5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C
10th February 2013

First Reading:
Isaiah 6:1-8

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

Second Reading:
Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Come follow me, says the Lord,
And I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

YEAR OF GRACE—PRAYER
Gracious God,
You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people.
We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ.
You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son, that we may experience a
new wave of grace, and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.
Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church
may be transformed, our relationship be healed, and our nation grow in
compassion and justice.
We make our prayer through the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who showed us
new ways of living the Gospel.
Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.
www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au/

MASS TIMES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

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Baptisms
Are arranged by appointment and are held on the first Sunday of the month.

Marriages
(6 months notice)
Arranged by appointment.
(Enquiries and information brochure available from Parish Office)

Reconciliation
Celebrated at 5.30pm on Saturday or by appointment with the Priest.
COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

This service is available to sick, elderly and housebound members of our parish community and there are many special ministers of the Eucharist who would deem it an honour to provide this service to such people. If you know of any parishioners who would like someone to call for this purpose contact the office on 5427 2690 and we will make the necessary arrangements.

WE PRAY FOR...

Please keep in your prayers all the members of this community who are sick, especially Vincent Kelly, Margaret Holgate, Shannon Hanah-Merit and Sam Barker and all the sick of the Parish. God bring them peace of mind and a recovery to good health and guide those who care for them. We pray today for all those who have died recently, especially Susan Joy Scanlon & Marlene Jager and for all whose anniversaries are at this time and for all those who have gone before us from this world to the fullness of life with God. May God have mercy on them all and help us to be faithful to their memory.

CHURCH ROSTERS

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COLLECTIONS

Presbytery Collection (1st collection)
{This collection covers running costs of Presbytery and Priest’s stipend.} $448

Church (envelopes) collection
{This collection covers the Church capital costs, and on going maintenance.} $805

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP QUOTES

These quotes explore the spirituality and personality of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. She had much wisdom and insight and her words will help us to live the Gospel in TODAY’S world.

Be bright and cheerful and encourage all to be the same.1885
The Little brown book by Sue & Leo Kane

VOCATION VIEW

God does not ask you to be successful. God does ask you to be faithful.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Every day—in little ways and in big ways—God asks, “whom shall I send?” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for an overburdened stranger, God constantly looks to see if we are willing to respond with the eagerness that Isaiah showed when he answered, “Here I am, send me!”

MONDAY AT THE MANOR

There will be no Monday at the Manor this week.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus’ small request, to use Peter’s boat, is repaid in abundance. The fisherman have an outstanding catch, but much more with much deeper significance follows. Peter’s response to the wonder of Jesus is like Isaiah’s response to God’s call: ‘What a wretched state I am in!’ But both Isaiah and Peter were reassured: ‘Do not be afraid,’ God’s power and goodness in our weakness will save us.

MEDITATION

Our Meditation group will have their final meeting this week and will return on the 1st Saturday in February 2013 at 12 noon in the church.
**St Ambrose Parish Woodend**

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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

This weekend our Stewardship Program focuses on ‘Going to Mass’ and Fr Martin will speak to us about the Stewardship of our Time. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend our PARISH INFORMATION MEETING Wednesday 20th February at 7.30 pm in St Ambrose Church. The meeting provides an opportunity to hear about our recent achievements and our future plans as well as to ask any questions and be informed. It is also a time to re-connect and meet fellow parishioners over a cuppa.

Please pray for the success of our Stewardship Program.

*Lord, we thank You for calling us to be Your Church. Through our Baptism we are called to ministry and to witness. In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call. By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs. By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and caring. Help us Lord to always worship You as you deserve, to grow in faith and service and to give without counting the cost. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen*

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**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2013**

Preparations are starting now for this year’s sacramental program. If you know anyone wishing to join our Reconciliation, Eucharistic or Confirmation groups this year then please make contact with the parish or school office ASAP.

**ECUMENICAL GROUP**

All welcome to join a small ecumenical group who meet Tuesdays at 9.30 am for praise and worship, prayer and reflection on the Sunday’s reading and warm fellowship. We believe with God all things are possible!

Please contact Simone ph 54248459.

Please also contact if interested in a Lenten discussion group at this time.

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**MARY MACKILLOP TRAIL—PILGRIMAGE**

A 4 day pilgrimage to Hamilton, Portland and Penola will be conducted from 17th—20th May 2013 with pick-up points at Southern Cross Station, Bacchus Marsh and Ballarat. Cost will be $575 (based on 25 pilgrims) twin share (all included except 2 lunches) with $120 extra for a single room. All sites connected with St Mary MacKillop and her family will be visited with Mass on Sunday at Penola. Contact: Sr Mary Fermio rsj PO Box 37, Bacchus Marsh 3340 or ph 53672078 or email: mary.fermio@sosj.org.au before 15th March for application forms and further details.

