

9th February 2025 – Liturgical Year C

Introduction:

God's call comes to each of us as it did to Isaiah, Paul and Peter. It comes at different times and in different situations – be it in prayer, as in the case of Isaiah; or in the midst of work, as it did to Peter; or even in moments of ignorance, as in the case of Paul. And when we do recognise it, we may feel overwhelmed and unworthy or perhaps incapable. However, when we respond, we will realise that the old is left behind and we receive a new insight and are renewed in strength. As we listen to God's word at this Eucharist, we pray that our minds and hearts be opened to the Lord's call in our lives and that we may receive the grace to respond with faith and courage.

Readings:

First Reading	: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Psalms	: Psalm 138:1-2a, 2bcd-3, 4-5, 7c-8
Second Reading	: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel	: Luke 5: 1-11

Prayer of the Faithful:

Celebrant: Dear sisters and brothers, as we place our petitions before our ever providential Father, we open ourselves to His voice calling us to be His witnesses.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer*

For the Pope, bishops, priests, religious and all who minister to God's people – may they who have courageously responded to God's call, persevere in bringing His Good News to the world ...*(brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord

For world leaders and those in governance – may they be true to their calling, in carrying out their responsibilities, always in the best interest of their citizens ...*(brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord

For all married couples – may they understand the sanctity of the covenantal relationship that God has called them to, and joyfully live it ...*(brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord

For those suffering due to prolonged or terminal illnesses – may the Lord ease their pain, and may they find consolation in knowing that they are called to bear witness to Christ's passion ...*(brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord

For each of us gathered here – that conscious of our weaknesses, may we never hesitate to respond to the Lord's call, trusting that His grace that will empower us ...*(brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord

In silence, we now place before the Lord our personal intentions ...*(longer silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord

Celebrant: Eternal Father, may we always be open to the promptings of Your Spirit, who guides us along the path of righteousness and truth. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.