



St Mark's Parish

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

10 February 2019

I recently had the privilege of accompanying a group of teacher Pilgrims from Sydney Catholic School's to attend WYD 2019 Panama. The Schools sent six Bus loads of pilgrims made up of teachers and students. Two busloads went via Washington attending the March for Life and four bus loads went on a pilgrimage to Mexico visiting churches and shrines around Mexico City. I accompanied the latter pilgrimage. This was a wonderful experience as we experienced different cultures, the history of colonisation, the different traditions and customs of the indigenous inhabitants, the grow of the Catholic faith and the experience of modern culture on the life of the Church. We had

a few days in Mexico City and surrounds culminating in a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The pilgrimage continued to Panama where we were welcomed with much hospitality and exuberance. Random welcomes by the local with beeping of horns, waves and greetings. They are genuinely friendly and were very proud to host WYD. You can probably remember the atmosphere in Sydney ten years ago when we hosted WYD. They closed down the water front main thoroughfare where the big events were held the Opening Mass, the Pope's welcome and Stations of the Cross. We attended the local church or at least the car park where the Australian gathering, our three sessions of Catechesis and Mass were celebrated. The easiest way to get around was to walk and our pilgrim pack contained a special towel to help cool down. There were events and performances in the evenings.

Pilgrims came from all over the world with many from central America. The Holy Fathers addresses were inspirational as he told the pilgrims they are the Church now and they need to be imbedded in the local community and that they both had much to offer each other. He encouraged people to have a real encounter, to put aside the mobile devices and interact. The most inspirational aspect of WYD for me was to experience the transformation of the pilgrims. Many seemed to find deeper meaning and a renewed relationship with God and the community of the Church. The group spent a day of reflection after the business of the WYD events. This time of reflection and prayer helped us all to recollect on what had taken place and the experiences we had as a group and as individuals.

Each day we had the opportunity to celebrate Mass in different locations, chapels or Churches or wherever we could as travellers, times for prayer and visits to Holy places and on the Bus, we would have an opportunity to pray the Prayer of the Church. I would be happy to share more of this experience with you just ask! It is always great to get home – the last trip was 40 hours Panama to New Orleans then to LA and the final 14 hours to Sydney. Jesus in the Gospel calls the disciples to follow him. They set off not knowing what is in the future but they trust in him and go on to do so much for God and others. May God be with us on our journey of faith and our discipleship of the Lord.

Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ, **Fr. Michael McLean, Parish Priest**



Vinnies Launches North Queensland Flood

The St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland has launched an appeal to help victims of the devastating flood disaster affecting Townsville and surrounding areas. With thousands of Queenslanders impacted by rising flood waters, landslides and continuing monsoonal rain, Vinnies state

president Dennis Innes has declared a public disaster appeal, and said financial donations were the best way to provide immediate help.

"Vinnies is ready to assist families and individuals whose homes and businesses have been flooded, but we need the public's help. When the rain stops, the clean-up and recovery process begins and we will be here to help residents of the Townsville region return to their homes and restart their lives," he said. Vinnies Queensland was formed in 1894 after a great flood inundated Brisbane, 125 years later we are still here helping Queenslanders."

Source: © CatholicNews



The Holy See

World Day of the Sick 2019.

In his message for the 27th World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis urges believers to promote a culture of generosity, noting that the joy of generous giving is a barometer of the health of a Christian. Pope

Francis says that those who care for the sick and give of themselves with generosity and straightforward love – like St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta - are amongst the Church's most credible evangelizers. In his message for the World Day of the Sick, which will be celebrated on 11 February, the pope focuses on Jesus's words to the Apostles: "You received without payment; give without payment" (Mt 10:8). Established in 1993 by Saint John Paul II on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, a different city is chosen each year to host the World Day of the Sick. This year the choice has fallen on Calcutta in India, and Pope Francis has highlighted the figure of Saint Teresa of Calcutta as a model of charity who made God's love for the poor and sick visible.

You received without payment; give without payment. (Mt 10:8)

Take home copies of the message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the XXVII World Day of the Sick 2019 are available at all Church entrances.

Wanted - Catechists & Catechist Helpers for 2019

We are looking for volunteers for 2019. Classes are once a week on Friday mornings during school term. Lesson materials comprising of comprehensive teacher's manuals and student workbooks are provided. A set curriculum is followed. If you can help



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*Legendary Port Macquarie Priest passes away *Bishop slams Teacher's Union

Today's Liturgy.

