

We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people. May we too be good stewards of this land.

9th February 2025
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Word Of God Sunday
Year C

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God
who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading is from the
Prophet Isaiah 6:1-8

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-
5. 7-8. R. v.1(R.)

In the sight of the angels I will
sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading from the
Letter to 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come follow me, says the
Lord, and I will make you
fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according to Luke
5:1-11

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his
mercy, his wonders for the
children of men, for he
satisfies the thirsty soul, and
the hungry he fills with good
things.

16th February 2025
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C

First: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Resp Ps:

Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

Second: 1 Corinthians 15:12,
16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:23

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Word of God Sunday

Congratulations to those who are to be Instituted Reader

We as a community would like to congratulate all of those who are being Commissioned Readers over this weekend.

The following people will be Commissioned Readers at the following Masses

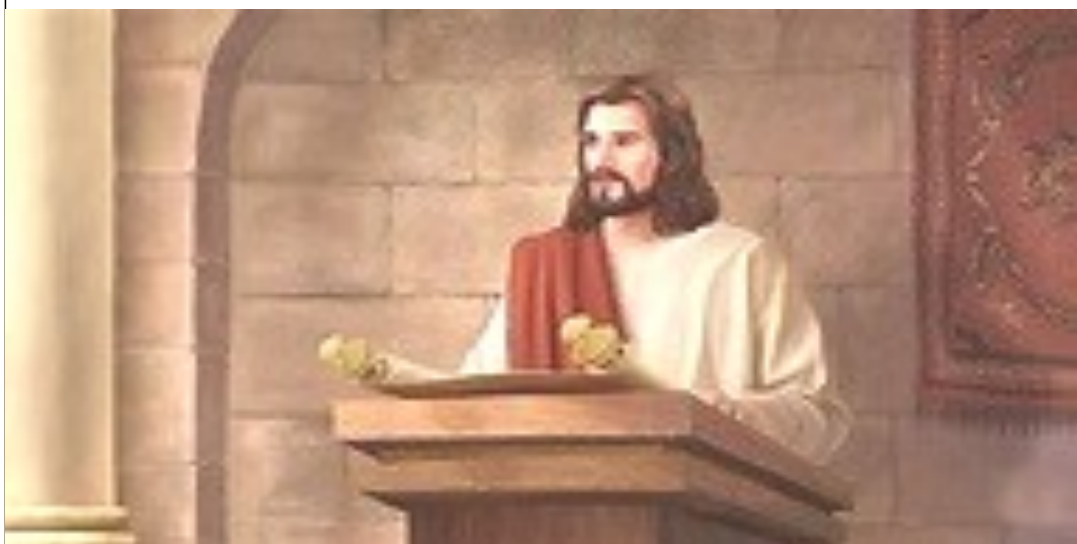
6:00 pm mass - Mark Anthony Marfori

9:30 am mass - Andy Adina and Leah Manila

5:00 pm mass - Madonna Selvaraj, Effie Dcunha and Niya DCunha

The role of a Reader

Proclaiming God's Word unites God, reader and listener in a similar way as reception of the Eucharistic Bread and Wine unite the faithful to God and each other. Proclamation of the Word transforms the individuals present into the assembly, congregation, the faithful called by God, gathered into one. The Liturgy of the Word is the most important means in the Christian liturgical tradition to connect Scripture to experience. The reader can provide space for God's intimate meeting with the faithful in moments of reflective silence after each reading. The proclamation of the Word of God is the responsibility of the baptised, though readers have the special task of transmitting the Word of God clearly to the assembly. Anyone can read the Scriptures in public; only the believer can proclaim them. The ministry of reader, conferred through a liturgical rite, is a "proper function in the Eucharistic celebration" and should be exercised whether or not higher ranking ministers, such as bishops, a number of priests and deacons, are present. Readers may be given the responsibilities of assisting in planning the Liturgy of the Word and are encouraged to work with their homilist. Readers "set the scene" for the homily and the Eucharistic Prayer, where the assembly gives thanks and praise for God's goodness.



Worship: Mass and Devotions

Sunday Mass	Weekday Mass	Devotions
Saturday Vigil: 6pm	Mon, Tues, Wed Mass at 9am	Adoration with the Rosary: Saturday 9.30am
Sunday: 9.30 am and 5pm	Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm	Divine Mercy Devotion: 3rd Sunday at 3pm
Filipino Mass: Third Sunday at 11.15am	Fri and Sat Mass at 9am	Alliance of the 2 Hearts Mass & Devotion: First Friday of each month from 7.30pm
Samoan Mass: First Sunday at 12 noon	Healing Mass on the first Saturday of each month at 9am	Reconciliation: Saturday 11 am—12



Contact us

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Sr “Jill” Girlie Sudario, CM

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Prayer intentions

For the sick and homebound: Reg Bucknell, Mary Ponnappalam, Peter Presdee, Myka Mangos, Kevin Cloran, Karen Browne, Reg Gardner, Sr Heather Burke, Marie and Barry Atkins, Carol and Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, Susan Mella, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys, Pat Stewart.

May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain and affliction.

For our recently dearly departed: Christephur Pereira, Effin D’Cruz.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Hilda Young, Ivan Astolosh, Mrs. Rodriguez, Lio Feiloakitohi, Baldwin Lopez

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.



