

Sunday 09 February 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOMILY by Richard Leonard

Think about this for a minute! It is time to elect a world leader, and yours is the deciding vote. Here are the facts about the three leading candidates:

Candidate A associates with crooked politicians, consults with astrologers, has had two mistresses, is severely disabled, chain smokes and drinks 8 to 10 martinis a day.

Candidate B was kicked out of office twice, slept until noon, used opium at university, is an undiagnosed manic-depressive and drinks a bottle of whiskey every day.

Candidate C is a decorated war hero, vegetarian, doesn't smoke or drink, except for an occasional beer and has never had an extra-marital affair. Who would you choose?

Candidate A is Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Candidate B is Winston Churchill.

Candidate C is Adolph Hitler.

Sometimes the best candidate on paper is the worst leader in reality. Thank goodness Jesus did not hire a management consultancy to help him recruit his earliest disciples. On paper Peter, James and John would not have got past expressing interest in the job. Jesus recognised, however, that they had the three things necessary for Christian leadership: faith, hope and love. Not that they had it immediately. We know they constantly misunderstood Jesus and tried to steer in other ways. They made promises they did not keep and they abandoned Jesus when the going got tough. But they had the one thing that nearly all great leaders have in their formation: a mentor who knows they are not perfect, forgives their limitations, tells them the truth, brings them back to what they are actually on about and inspires them by what he says and how he lives.

Sometimes we think the Gospel always demands a very different lifestyle to the one we have, and sometimes it does, but today's Gospel should be taken seriously, not literally. Luke tells us that the disciples 'left everything and followed him'. We know that following Jesus did not demand of Peter, for example, that he abandon his family. And we also know that the disciples returned to their work of fishing a number of times in their life with Jesus.

Luke is telling us, then, that to follow Jesus is a radical option and that we have to divest ourselves of anything that stops us serving the kingdom of God. Conversely, it follows that we have to cultivate the very things that draw us on in the Christian life. For most of us the departures necessary in following Jesus are in our hearts.

Furthermore in this story, Luke is also telling us about the great number of converts attracted to the Christian life. We know that some of these were notorious sinners. No doubt the leaders of the early Church had anxieties about admitting them.

By relating the story of the sinful Peter being called by Jesus, Luke reassures the community that as long as anyone is able to leave behind the destructiveness of their previous life they can, with guidance, become a disciple of Jesus.

Luke teaches that it is not for us to condemn anyone caught up in the net of salvation: simply to trust in God's love and compassion that visits the sick and well alike.

May we pray in this Eucharist for the humility in the Church to accept that God can turn our judgments, laws, customs, protocols and management strategies upside down and sometimes bring forward, from the most unexpected quarters, leaders who show us new dimensions to God's power shining through our human weakness.

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Peak Downs Catholic Parishes

CLUSTER MISSION STATEMENT

"We will live out the commission of Jesus to witness to him; seeking to grow in our faith and participating in the life of our church and the broader community".

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

[Isaiah 6:1-8](#)

Isaiah volunteers to speak for the Lord.

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

[1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#)

Paul recounts the chronology of Christ.

or

[1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11](#)

Paul recounts the chronology of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

[Luke 2:32](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Come follow me, says the Lord,
 And I will make you fishers of my people.*

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Luke 5:1-11](#)

An abundance of fish are caught by Simon.



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we worship. We recognise their continuing connection to the land, waterways, and community. We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Complaints Pastoral Care & Management

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides strictly with the principles and procedures of Towards Healing.