Entrance Antiphon: *Ps 94:6-7*

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading: *Is 6:1-8*

Isaiah volunteers to speak for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1*

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

Second Reading: *1 Cor 15:1-11*

Paul recounts the chronology of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: *Mt 4:19*

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel: *Lk 5:1-11*

An abundance of fish are caught by Simon.

Offertory Antiphon: *Ps 15:5.6.7*

Make my steps steadfast in your paths, that my feet may not falter. Incline your ear to me, and hear my words. Show forth your wonderful mercies, O Lord, you who save those who trust in you.

Communion Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 106:8-9*

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

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.

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 of the Father,

have mercy on us.

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.

Amen

The Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed

I believe in one God,

the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. *1 Corinthians 13:4-7*

♥ Happy Valentine's Day ♥



The Blessed Virgin Mary first appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, on the 11th of February 1858, at a cave near the river Gave in France. She showed Bernadette a hidden spring and told her to drink and wash from it. Over the next few months she appeared to her on seventeen occasions; sometimes in the presence of others, although only Bernadette could see her. She told Bernadette to tell priests to build a chapel at the spring, and that she should pray for the conversion of sinners. As a result of these visions, Lourdes has become one of the greatest pilgrim shrines in Christian history, with many people claiming the water has miraculous healing powers.

Next Week:

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;

Lk 6:17. 20-26;

Lent

a season of reflection, preparation & renewal

Ash Wednesday
6 March 2019

Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6, and once again this Lenten Season; St. Mark's Parish community will observe Eucharistic Adoration in the church each weekday. To ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is always attended to during this period, **we need volunteers to commit to one hour a week during this time to be present in the church.**

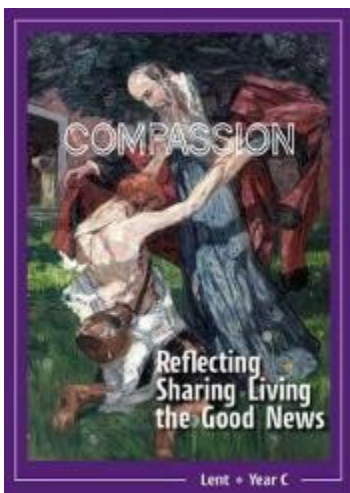
If you can participate, please let us know the hour and the day of the week that works best for you. If you cannot commit to an hour every week, but can do several specific hours during Lent, we would like to hear from you as well. Those who have participated in Lenten Eucharistic Adoration before can attest to the abundance of grace as a parish community and as individuals that is received from this time spent with Our Lord. **Please give serious consideration to participating, sign up sheets are in the Church foyer or contact the parish office.**

Lenten Scripture Groups - Join Us!

This Lenten season, St. Mark's parish community invites you to **Live Lent** join a small group for an opportunity to share your faith with some of your fellow parishioners. These weekly small discussion groups take a deeper look at each Sunday's gospel and provide inspiration for conversation about how our faith applies to our everyday lives.

For more details on sessions, dates and times sign up sheets are in the Church foyer or contact the parish office. And we will contact you with details. Groups start the first week of Lent Thursday March 7 for 6 weeks.

Please join us this Lent to connect with your parish neighbours, deepen your spirituality and learn more about your faith. If you would like more information, please contact the parish office.



**2019 St. Mark's Parish
Lenten Program**
"Compassion - Reflecting,
Sharing - Living the Good
News"

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Lent is a time for looking at our lives and finding both the presence and the absence of God. We thank Him for his Grace through our relationship with Jesus, but we take this time to pause and reflect on how we have weakened this relationship through sin. On Ash Wednesday, we are signed with ashes to show our recognition that we need repentance. It is an important ritual and, as you can see below, we will make every opportunity help you receive them. What better day to ask for the Lord's mercy and forgiveness.