Our Community: Rosters

16 February 2025	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Welcomers	Paul Q, Lori Q & Myra C	Martin H, Violeti H & Paul T	Geoff A, Margaret A & Danni M
Altar Servers	Berna P, Christian O, Elijah P & Austin J	Orly S	Robert & Nathan S
Readers	Candice D & Eliarna D	Tess Valesini & Laura M	Madonna & Tim S
Refreshments			
Altar Linen	Ann Maree H	CLOTW:	
Flowers		Church Vacuuming	Feiloakitohi Family
Counters	Margaret McD & Jeanne H	Counters	

Meetings and Gatherings

Readers Ministry Meeting meets on the last Tuesday of every 2 months at 7.30pm via zoom.

Holy Family Fellowship meets on the 4th Saturday at 7pm.

Book Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 10am.

Children’s Mass is on the 5th Sunday of the month, 29 December at 9.30am

Wrap with Love Knitting group meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 11am

Faith Circles meets every Monday via zoom at 2pm & 7.30pm.

Bible Reflection group meets every Monday at 10am.

Children’s Choir will meet on 3rd Friday at 6pm.

Children’s Ministry Gathering will meet on the 4th Sunday from 3– 5 pm

Young Adults Group will meet at 6pm every Sunday after 5pm Mass

Parish & Community Notices

Pastoral Care Team meets on last Friday at 9.30am.

Faith Circles meets every Monday via Zoom at 2pm & 7.30pm.

Bible Reflection group meets every Monday at 10am.

CATECHISTS' APPEAL: As the new school year begins, may we remind you about our Catechist Sunday Appeal we had before Christmas. Special Religious Education (SRE) Catechists come from all walks of life to ensure that all the children of our Parish hear of God's great love for them.

There are still more children that we could be reaching! Are you able to give around an hour of your time a week to teach or help in a classroom, please? If you would like to get involved, please contact the Parish Priest (Fr Shane) or Catechist Coordinator (Josephine Theunissen) via the Parish Office - LL: 9603 7373 M: 0434 705 176). All you need to do is leave your name, email address and phone number and you will be contacted soon afterwards. We serve two schools, viz. St Andrews Public Primary and Robert Townson in Raby., Training is provided to prepare you for the role. There are two short courses offered during the year, with no homework or assignments, just your attention and interaction. Further information will be forwarded to you by email. Thank you.

CLOTW Volunteers: The ministry of Children's Liturgy of the Word now only has 4 volunteers, but we are in great need of more people if CLOTW is to proceed. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office. CLOTW begins again on 9th Feb 2025.

Restoration of Church Benches: We are looking for more volunteers to help with the restoration of the Benches in the Church. Steve Locke and his team are doing a great job but really need your help. If you have a couple hours after the Weekday Masses please come along. Thank you to Steve Locke and the team for the work that they have done so far.

Please note: All members of any of the Hospitality Ministries. There will be a gathering for cleaners, flower arrangers, money counters and refreshment servers on 2 March 2025 after 9.30am mass. Please put the date in your calendar and check next week's bulletin for more information.

A Women's Opportunity to Experience a Cursillo 3-Day Weekend A Cursillo weekend will be held at Carmel House, Varroville (Near Campbelltown) from Thursday evening 6 March to Sunday afternoon 9 March 2025. To view brochure and find out more, please scan the QR code, email cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com or contact Margaret on 0417 041 721.

The Journey, 9 February – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week: Fr James Arblaster says that while humans choose the most qualified, God calls those who humbly confess their unworthiness. Mother Hilda has a story of a father's unwavering love for his son, despite his unexpected revelation. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Byron & Francine Pirola, and Fr Mike Delaney. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

Level 1 Catechist Course - The Level 1 course is essential for all new volunteers to the catechist ministry and is also helpful as a refresher for experienced SRE Catechists. On the first day of the course, Safeguarding and Classroom Management training will occur, which must be revisited by SRE Catechists every three years to remain active in the ministry. The course will run from 9.30am till 1:30pm in Campbelltown and Wollongong on the following dates: Campbelltown: Fridays 7, 14, 21, 28 February, and 7 March Wollongong: Mondays 10, 17, 24 February, 3 and 10 March To register for the 5-week Level 1 course: [LEVEL 1 https://web.thankqportal.com/cdowa/2025-ccd-level-i-course/#/stepper?pagelid=16488](https://web.thankqportal.com/cdowa/2025-ccd-level-i-course/#/stepper?pagelid=16488) Alternatively, register for the Safeguarding and Classroom Management update only: [Training Update https://web.thankqportal.com/cdowa/ccd-cp-and-cm-update-2025/#/stepper?pagelid=16490](https://web.thankqportal.com/cdowa/ccd-cp-and-cm-update-2025/#/stepper?pagelid=16490)

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Holy Gospel according to Luke 5:1-11

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

Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider the call to continue the mission of Jesus by engaging in some form of ministry. The first and the last readings are call narratives; the epistle contains a statement of the faith that undergirds our response to our call; the psalm response celebrates the gracious goodness of God that makes all of this possible.

Our call is more than a summons to faith; it is a call to ministry. Isaiah is called in order to be sent; the fishermen are called in order to gather others to Jesus. So it is with us. We are called to be sent out to the world. This call comes to us in the ordinariness of life. It will usually come to us as we wash our nets or our dishes, as we teach or raise children, as we prepare a brief for trial or examine a patient; as we repair cars or work at the computer. The call of God comes to us in the ordinariness of life.

We are called to proclaim the message of the resurrection by any and every means possible. Some, like Isaiah and the disciples of Jesus, will witness in open and dramatic ways. They will teach and preach; they will nurse the sick and care for the elderly. Others will witness in less conspicuous ways. They will insist on fair practices in their own workplaces; they will weed out expressions of prejudice and violence so that a new and just world can be fashioned for themselves and for their children. Called in the ordinariness of their lives, they will witness to the death and resurrection in that very ordinariness, thus transforming everything into extraordinariness.

