

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - 1 Samuel 3:3-10.19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel - John 1:35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

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A house of welcome to all and a place of service to all

2nd Sunday, Year B

January 14, 2024

Listening to the Lord

What are we looking for? What is it we want? They're good questions to ask ourselves occasionally, or indeed, have put to us. It's what Jesus asks Andrew and his friend in the gospel. They respond with another question: 'where do you live?'

It seems they want to learn from him, but implicit in their question are other questions like, who are you and what are you on about, and where do you abide? Jesus responds saying, 'come and see'. They're pretty much the first words spoken by Jesus in John's gospel and it's an invitation: we're invited to do the same.

We might invite those looking for some meaning in their lives to come and see us. Come and see how we relate to one another and welcome newcomers into our church. Are we able to see him in how we relate to one another? Does Jesus abide with us, because this is his promise, if only we are open to it.

The next day Andrew goes to tell his bother Simon that he has met the Messiah. The day before he had addressed Jesus as Rabbi, now he unexpectedly discovers the truth in what John the Baptist has said, that Jesus is the anointed one, the one on whom the Spirit rests. It's not Peter who calls Jesus the Messiah but Andrew. He's

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Tuesday: 5:30 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Friday: 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm

Saturday: 5:00 pm – 5:45 pm

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday: 9:30am - 11:00am

First Friday : 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Divine Mercy Chaplets

Second Wednesday: 7:30pm

Novena

Saturday: 5:30 pm

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the one who brings people to Jesus; he has the gift of inviting us to come and see. Indeed, the only time he's mentioned in the gospels is in the company of others. We might recognise him in the life of the parish.

Then, when Andrew brings Simon to Jesus he gives him a new name! It indicates a real change in his life, a new relationship with God, a new purpose. However, the 'rock' doesn't emerge till much later because he's as impetuous as ever throughout the gospels, but Jesus sees in him a steadfastness, and similarly, in each one of us. It's the transforming power of God at work in our lives.

In the first reading the Lord comes to the young Samuel who, aided by Eli, is enabled to hear him and take to heart his word. He doesn't dismiss what he hears, but listens to the Lord. Like Jesus, he is the one who listens. As ever, it's the Lord who takes the initiative in coming to us and we have only to respond to his call, wherever we hear it, however unexpectedly.

Finally, in the second reading, Paul lays great store by the body. Our bodies matter to him. Indeed, they're the temple of the Holy Spirit he says, for where else could we experience the Spirit but, in the body, which means not just our own bodies but together in the Church, the body of Christ, we are enabled to do the will of the Lord and, in doing so, to follow him and abide with him. In this is our promise of glory.

Damian Coleridge
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths: Please pray for Mr Aldino Leong Da Silva and Luciano De Tann who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Eileen Haddleton, Shirley Mortimer, Ronnie Wong, Sandra Sghreza, Errol Bernard D'Monte, Irene Patricia Conroy, Jerzon Moniz, Joseph Fletcher and Julie Walton whose anniversaries occur around this time.

MORE CARE - DO YOU NEED HELP OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

- ◆ Stephen 0408 167 400 (Coordinator)
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- ◆ Christine 0412 887 950 (Transport)
- ◆ Serina 0420 991 868 (Visiting)
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- ◆ Parish Office 9310 1747 (General Enquiries)

R O S T E R S

FOR 21ST JANUARY

Bulletin: Ratinda Oetomo
 Flowers: Justina Yeap
 Counters: 1. A Munro 2. G Munro 3. C Correia

| | Saturday 6.00pm | Sunday 8.00am | Sunday 10.00am |
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| Acolytes | D Ng | C Goh | D Klass |
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| Altar Servers | A Dass | B Karczub | A Evans |
| | G Dass | N Karczub | S Evans |
| | A D'Monte | | A Geaney |

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) and Readers –
 Please come up as required – **NO ROSTERS FOR JANUARY 2024.**

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| Piety Stall | OPEN | OPEN | OPEN |
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THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED FROM FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2023, 3.00PM AND WILL RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY 23RD JANUARY 2024, 9.30AM.

PLEASE NOTE: In 2024, there will be Masses for the following Solemnities, Holy Week, Octave of Easter, and Octave of Christmas that will fall either on Monday or Saturday:

- **Monday 18th March 2024 – 9.00am – St Patrick**

A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND 17TH/18TH FEB 2024 IN BAHASA INDONESIAN LANGUAGE

It will be held at Corpus Christi College, Bateman. This is a rare and wonderful opportunity for Indonesian speaking couples to enrich and deepen their relationships. Please pass the word around to Indonesian speaking couples, including couples in a long term committed relationships. Contact Dwi or Sandra: 0416 433 741.

CHINESE/LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION - SUN 18TH FEB AFTER 10AM MASS

Our parish would like to honour those who are associated with the rich Chinese culture and Chinese heritage and mark the beginning of the Year of the Wood Dragon. There will be a special Mass followed by a community lunch - please bring a plate to share. More information later.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS BALL 2024 – GARDEN OF EDEN - SAT 17TH FEB

This event is for young adults, ages 18-30. More details: events.humanitix.com/cym-ball
 Date: Saturday, 17th February 2024 at 6:30 pm to 11:30 pm Tickets: \$120 per person
 Venue: Pagoda Resort and Spa - 112 Melville Parade, Como WA 6152