

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Entrance Antiphon

First Reading from the Prophet
Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1. 4.
13-14. R. v.1 (R.) The Lord is my
light and my salvation.

Second Reading from the first
Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-13,
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Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of
the kingdom and healed all who
were sick.

Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according to Mat-
thew 4:12-23

Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radi-
ant; let your faces not be abashed.

Next Week:

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Resp Ps: Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

Second: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus Calling the Apostles, and His Call to You and Me

The morning light danced across the waters of Galilee, touching the waves with a gentle gold. Fishermen worked steadily along the shore, their hands rough from years of casting nets, their days shaped by the rhythm of sea and season. Life was familiar, humble, and ordinary.



Then Jesus came walk-
ing along the shoreline.
There was nothing loud
or dramatic in His ap-
proach, yet His presence
carried a quiet authority
that made the air feel
different—fuller, alive.

He stopped beside Simon Peter and Andrew, watching them work with the gaze of someone who understood their lives more deeply than they did themselves. “Follow me,” He said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”

The words were simple, but they stirred something profound. Without hesitation, their nets fell from their hands. In that moment, the ordinary gave way to the extraordinary.

A little farther on, Jesus called James and John. They left their boat, their father, and everything that once defined them, drawn by the voice that promised purpose beyond what they could see. And just as He called them, Jesus calls you and me today. His voice meets us not only in holy places, but in the quiet routines, the busy schedules, the hidden struggles. He whispers into our hearts, “Come with Me. I have work for you, too.”

We may not leave nets or boats, but we are invited to leave fear, doubt, and hesitation, and to step into a life shaped by trust, courage, and love.

Every calling begins with a simple, wholehearted yes.

Parish Notices

The Art of Dying Well: a four part series based on Eternal Rest (a powerful video program from the Augustinian Institute). This series helps us honestly and prayerfully confront questions about death, dying and our hope in eternal life. The next session will be on 31 January 2026 in our parish meeting room. Each session opens with a short video from the Eternal Rest Series, followed by small group discussion so everyone can share, ask questions and learn together. Light refreshments will be provided.

Pastoral Care Team will be meeting on Tuesday 27 January 2026 at 2pm. All are welcome to attend. If you are in need of a member of the Pastoral Care Team to visit please advise the Parish Office.

Property Committee will be meeting again until Wednesday 28 January 2026 at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. The committee is currently looking for new members. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Vinnies will be meeting again until Tuesday 3 February 2026 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend. If you need any further details please contact the Parish Office.

Friendship Group will be meeting on Tuesday 3 February 2026 after the 9am Mass in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend. The theme is Valentines Day. If you need any further details please contact the Parish Office. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jeanne Halder for her great Leadership of the Group over the last couple of years. May we also thank the new Leader Margaret Connolly as she takes on this important role.

Ministry of the Word Practice on 1 February 2026 at 3.30pm and again after 5pm Mass at 6pm. Lectors from the 5pm Mass should attend but other Lectors can attend.

Fundraising Committee would like to invite you to their **Upcoming Event !!! Car & Bike Show on 14th March 2026** on the grounds of OLMC Church Varroville. More details to follow. Please put it in your Diary so you can come along to a great event.

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Prayer intentions

Pat Cullen, Mary Ponnappalam, Myka Mangos, Kevin Cloran, Karen Browne, Reg Gardner, Sr Heather Burke, Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, Susan Mella, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys, Pat Stewart, Allan Marquinez, Richard Scolyer, Angela Pavlovic, Mercy



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

For our recently departed Maria Cuaresma, Graham Henneberry, Paul Crawford, Alex Sitjar, Pedro Gonzales, Wal Glynn, Lucila Cruz Montano, Vanessa Steed, Shirley Wrightman

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Lily Pereira, James Pereira, Lio Feiloakitohi

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

1 February 2026	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Welcomers	Paul & Lori	Tess V & Irene R	Terry & Maree
Altar Servers	Berna, Christian, Elijah & Arland	Vu	Michael & Nathan
Readers	Louise M & Candice	Martin & Tess V	Fev & Madonna
Refreshments	Tracey & Richard	4th Sunday Choir & Karen B	Beatrix R & Madonna S
Altar Linen	Sr Jill	CLOTW:	
Flowers	Jeanne & Jessica M	Church Vacuum	Parish Office
Counters	Richard K & Michael R	Church Foyer	Parish Office



Parish Office: **Tuesday-Friday: 9.30am-12.30pm**
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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.

Holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:12-23

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord

Reflection by Michael Tate

Two sets of two brothers were running successful family businesses. But once Jesus passed by and *called* them, the Gospel says, at *once* they left their boats and followed him. I think because, hearing his voice, they realised that Jesus was the true vocalist of God. Irish author and mystic, John O'Donohue, once wrote, 'Something in us senses and knows how perfectly the contours of the soul fit the divine embrace.' Maybe Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John sensed that, in this Jesus, there was a Soul whose contours perfectly fitted the divine embrace. They were prepared to risk everything for the chance to have *their* souls contoured along the same lines. The call: 'Follow me ...', was not to an isolated individual promising to save his soul, but to two brothers and then another two brothers. Immediately, a community was being formed and its task was to bring others into that Jesus-following community. We could pause for a moment to hear the brothers beckoning us to follow the call of that voice sounded by Our Lord Jesus Christ.