

# St. Mary's Cathedral

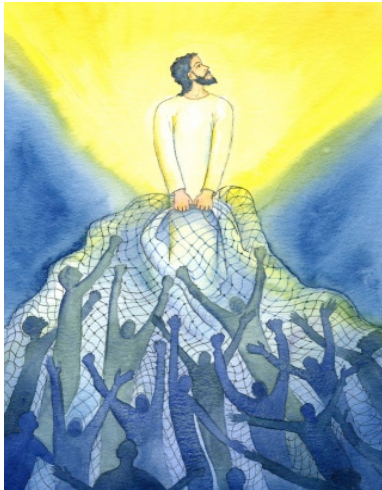
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## This Week 7<sup>th</sup> February 2010 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: Yr C/2 – Is 6:1-8; Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

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: *Who would you choose?*

*Candidate A* associates with crooked politicians, consults with astrologers, has had two mistresses, is severely disabled, chain smokes and drinks 8-10 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. *Candidate A is Franklin D. Roosevelt. Candidate B is Winston Churchill and 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 a promise 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 prevents 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 Christian Church had anxieties about admitting them.

By relating the story of sinful Peter being called by Jesus, Luke reassures the community that as long as anyone is able to leave behind 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 judgements, laws, customs, protocols and management strategies upside down and sometimes bring forward, from the most unexpected quarters, leaders who show

*Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm Sunday: 7.00am, 9.00am, 10.30am (Solemn High Mass) & 6.00pm Youth Mass*

*Monday to Friday: 6.45am, 1.10pm & 5.30pm; Saturday: 9.00am & 12noon, Public Holidays: 12noon*

*Reconciliation: Monday-Friday 12noon -1.00pm & 5.00pm to 5.25pm EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS*

*Saturday 11.30am-11.55am, 4.30-5.30pm- NO SUNDAY TOUR UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE*

*St Columbkille's McElhone Street Woolloomooloo - Sunday Mass 9.00am - Rosary at 8.40am*

*Friday Divine Mercy Novena - with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 12noon, Divine Mercy Novena Prayers 12.30pm. Devotions will conclude at 1.00pm with Benediction in the Lady Chapel behind the Main Altar.*

us new dimensions to God's power shining through our human weakness.

Richard Leonard SJ

<b><u>COMMUNION HYMN</u></b>	
<p>1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.</p> <p>2. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.</p>	<p>4. Rank on rank that host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth, from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.</p> <p>5. At his feet the six-winged seraphs, cherubim with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high!</p>
<b><u>OFFERTORY HYMN</u></b>	
<p>1. Christ is the world's light, he and no other born in our darkness, he became our brother.  If we have seen him, we have seen the Father: <i>Glory to God on high.</i></p> <p>2. Christ is the world's life, he and no other no man can serve him and despise his brother,  Who else unites us, one in God the Father?  <i>Glory to God on high.</i></p>	<p>3. Christ is the world's life, he and no other - sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother- he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:  <i>Glory to God on high.</i></p> <p>4. Give God the glory, God and no other- give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father; give God the glory, God in man my brother:  <i>Glory to God on high.</i></p>

**10.30am Mass**

Introit:	Venite adoremus	Plainsong
Missa:	Aeterna Christi munera	Palestrina
Offertory Motet:	Sicut cervus	
Palestrina	Communion Motet:	Introibo ad altare

Dei

Plainsong

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<p><b><u>ENTRANCE HYMN</u></b></p> <p>1. O love how deep, how broad, how high! it fills the heart with ecstasy that God the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.</p> <p>2. He sent no angel to our race of higher or of lower place but wore the robe of human frame himself, and to this lost world came.</p> <p>3. For us he was baptized, and bore his holy fast, and hungered sore; for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.</p>	<p>4. For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his daily works he wrought, by words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not himself but us.</p> <p>5. For us to wicked men betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death: for us at length gave up his breath.</p> <p>6. For us he rose from death again, for us he went on high to reign, for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.</p> <p>7. To him whose boundless love has won salvation for us through his Son, to God the Father, glory be both now and through eternity.</p>
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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**  
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**  
**Come follow me, says the Lord,**  
**and I will make you fishers of my people.**

### What you can do for this Year of the Priest

The following list is a suggestion which you might like to take on in response to Pope Benedict XVI's call to pray for the sanctification of priests. You can do which ever suits you and your situation in life. You can pray for all priests or you can adopt a particular priest or bishop for whom you would like to pray for.

