

LIVINGTHEWORD

- Isaiah shares his vocation call from God. His response of feeling unworthy – *‘I have unclean lips’*; God’s healing response – *‘your sin is purged’*, followed by Isaiah’s second response – *‘Here I am, send me!’*. Call ... resistance ... healing ... acceptance, is the common pattern of vocation. What is *your* personal vocation story and what ‘stage’ are you at? What fear would have to be dissolved before you could genuinely say to God – *‘Here I am, send me!’*?
- St Paul is writing to the Corinthian community, which was beginning to practise a ‘selective’ Christianity. They discarded teachings which they did not like. Some could not accept the teaching of the Resurrection because they thought matter was evil and spirit was good. They are reminded that Christian teaching can be traced back to Jesus – from the Scriptures and from the Apostles – and Paul himself is faithful to their teaching. Are there elements of the Church’s teaching which you want to be ‘selective’ about? Who could you talk with to find out more about the ‘why’ of the Church’s teaching?
- Paul says of himself that he was ‘abnormally born’. It took a while for Paul to be able to meet and share faith with the Apostles. They were possibly afraid of him – he *did* persecute Christians! – and he was a little apprehensive if he and his teachings would be accepted. Have you wanted to share your faith journey with a friend or spiritual director? Studies have shown people who share their faith grow more deeply in their discipleship journey. Who would you be willing to share it with?
- Simon was using ‘reasonable thinking’ suggesting to Jesus that it was not a good idea to go fishing. He had plenty of evidence that it wasn’t going to work. But he moved beyond ‘reason’ to ‘risk’. *‘At your command I will lower the nets’*. Is there a word, experience, invitation from God recently which you need to be obedient to? What is the fear that stops you from taking a risk?
- Isaiah, St Paul and Peter all share their human experience of frailty, guilt and unworthiness. Paul even refers to his feeling ‘abnormally born’! God uses this painful self-awareness positively, and it is important to notice that God is not afraid of our human weakness. In God’s eyes, only those who have tasted personal frailty are ready for pastoral leadership. *“Do not be afraid!”* Consider what it would be like to live and make decisions not based in fear. What would you do? How would you live?
- In the Greek, the text hints at *‘catching people alive’*. The special use of words points to catching people to lead them into the fullest life. Do you consider leading people to Jesus as joyful and life-giving? Do you presume people will come to you rather than having to go to them in the ‘deep water’? Where is the ‘deep water’ for you at the moment?
- Luke inserts a particular word more than the other Gospel writers. *‘Everything’*. He will repeat this word 8 times. What would it mean for you to let go of ‘everything’ so that you are free to ‘follow him’?

DILEXIT NOS — Encyclical of Pope Francis (2024): ***On Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus.***

“He loved us”, Saint Paul says of Christ (cf. Rom 8:37), in order to make us realise that nothing can ever *“separate us”* from that love (Rom 8:39). Paul could say this with certainty because Jesus himself had told his disciples, *“I have loved you”* (Jn 15:9, 12). Even now, the Lord says to us, *“I have called you friends”* (Jn 15:15). His open heart has gone before us and waits for us, unconditionally, asking only to offer us his love and friendship. For *“he loved us first”* (cf. 1 Jn 4:10). Because of Jesus, *“we have come to know and believe in the love that God has for us”* (1 Jn 4:16).

Chapter One — The Importance of the Heart

The symbol of the heart has often been used to express the love of Jesus Christ. Living as we do in an age of superficiality, rushing frenetically from one thing to another without really knowing why, and ending up as insatiable consumers and slaves to the mechanisms of a market unconcerned about the deeper meaning of our lives, all of us need to rediscover the importance of the heart.

What do we mean by “the heart”?

In classical Greek, the word denotes the inmost part of human beings. For Homer, it indicates not only the centre of the body, but also the human soul and spirit. In the Iliad, thoughts and feelings proceed from the heart and are closely bound one to another. The heart appears as the locus of desire and the place where important decisions take shape. From ancient times, there has been an appreciation that human beings are a unity of body and soul, with a coordinating centre that provides a backdrop of meaning and direction to all that a person experiences.

The Bible tells us that, *“the Word of God is living and active ... it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart”* (Heb 4:12). It speaks to us of the heart as a core that lies hidden beneath all outward appearances. The disciples of Emmaus, on their mysterious journey in the company of the risen Christ, experienced a moment of anguish, confusion, despair and disappointment. Yet beyond and in spite of this, something was happening deep within them: *“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road?”* (Lk 24:32).

The heart is the locus of sincerity, where deceit and disguise have no place. It usually indicates our true intentions, what we really think, believe and desire. It is the part of us that is authentic, real, entirely *“who we are”*. Instead of running after superficial satisfactions and playing a role for the benefit of others, we would do better to think about the really important questions in life.

Who am I, *really*? What am I looking for? What direction do I want to give to my life, my decisions and my actions? Why and for what purpose am I in this world? How do I want to look back on my life once it ends? What meaning do I want to give to all my experiences? Who do I want to be for others? Who am I for God? All these questions lead us back to the heart.



