





PARISH BULLETIN SECOND Sunday in Ordinary Time , Year B, 14 January 2024

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(*R*) Lord, hear our prayer **LEADER:** Dear friends, keeping company with Jesus the Christ and the Lamb of God, let us pray for his truth and grace to bless the entire world.

READER: For Pope Francis, bishop of Rome and shepherd of the church. May he always be a sure and faithful apostle of Jesus Christ. **(R)**

For all who have led us to Jesus. May we never cease to encourage each other to seek his face. We pray to the Lord. **(***R***)**

For all peace-loving people caught up in wars not of their making, in Palestine and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, Sudan, Myanmar and Yemen. May those who are negotiating for peace hasten an end to their suffering. We pray to the Lord. (*R*)

For the frail aged and all who are vulnerable to Covid infection or the extremes of summer heat. May they stay safe and strong. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the staff and volunteers of all emergency services, that their dedication to the safety of the community through the summer holidays will be effective and appreciated. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For all who are travelling back from summer holidays at this time. May they return home safely and be ready to take up the challenges and opportunities the new year presents. (*R*)

For the sick of our parish and all those who have asked for our prayers. For those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom. We pray to the Lord. (*R*)

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs. We pray Hail Mary...

LEADER: Gracious God, you have revealed your wisdom and love to us in Jesus your Son. Keep us true to him. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the gift of diversity in the Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

We pray for all the faithful, that they will listen carefully for God's call and readily play their part in renewing the face of the earth.

We pray for rural dioceses & parishes, their spirits bold, that they may discover inventive ways to build bridges of faith, keeping the Gospel's message alive with every step.



We pray for those who are sick in our community, may they be able to see Christ's presence in their most difficult moments:

Donna Nash, Sally-Ann Thompson, Jane Nash, Keith & Barbara Brownlie, Wendy White, Barry Reed, Jim Parkes, Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley, John & Anna Vincent, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, Val Perkins, Natalie Lestone, Jen Farrell, Tom Kennedy, Patricia Guthrie, John Elliott, Betty Cowell, Peter Hopkins, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Erika & Margo Birmingham

PARISH CALENDAR

Wed: Saint Anthony the Great Sat: Saint Fabian Saint Sebastian

Sun: Mass Delegate 8am Morning Tea to follow Mass Bombala 10am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased David Girvan January Anniversaries Gwen Adcock, Elaine Clear

Tony Clear, Carmel Croker Madge Crotty, Pauline Crouch Tony Elliott, Jono Kidman Shirley Ladmore, Sr Janet Mead rsm Molly Mustard, Kitty Peisley Val Reid, Anthony Roberts Ralph Sims, Geoff Smith Doris Thompson, Gary Thompson Joan Twigg, Ruth Walker Mary Williams



"We have loved them in Life: Let us not forget them in death."

 To say that God turns away from the sinful is like saying that the sun hides from the blind. Saint Anthony the Great



Month of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that has marvellous implications, for it means "saviour." The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

READINGS

FIRST READING: FROM THE 1ST BOOK OF SAMUEL

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will..*

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord. and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. *(R.)*

 You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (*R.*)
 In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (*R.*)
 Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. (*R.*)

SECOND READING: ST PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

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 ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace Alleluia!

GOSPEL OF 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. not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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1. The Lord Is My Shepherd Brian Boniwell

The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

Over the mountains, the waters and byways, valleys and highways he's waiting for me. \boldsymbol{R}

Refrain: I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love. The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going he promised to be there to help us along, and over the mountains we'll walk on together, to know all the wonders he's given to me. **R**

2. Here I Am Lord John Michael Talbot

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
 I have heard my people cry
 All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save
 I have made the stars of night
 I will make their darkness bright
 Who will bear my light to them?, Whom shall I send? *R*

Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night I will go, Lord, If You lead me, I will hold Your people in my heart

2. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send? *R*

REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

What's in a name? A Lot, if it is God who confers the name. Jesus of Nazareth, the embodiment of God-for-us, knew the power of naming in relation to calling and destiny. So, when Andrew brought his brother to Jesus, Jesus exercised the divine prerogative of changing Simon's name to 'Cephas' which in English is 'Peter'. Jesus gave Simon a nickname, 'rock-solid' which was the exact opposite of his character! Nevertheless, he did become the rock on which Jesus built his Church. The tradition continues with the successor of Peter. So, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio took the name 'Francis' which indicates that he believes that the Holy Spirit inspired the Cardinals to choose him to be Pope to follow in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi. Each one of us has a divinely ordained name (Rev 2:17) which we may not be aware of, but the Holy Spirit is always prompting us to live up to that name. We could pause for a moment to pray that we might so live as to reach Heaven to find that name which God has loved from and for all eternity.

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