1. Join St Patrick's Prayer Mission for the Year of the Priest – Promise to go to Mass once a month outside of your Sunday obligation. (Cards at Sacred Heart Altar).
2. Adoration – Offer an hour a week in adoration.
3. Pray the Rosary once a week for this intention.
4. Make the Stations of the Cross – especially for those who are in countries where the Church suffers.
5. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet daily – or at least every Friday – at 3.00pm the Hour of Mercy, asking our Lord to be merciful to His priests.
6. Offer a Novena.
7. Offer up a portion of your sufferings for priests, be they sickness, hardship, sleepless nights, an upcoming operation or other discomforts.
8. Fast or abstain.
9. Pray for priests in purgatory – Offer a plenary indulgence for one.

**If the priest is a saint, his people will be holy.**  
**If the priest is holy, his people will be good.**  
**If the priest is good, his people will be fair.**  
**If the priest is fair, his people will be mediocre.**  
**If the priest is mediocre, his people will be bad.**

-Anon.

**Cathedral Staff:**

Father Paul Hilder -

**Dean**

Father Huy Trong Phan

Father Arthur Givney

Father John Flynn

Chris Backhouse - *Cathedral Sacristan*

Peter Kneeshaw - *Principal Organist*

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Elizabeth Swain - *Director of Music*

Eric Peterson - *Assistant Conductor*

O love how deep, how broad, how high! Tr. Benjamin Webb 1819-85 alt.

Christ is the world's light – Frederick Pratt Green 1903-

Let all mortal flesh – Tr. Gerard Moultrie 1829-85

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- **Lent begins next Wednesday.**
- **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year, the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251-52)**
- **Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Other celebrations in Lent (e.g. marriage) must take account of the spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing, and floral decorations are very simple.**
- **Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year, in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.**

**EMBRACE: The Cathedral Youth Group – Our first meeting of the year 2010 is this Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, after the 6pm Youth Mass. Bring your friends and meet outside the entrance at the Eastern Transept to join us for pizza, and an introduction to our group. All young people between the ages of 18-35 welcome. For further information, visit <http://www.embrace-stmarys.org> closer to the date.**

**DIRECTOR, CATECHUMENATE OFFICE: The Catechumenate Office, an agency of the Archdiocese of Sydney, is seeking applications for the role of Director. Further information is available at [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au). Applications to Anthony Spata, Polding Centre, Level 5, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney NSW 2000 or [anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org). Applications close 28 February 2010.**

**PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL 2010: This year, Caritas Australia has linked PROJECT COMPASSION with “BLUEPRINT FOR A BETTER WORLD EXHIBITION”, an educational exhibition which will be in Martin Place from the 16<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> February 2010. It will be open from 9am – 5pm daily.**

**THE GREGORIAN SCHOLA OF SYDNEY; will begin its program for 2010 very soon. We welcome new members. If you would like to join us in singing Gregorian Chant please ring 8741 2341.**

**TEST DRIVE THE BROTHERS' LIFE: The De La Salle Brothers are offering guys (20-35 yrs) an incredible volunteer opportunity for 2 weeks in Balgo Hills, Western Australia. For those interested in learning about the Brothers' life whilst helping young people in need, this 'Challenge Program' (15-29 May) is for you! Applications close 29 March. For details please visit [www.delasallebrothers.com](http://www.delasallebrothers.com).**

**ST PAUL'S WORLD – A PILGRIMAGE TO TURKEY: Fr Wim Hoekstra, Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta has organised a Pilgrimage to Turkey commencing on Saturday, 25**

September and returning on Sunday 10 October, i.e. during the September-October school holidays. Full details of the tour can be found at [www.stpatscathedral.com.au](http://www.stpatscathedral.com.au) and follow the link. There will be an information Evening to discuss the tour on Tuesday, 9 March 2010 at 7.30pm in the Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. For further information please contact the Cathedral Parish Office at 8839 8400.

“Want to be the 2010 Youth Ambassador for your parish? We need two passionate people that can commit to the four diocesan gatherings, which include a dinner. The Youth Ambassador’s Gatherings for 2010 will be held at Homebush West on Tuesday nights February 16, May 11, August 10 and November 9 at 7pm. If you would like more information or to nominate for this awesome position please contact Vincent Haber at [Vincent@cys.org.au](mailto:Vincent@cys.org.au) before Wednesday 10 February 2010.

**Without God, our week would be: Sinday, Mournday, Tearsday, Wasteday,  
Thirstday, Fightday and Shatterday.**