**PATRON SAINT**

The Holy See has approved St Mary of the Cross MacKillop as the second patron of Australia. (Our Lady Help of Christians being our first patron saint.) Sr Anne Derwin, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph, commented: We are all delighted and hope that Mary’s values of generosity, inclusion, kindness, commitment and reliance on God’s Providence and Goodness, become the hallmarks of our country’

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**LINEN & LUNCH**

St Mary’s Anglican Guild invites you to join them for a linen party and a light lunch. Come along and treat yourself to some lovely bed linen, tableware, towels, tea towels, aprons and much more from the “Inspirations” range.

Wednesday 13th February 2013, 10.30am to 2.30pm
Norma Richardson Hall, 15 Buckley Street Woodend
$8 per person, RSVP by 6th Feb to Norma on 54272315 or woodendanglican@gmail.com

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**ST MARY’S PARISH SEYMOUR**

St Mary’s Seymour is a designated parish in the Archdiocese to commemorate the Year of Faith.

This programme has been designed to two parts:-

**PART 1—VATICAN COUNCIL II**
Presented by Fr Chris Toms

**PART 2—THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Presented by Mr Gerard O’Rourke & Mons Anthony K. Toms

All parishioners are invited to attend. If interested full details and dates are on the church notice board.

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**PALMS AUSTRALIA**

Palms Australia is a Catholic organisation that has been placing skilled Australian volunteers on mission in communities across Africa, Asia and the Pacific for over 50 years. This year, join Palms on an Encounter journey to visit volunteers in the field, and learn how Australians can work in solidarity with overseas communities to reduce poverty. $ trips are available: Encounter the frontlines of climate change in Kiribati on April 13—25 or Nov 12—25. Encounter Timor-Leste June 30—July 13, or Sept 22—Oct 5. As you will travel with a small group, spaces are limited.

For more information contact Sarah on 02 95189551 or sarah@palms.org.au or visit www.palms.org.au
First Reading  Is 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah’s death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.’

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: ‘What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: ‘See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.’

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: ‘Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?’ I answered, ‘Here I am, send me.’

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God’s grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.’

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation  Mt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel  Lk 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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 deeper 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

Reflection

by Greg Sunter

The theme that comes through this week’s readings is one of ‘being called’. The first reading is the call of the prophet Isaiah (Is 6:1-8). Isaiah experiences a vision of the glory of God and is humbly reminded of his own deficiencies: he believes himself to be a ‘man of unclean lips’. As such, he is certainly unfit to speak on behalf of God as his unclean lips would taint whatever message he may speak.

But his lips are cleansed by God who then asks, ‘Whom shall I send?’ Demonstrating a complete conversion of heart and mind, Isaiah immediately replies, ‘Here I am, send me!’

This first reading provides a perfect balance to the gospel. Jesus is being closely pressed by the crowd when he asks a nearby fisherman to take him just off shore to preach without being overwhelmed by the crowd. Seemingly at random, he has selected the boat of the fisherman Peter. Having finished preaching for the day, Jesus tells Peter to set out into deeper water and pay out his fishing nets. Peter is certainly not keen on the idea! Out of some interest or good nature he had agreed to allow this preacher to use his boat for a while, but now this country bumpkin is trying to tell him how to fish! Just to prove Jesus wrong, Peter agrees to go through the futile exercise and is overwhelmed by the enormous catch of fish. Like Isaiah in the first reading, Peter is suddenly acutely aware of his own deficiencies – ‘Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man’. Like Isaiah, he recognises that he has just seen the glory of God revealed and he feels unworthy to be part of the experience. But Jesus reassures him, ‘Do not be afraid,’ and calls Peter to follow.
St Scholastica was born in 480 AD and was the sister of St Benedict. Her life was dedicated to God from an early age and she later founded the order of Benedictine nuns. Scholastica met her brother once a year at a house near his monastery. According to the writings of Gregory the Great, on their last visit she asked Benedict to stay longer but he refused. She began to pray for rain and a fierce storm erupted which prevented him from leaving the house. She died three days later and tradition says that Benedict saw his sister’s soul leave her body in the form of a dove.

Wordsearch
Try to find these words:

- boats
- catch
- fishermen
- full
- master
- nets
- ripping
- shore
- sink
- sinner
- speaking
- Zebedee

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Use the words in the fish to complete the sentence below...

now fish afraid people don't

_____ be ______! From ___ on you will _____ in ______ instead of _____.

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K M A S T E R G X U I K Z S G
R I P P I N G M D W N E E H V
V C J F I S H E R M E N B O C
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