MORNING

Wednesday 6 March 7:30 am Mass with distribution of ashes

Wednesday 6 March 9:30 am St Mark's Students Y3 - 6 Mass with distribution of ashes

EVENING

Wednesday 6 March 7.30 pm Mass with distribution of ashes

HOMEBOUND:

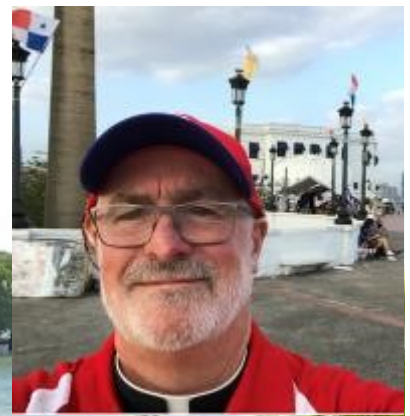
If you or a neighbour are homebound and wish to receive ashes and Holy Communion, please contact the parish office for a home visit.



Images from WYD 2019

'Spirit of Panama' provided by Fr Michael

Fr Michael and the Pilgrims Bus 4
(Fr Michael was chaplain of Bus 4)
celebrate Mass on the beach.



Archbishop Anthony Fisher and Pilgrims.



World Youth Day 2022. World Youth Day 2022 will be a Catholic festival held in Lisbon, Portugal, and it will be celebrated in summer 2022. This was announced by Pope Francis and Cardinal Kevin Farrell at the end of the closing Mass of World Youth Day 2019 in Panama City, Panama.

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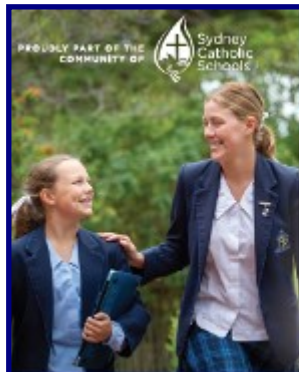
OPEN DAY

Sunday 10 March 2019

11am – 3pm

Principal's address 11.30am and 1.00pm

College tours, performances and displays



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FOR YEAR 7, 2021

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ENROLLING NOW



St Mark's

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL DRUMMOYNE



OPEN DAY

Tuesday 5 March 2019

**School tours of classrooms
and grounds available**

from 9.15am – 11am

**Application for Enrolment
packs will be available**

from this day

All Welcome!!



Religious Freedom

What does it all mean?
How will it affect my family?

How will the new proposed bill effect your children and grandchildren?

What impact will it have on educating our children in Catholic schools?

What can you do to protect your religious freedom?

Listen to Monica Doumit speak about where this is heading & what we can do about it.

Date: Sunday 17 February 2019
Time: 4-5pm
Where: All Hallows' Catholic Church
2 Halley Street, Five Dock

Child minding by Children's Liturgy members will be available.
As Catholics we have a responsibility to act now and protect our religious freedom. Don't miss this important event.

**Do you care for a family member
or friend?**

We are seeking volunteers who are carers in their personal lives and enjoy spending time online to participate in a pilot, online community providing peer support for carers and provide feedback on their experience.

Call CCareline to find out more

CCareline 131819

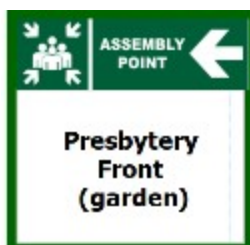
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connect@catholiccare.org

8am – 8pm Monday – Friday

Parish Happenings

- † **Multicultural Mass:** Sunday 17 February 2019
Celebrating Interculturality, a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at 2pm on Sunday 17th February, all welcome. Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Fisher.
- † **Religious Freedom:** Sunday 17 February 2019
Listen to Monica Doumit speak about where this is heading & what we can do about it. 4pm—5pm All Hallows' Catholic Church 2 Halley Street, Five Dock. All Welcome.
- † **Opening School Mass:** Friday 22 February 2019
St Mark's Primary School Opening Whole School Mass at 9.30am. All welcome - great opportunity to meet new families to the school.
- † **Catholic Women's League:** Friday 22 February 2019
Welcome back, this will be our first meeting for the new year. Bring your lunch to share with us from 11.30am upstairs in the Parish Centre, our meeting will start at 1pm. New members welcome.
- † **Kindergarten Family Mass:** Sunday 24 February 2019
Our 9am Sunday Mass is to welcome our new kindergarten students and their families. Come along and meet someone new and join us for morning tea after Mass.
- † **Project Compassion:** Sunday 3 March 2019
Give Lent 100% - Lives change when we all give 100%
- † **Ash Wednesday:** 6 March 2019
See sign up sheets in the Church foyer to join and help with our Lenten Program.
- † **Year 5 Family Mass:** Sunday 10 March 2019
Our 6pm Sunday Mass is to welcome our Year 5 students and their families. Come along and join us.
- † **Anointing Mass:** Saturday 16 March 2019
Our next Anointing Mass will be held at 12 noon followed by a light lunch. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate to share.
- † **First Reconciliation Reunion Mass:** Sunday 17 March 2019
We welcome back our first reconciliation students and their families from 2018 at our 9am Mass, followed by morning tea.
- † **First Holy Communion:** Friday 22 March 2019
Enrolment letters and application forms for 1st communion will be available on our website. From this date.
- † **Family Group Mass:** Sunday 24 March 2019
Our parish family group community will gather at 9am Mass followed by morning tea. Stay tuned for more details.
- † **St Canice's Kitchen:** 31 March 2019
This is our next Sunday to help at St Canice's Kitchen. If you wish to volunteer please contact the parish office.