CALENDAR

MONDAY

February 10
St. Scholastica,
Virgin

Gn 1:1-19
Mk 6:53-56

TUESDAY

February 11
Weekday

Gn 1:20-2:4a
Mk 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY

February 12
Weekday

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17
Mk 7:14-23

THURSDAY

February 13
Weekday

Gn 2:18-25
Mk 7:24-30

FRIDAY

February 14
Sts. Cyril, Monk
and Methodius,
Bishop

Gn 3:1-8
Mk 7:31-37

SATURDAY

February 15
Weekday

Gn 3:9-24
Mk 8:1-10

SUNDAY

February 16
Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5-8
1 Cor 15:12,
16-20
Lk 6:17, 20-26

PRAYER SEEKING THE INTERCESSION OF THE EIGHT BLESSED MARTYRS OF THAILAND AND THEIR CANONISATION

Almighty God, You called the eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, as priest, religious and lay people, laity leading as young disciples, and as a catechist. These eight Blessed Martyrs responded faithfully to Your call, dedicating themselves to Your redemptive mission for all. For the sake of this mission and their faith in You, they followed Your Son, Jesus Christ, in sacrificing their lives.

May the example of these eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand inspire us to live our Christian faith today in the Catholic Church, ever giving witness to that faith in our daily life.

According to Your will, we pray that Your servants, the eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand, may be canonised. We ask this as we seek to strengthen our own faith. So, if it is Your will, bless us with their canonisation, thus giving glory to Your Name.

Through the intercession of the eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand, grant what we now humbly request in prayer (*take a silent moment*).
Amen.

Leader: The eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand

Response: Pray for us

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 and 17:15 hrs.
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by
mass
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.
English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.
English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am
mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).
English before 10:00 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite
the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat, Sun : Closed
& public holidays

Dear Padre

February 9, 2025

Who was St. Valentine? Do our Valentine's Day traditions of love and romance have anything to do with the actual St. Valentine?

There were actually three St. Valentines. One was a priest who was beheaded in Rome on February 14 in the year 269. Another was a bishop, who was also martyred in the third century. Both are buried on the Appian Way in Rome. The third St. Valentine is a lesser-known saint who died in Africa with a number of companions during the early centuries of the Church. The tomb of this St. Valentine became a center of popular devotion in the early Middle Ages. In 496, Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor this particular St. Valentine.

The popular romantic customs that surround our present Valentine's Day trace their origins back to the Middle Ages. The English writer Geoffrey Chaucer noted that halfway through the second month of the year, February 14, the birds begin to choose their mates. For this reason, the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers' tokens. People who gave or received these tokens or letters were referred to as "valentines." In the Middle Ages, a legend also developed that St. Valentine the priest left a farewell note for his jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and that he signed that note "From Your Valentine." ●

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HOLY (No. 263)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. **PLEASE KNEEL**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN (No. 374)

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

LAMB OF GOD (No. 391)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (Repeat)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. **PLEASE KNEEL**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION: LORD, WHEN YOU CAME (No. 781)

WE REMEMBER (No. 681)

FINAL: PILGRIMS OF HOPE PLEASE STAND

Refrain: Like a flame my hope is burning, may my song arise to you.

Source of life that has no ending, on life's path I trust in you.

1. Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people, find a light within your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters, find a home in your dear Son. (R)
2. God, so tender and so patient, dawn of hope, you care for all.
Heav'n and earth are recreated by the Spirit of Life set free. (R)
3. Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing, for our God is born in time.
Son made man for you and many who will find the way in him. (R)

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

Sunday, 9 February 2025

ENTRANCE HYMN: GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD (No. 606) PLEASE STAND

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

KYRIE / LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie, eleison, Lord, have mercy on us. Christe, eleison. Christ, have mercy on us.

Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy on us.

GLORY TO GOD

Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)

FIRST READING: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above.

They cried one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke.

Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar.

He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 138: IN THE SIGHT OF THE ANGELS



R. In the sight of the an-gels I will sing your prais-es, Lord.

1. I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name. (R)
2. Because of your kindness and your truth;
for you have made great above all things your name and your promise.
When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me. (R)
3. All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
when they hear the words of your mouth;
and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD: "Great is the glory of the LORD." (R)
4. Your right hand saves me. The LORD will complete what he has done for me;
your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands. (R)

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 15:1-11

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:

I am reminding you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand. Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, Christ appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me.

For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God that is with me.

Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA (No. 326) PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.

GOSPEL: Lk 5:1-11

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to Luke

All: Glory to you, Lord.

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND

Priest: I believe in God,

All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:
"Heal us, O God."**

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: THE SUMMONS (No. 790)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pilgrims of Hope

Hymn for the Jubilee Year 2025

Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri

English translation: Andrew Wadsworth

Music: Francesco Meneghello

With Confidence (♩ = c. 69)
INTRODUCTION

Organ

REFRAIN

Like a flame my hope is burn - ing, may my song a - rise, to you: Source of

life that has no end - ing, on life's path I trust in you.

Pilgrims of Hope

VERSES

1. Ev - ry na - tion, tongue, and peo - ple find a light with - in your Word. Scat - tered
2. God, so ten - der and so pa - tient, dawn of hope, you care for all. Heav'n and
3. Raise your eyes, the wind is blow - ing, for our God is born in time. Son made

to Refrain

1. frag - ile sons and daugh - ters find a home in your dear Son
2. earth are re - cre - a - ted by the Spir - it of Life set free.
3. man for you and man - y who will find the way in him.