah <i>I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.</i> In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'</p> 	<p>(R.) I will sing of your salvation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. (R.) Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R.) It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. (R.) My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.) 	<p>1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians <i>There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.</i> Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue forever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p> <p>5th Sunday in Ordinary Times 1st Reading: Is 6:1-8 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11 Gospel: Lk 5:1-11</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel
<p>Lk 4:21-30 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke <i>Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.</i> Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.</p>