Parish Diary 2019

2nd & 4th Monday of the	St Vincent de Paul Society	7:45 pm Parish Centre
Mondays	Italian Prayer Group	After 8:00am Mass Parish Centre
2nd Wednesday of the month	Liturgy Committee Parish Pastoral Council	6:30 pm 7:30 pm Parish Centre
Thursdays	RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation)	7:00pm Parish Centre
3rd Thursday of the month	Sunshine Club Lunch	12 noon - Oxford Hotel, Cnr Victoria & Lyons Rds, Dummoyn
4th Friday of the month	St Mark's Catholic Women's League	11:30am Parish Centre (February to October)

Dear Parishioner's
Families and children are always welcome at St Mark's. I would ask parents to supervise their children before and after Mass.

For Safety:

- * Please keep your child in sight.
- * Please do not let them swing on the balustrades.
- * Please ensure children are accompanied in the parking area.
- * Please supervise your child in the driveway areas beside the Church and the presbytery.
- * Please when outside the Church respect the gardens.

I raise these issues so that all remain safe and we can all enjoy the environs of the Church.

Thank you **Fr. Michael McLean, Parish Priest**



DO YOU KNOW ST MARK'S CHURCH IN CASE OF EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN?

Where are all the Church exits? Where are the Fire extinguishers? In case of a threat where is our ASSEMBLY POINT?

NOTE: All information is located in the Church foyer & Sacristy.

Please make yourself familiar with this information.

ASSEMBLY POINT

**1. Leave Church by nearest Safe Exit Point
REMAIN CALM DO NOT PANIC**

**2. Proceed to the Assembly Point:
The FRONT OF THE PRESBYTERY**

Remain at the Assembly Point until given the all clear.

IN CASE OF FIRE

**1. Leave Church by nearest Safe Exit Point
REMAIN CALM DO NOT PANIC**

2. Alert others raise the ALARM

Fire Extinguisher



In your love and concern, please pray for the following ill members of our community:
Eileen O'Neill, Nora Bateman, Tina LaForgia, Julius Mendel,

Anne Whitfield, Daisy Gill, Francois Tuyau, Giovanni Iacono, Elvira Favorito, Pat Williams, Bruce Barter, Betty Bidgood, Jeff Bidgood, Evelyn Dann, Meagan Ficarra, Mae Ann Buckley, Pat Castagnone and Lynette Lord and all St Mark's community members unwell at this time.

Anniversaries and those we are remembering at this time:

Maria Loayza, Fr Barnabas (Max) Brown OFM, Bruno Ricciadi, Romilda Xuereb, Roselyn Iris Poppen, Isidoro D'Urso, Gladys Waldie, Hilda & Ralph Coote, Eddie Conaghan, Jimmy Conaghan, Frank Hanvey Leonarda & Maurangelo Altomare.

Recently deceased: Dorothy Dahlberg, Dr James Stackpool, Jozo Bautovich, Margaret Louise Mifsud. We pray for those who have died and offer our prayers to their families.

Interment: Saturday 16 February 2019

The interment for **Enid Claire Meredith** will be held at St Mark's Church Drummoyne, following 12 noon Mass, prayers and blessing will be held in the Chapel.

