

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

### Opening Prayer

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### First Reading

*Isaiah 6:1-8*

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 one to 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.'

*This is the word of the Lord.*

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalms 137*

**R: Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
You have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
Which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
You increased the strength of my soul. **R**

All earth's kings shall thank you  
When they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R**

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
Your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
Discard not the work of your hand. **R**

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

(short form)

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still

alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel

*Luke 5:1-11*

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 deep 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 boats 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.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

### Prayer over the Gifts

God, our provider, whose word called us to share in the table you have prepared; give to us now, we pray you, fitting words to sing your praise. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

Merciful God, at your saving banquet we are fed. By this sacrament you nourish our life on earth; so bring us, we pray, to your eternal life. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Notices

**Ash Wednesday:** 6th March - School Mass at 2pm (to which everyone is welcome) and Sung Mass at 8pm, both with the Imposition of Ashes.

**Palm crosses** to make ash would be gratefully received by Fr Adam, or please leave them with the wardens/welcomers to be passed on to him.  
Thanks.