*Contact the Response Coordinator
 Ph: 1800 830 113 E: prof-stdsrock@dfs.org.au*

MASS TIMES

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Saturday 08 February

Clermont 6.00pm Mass

Sunday 09 February

Moranbah 8.00am Mass

Dysart 10.30am Mass

Tuesday 11 February

Clermont 5.00pm Mass

Wednesday 12 February

Clermont 9.00am Mass

Thursday 13 February

Clermont 9.00am Mass

Friday 14 February

Clermont 9.00am Mass

(note time change)

Remember in your Prayers:

John Russell, Anne Lynam, Todd Dennis, Carmel Smith, Jan Palmer, Don Smith, Mary Walker, Diana Kidd, Peter Mahony, Anna King, Patsy Dennis, Yoshiaki Tokue, Fr Robert Hollow, Prue Lonergan, Leonie Keune, Jim Cook, Cath McNee, Andrew Woods, Paul Torrisi, Hugh Williams, Fr Peter Tonti, Brendan Flohr, Julie Muirhead, Anne Stewart, Paul Cuskelly

Should you have any updates for the above list, please let us know via return email

Anniversaries

14/02 Fr Danny Moore

17/02 Fr Bruce Little

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 15 February

Moranbah 6.00pm Mass

Sunday 16 February

Clermont 8.00am Mass

Capella 10am Mass

Middlemount 12.30pm Mass

Tuesday 18 February

Clermont 5.00pm Mass

Wednesday 19 February

Clermont 9.00am Mass

Thursday 20 February

Clermont 9.00am Mass

Friday 21 February

Clermont 9.00am Mass

(note time change)



DATE CLAIMERS

Sunday 2nd Feb - Opening of Jubilee Year
9.30am Mass, St Joseph's Cathedral
Sunday 16th Mar - Jubilee of marriages
9.30am Mass, St Joseph's Cathedral
Wednesday 15th Oct - Jubilee of opening of St Joseph's Cathedral 1899

3-5 May (Labour Day Weekend) -

Jubilee of Families Coolwaters, Yeppoon.
Event registration and further details to be provided soon. For more information or queries please contact:

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Cluster Community Notices

CAPELLA

Mass Times

1st and 3rd Sunday each month –

Mass 10.00am

4th Saturday – Mass 6.00pm

2nd & 5th Sunday each month – 9.30am

Cathedral Mass online

DYSART

Mass Times

2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday each month

Mass 10.30am

St Therese's Thrift Shop

Open Tuesday and Thursday mornings

CLERMONT MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 08 FEBRUARY

PRESIDER: FATHER SHAIJU

READERS: JENNY WILBY, MARIE COOK

MINISTER OF COMMUNION: TBC

PROCESSION OF GIFTS: REGINA GILLIES

COMPUTER: RAKAYLA DAVIES

SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY

PRESIDER: FATHER SHAIJU

READERS: SHEILA CHALLACOMBE, MARIE COOK

MINISTER OF COMMUNION: ALAN

GUILFOYLE

PROCESSION OF GIFTS: TBC

MIDDLEMOUNT

Mass Times

1st and 3rd Sunday each month –

Mass 12.30pm

Thrift Shop also available

MORANBAH

Mass Times

1st, 3rd, 4th Saturday each month –

Mass 6.00pm

2nd & 5th Sunday each month – 8.00am

DO NOT BE
AFRAID

Psalm 94:6-7

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



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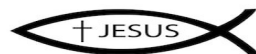
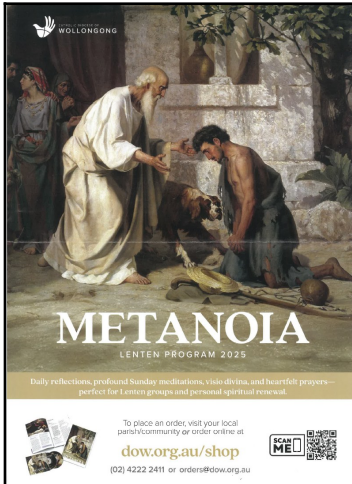
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Metanoia – Lenten Program 2025

The Diocese of Wollongong has produced a Lenten Program for 2025 titled *Metanoia*.

The Cathedral Bookstore can assist you in ordering these resources. They can be contacted via email cathedralbookstore@rok.catholic.net.au or phone 4921 2170. The bookstore is open Wednesday to Friday, 10am to 3pm. Bulk ordering will assist in keeping costs for individuals lower. The Bookstore will look to place an order week beginning 10th



5 minutes in Colin suddenly realised he had mis-read the sign.