Interment: Saturday 23 February 2019

The interment for **Mary (Molly) Doreen Wark** will be held at St Mark's Church Drummoyne, following 12 noon Mass, prayers and blessing will be held in the Chapel.

May their souls rest in peace.



St Mark's Parish Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm

Weekdays:

8.00am Monday
9.30am Tuesday
7.30am Wednesday
9.30am Thursday
8.00am Friday
12 noon Saturday

Morning Prayer of the Church 15 minutes prior to weekday Mass

Reconciliation:

11.30am Saturday

Adoration & Exposition:

11.00am - 12 noon Saturday
First Friday of the Month from the conclusion of morning Mass



BAPTISMS: are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 10:30am. During Easter Tide Baptisms can be celebrated every Sunday. Parents, are asked to book in for their Baptismal Preparation Community Gathering by contacting the parish office. Come along to meet other young families and their children on the First Sunday of the month at 4pm, our next gathering is 3 March 2019. Fr Michael, Sr, Antonia and our parishioners are looking forward to welcoming you into our community.

MARRIAGES: Parishioners intending marriage are asked to notify the Parish office at least six months prior to your wedding.

No Baptisms or Weddings are conducted during the season of Lent.

FUNERALS: Parishioners are asked to contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - 9 / 10 FEBRUARY 2019
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

NEXT WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/JEM	Children's Liturgy
Saturday 6.00 PM	R Harris M Bullock	M Griffin N Duane	A Griffin	Younger Group C Wraith Older Group M Doueihy
Sunday 9:00 AM	L Boulos B Bateman M Massy	C O'Neill Y Lee R Colantonio	D Gardiner / A Gardiner	
Sunday 6:00 PM	S Ianni J Denehy	P Harrington M Harrington	T Griffin	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - 16 / 17 FEBRUARY 2019
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

NEXT WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/JEM	Children's Liturgy
Saturday 6.00 PM	C Burlew C Griffith	S Uthappa M Hanvey	R Zoccali	Younger Group S Garofono & R Ilacqua
Sunday 9:00 AM	V Beggs M Fernon E Chatterjee	K Rowntree S Williams A Bateman	K Cox / E Doolan	
Sunday 6:00 PM	D Moiso A Laughlin	I Boccalatte D Swetz	T Boccalatte	Older Group K Reid

ROSTERS The rosters listed above are a reminder only. Please ensure you check your roster for your service times.

Rights: I have the right to food, clothing and healthcare and a safe place to live.

Responsibilities: I have the responsibility to respect this right - many children of the world don't have the basic things like food and clean water.

Rights: I have the right to voice my opinions respectfully.

Responsibilities: I have the responsibility to respect the opinions of others.



Rights: I have the right to feel safe and be protected from harm wherever I am.

Responsibilities: I have the responsibility to not hurt others or treat them badly.

Rights: I have the right to a good education

Responsibilities: I have the responsibility to always do my best

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Parish Administration: Ms Vicki Anderson

Follow Jesus and be not afraid

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Peter, James and John left everything so that they could become disciples of Jesus. What are some of the things you would "leave behind" to follow Jesus?



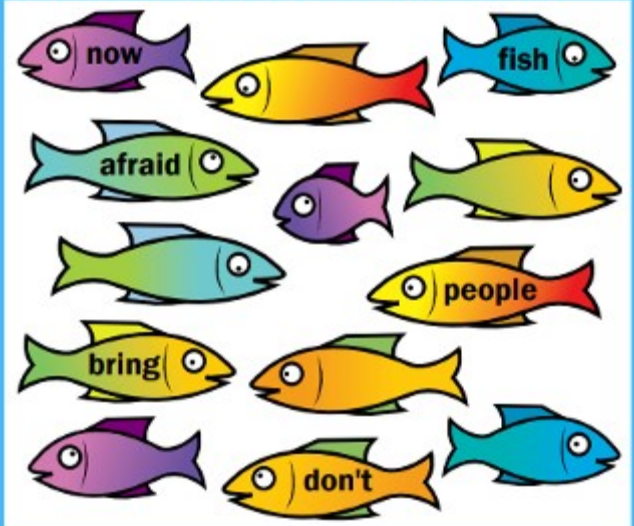
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Try to find these words:

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nets ripping shore sink
sinner speaking Zebedee

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A N J Y I A K S I N N E R V X

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



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

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office phone (02) 9390 5812.

