

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

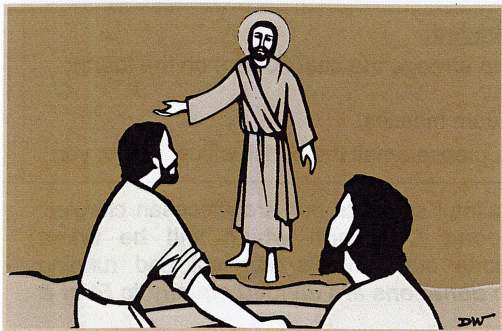
*Repent, and believe the Good News.*

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake — for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Breaking Open the Word

## METANOIA

"Repent" rings out in our readings today. Jonah, sent by God to Nineveh, delivers the message that they will be destroyed in only forty more days. "They believed God" and, with no hint that they may be reprieved, set a fast and put on sackcloth and ashes (3:5). We miss the details of this reaching the King who, joining in, makes a declaration that everyone and their animals will fast and put on sackcloth and ashes, with the hope that God might relent (vv. 6-9). God repents, changes heart and mind (Greek: *metanoō*). This metanoia, is found in the Gospel of Mark as Jesus moves from the wilderness, after forty days, to Galilee and begins his public ministry. The call to "repent" (metanoia) is couched in his declaration that "the time is fulfilled" and "the kingdom of God has come near" and is accompanied with "believe the Good News" (1:15). We know from the first verse of this Gospel that Jesus, the anointed one, the Christ and Son of God is the Good News unfolding. Our gaze is taken to Jesus in this area calling people to follow him and leave everything to do so.

Paul writing to the Corinthians further awakens our senses declaring "our time is growing short" (v. 29) and "this world is passing away" (v. 31). Sadly, we can imagine this in our time where war, famine, climate change, pandemics and much more wreak havoc. Amid this cacophony, can we hear our call to a change our heart and mind, to believe the Good News and follow Jesus?

Dr Rosemary Canavan



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

21 JANUARY 2024

## FIRST READING

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

*The people of Nineveh renounced their evil ways.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

#### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

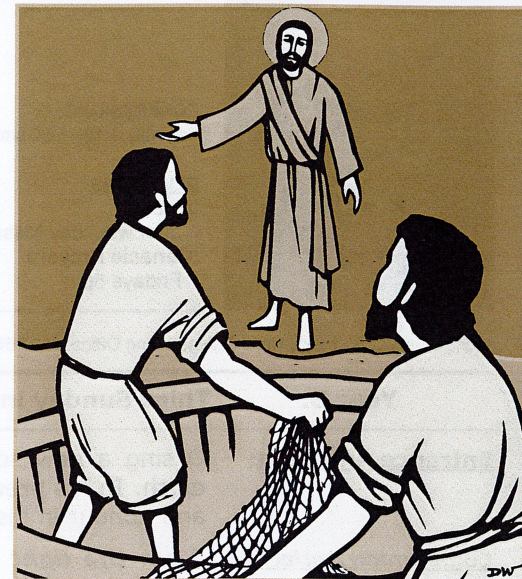
Ps 24: 4-9. R. v. 4

**R.** Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord, teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: / for you are God my saviour. **R.**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, / and the love you have shown from of old. / In your love remember me, / because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

3. The Lord is good and upright. / He shows the path to those who stray, / he guides the humble in the right path; / he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Cor 7: 29-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*The world as we know it is passing away.*

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 1: 15

Alleluia, alleluia! / The kingdom of God is near: / believe the Good News! / Alleluia!



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CONFESSIONS:  
Saturday 4:15 - 5:00 pm

### DEVOTIONS

**Rosary**  
after weekday Masses  
**Cenacle Prayers**  
Fridays 5pm

### MASS TIMINGS:

Monday 8:00 am; Tuesday 7:00 pm  
Wednesday to Friday 8:00 am  
Saturday 8:00 am and Vigil 5:30 pm  
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
Wednesday after the 8:00 am Mass.

**Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament**  
Saturday from 4:15pm to 5:00 pm  
First Fridays from 11.30am to 12.15pm

Archdiocese of Sydney's Child Safeguarding Office: 9290 5810 [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org)

**Year B: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** 21-01-2024

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

**Communion Antiphon:** *I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*

**Prayer for the week:** O God, powerful and gentle, you love this Southern land and all its people, old and new. As the Cross shines in our heavens so may Christ bring light to our nation. As the waves encircle our shores so may your mercy enfold us all. O God, the wonders of our vast and rugged land reflect your beauty, ever ancient, ever new. May your blessings flow upon us, as a stream in the desert, and may your Spirit prompt us to use your gifts for the good of all. Amen. (ref: [www.northsydneycatholics.com](http://www.northsydneycatholics.com) 1979)

### We offer special prayers for:

**The sick:** Lynette Drew, Jorge Azar, Milagros F. Cannistraro, Sarah Cannistraro, Sevi Zachary Claveria, Judy Chen, Marieta De Venecia, Sue Domancich, Vivian Felice, Herman Liew, Jim Lisbona, Doris Magri, Cecilia Malkun, Javier Malkun, July Malkun, Manuel Mantilla, Marija & Barclay Family, Owen McLoughlin, Felomina Moulic, Jay R. Moulic, Salvador Murillo, Yvonne Parry, Jessa Reina De Vera-Cruz, Thelma Soriano, Ann-Marie Stevens, Venus Tabayoyong, James Trehwella, Aurea Visperas, Alison Wilkinson, Jessica & Joseph Wilkinson, all our sick parishioners, sick members of our families and friends and all the sick in the world.

**The deceased: Recently:** Irudaya Doss (Fr Daney's father), Bemice Ayling (died on 3/1/24; funeral on Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 10am), Bev Kuschert, Daniel Leow, Patrick Spain

**Anniversary:** Katty Sheahan (14/1)

**Others:** Des Ebejer, Margaret Cheong, Thelma Stevens, John Wilkinson, Andrew Spiteri, Phillip & Frances Merillo, Mariana Vella, Joseph Vella, Jose Emilio Sousa Brito, Jose Roumeirao Brito, Elisa Gusmao Brito, Joaquim Inacio Brito, Michael Hermmigs, the deceased members of our families and friends and all Souls in Purgatory.

**Roster Jan 27/28** 5.30pm

8am

10am

### Lectors:

Monica Ribeiro  
Kate O'Regan

Bernadine Lavender  
Darren Lee

Rosa Vunich  
Frances Green

**Church Cleaning & Preparation:** Roster 27 Jan (Fourth Saturday of the month)

**Flowers Arranging:** (volunteer needed)

**Dusting & Tidying Pews:** Linda Potres

**Vacuuming Church Floor:** Mary Galea

**Feast Day(s) of the Week:**

25 Jan – The Conversion of Saint Paul

24 Jan – Saint Francis De Sales

26 Jan – Australia Day

**Fr Daney is away in India until 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024.** Fr Daney's father Irudaya Doss died on 13 January 2024 in India. Eternal rest grant unto him. May perpetual light shine upon him. Thank you for your prayers for Fr Daney's late father and his family. Please continue to pray for them. Fr Allan Casquejo and Fr Rafael Silva Galicia from Holy Family Maroubra will look after your pastoral needs while Fr Daney is away. Many thanks to Fr Allan & Fr Rafael.

### OLA Pagewood Parish's Presbytery Refurbishment:

OLA Pagewood Parish's presbytery is in need of repairs; and the refurbishment work has already begun. The parish is asking for help (if you can) with the expenses of the refurbishment. Please use the specially allocated envelopes in the church for your contributions (not taxable). Thank you very much for your donations and support. May God bless you abundantly.

**Readers Roster Jan to June 2024** is available in the church porch. Please tick off your name after picking up your copy. It has been emailed out as well.

**Pagewood Planned Giving Change:** From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024, The Weekly Planned Giving Envelopes contributions are allocated to Pagewood Church Account's Loose Collection.

### Volunteers Needed:

**Flower Arranger needed:** A volunteer is needed to arrange the altar flowers on the fourth Saturdays of the month.

**A lector/reader is needed** to read at the Sunday 8am masses.

If you are able to help in any of the voluntary tasks, please email the parish office. Thank you.

**The First Collection** taken after the Prayer of Faithful supports our Archdiocesan clergies' stipends and presbytery expenses. **The Second Collection which will be taken immediately after The First Collection** supports our church's liturgical and running expenses as well as repairs and maintenance. **Tap donations are divided equally to First & Second Collections.**

**No Foreign Coins:** Please do not place any foreign coins and currency in any collections as they cause problems with our counting machine and the bank's.

### Working with Children Check Update

The Archdiocese of Sydney's Safeguarding Office updated the list of parish Volunteers required to maintain a Working with Children Check recently. **Readers and Wardens now DO NOT have to obtain and maintain a WWCC.** The updated list is on the noticeboard.

### Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Bidjigal and Gadigal People of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of this land, with deep respect. May the elders, past and present, be blessed and honoured. May we work together and build a future based on compassion, justice, hope, faith and recognition.