

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time B

First Reading 1 Sm 3:3-10.19

A reading from the first 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.

The Word of the Lord

R Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

(R.) 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.

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I.

3. 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.

4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

(R.) Here am I, Lord;

I come to do your will

Second Reading

1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20

A reading from the first letter of 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

The Word of the Lord

R Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

Gospel *Jn 1:35-42*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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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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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—YEAR B

There is one thing that is very evident in today's readings! It is God who is calling us and if we do not hear God does not give up! One thing that I have tried to say during these reflections is that Silence is so necessary in these times. So much is drowned out that we often miss that call. God is not going to shout or make a special telephone call. It is our **awareness and openness** that will enable us to hear. As we settle into another year let us try and make room for that call.

With the psalmist we cry: *'Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.'*

St Paul leaves no doubt as to how our body is to be respected as a Temple of the Holy Spirit. We can often feel that the body is our Temptress. I think when Jesus said: 'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full', (John 10:10) He wasn't just talking about our souls or spirits. Our bodies are to be used for the **glory of God**. Let us rejoice in this and acknowledge it. We can reflect on the posture we use when we pray. If our minds are on God - whatever our body posture - all is well.

The Gospel again shows us how important it is for us to be encouraging to those who may be hearing the call and wanting to give their life to God through the Priesthood or Religious Life. Jesus opens the conversation by asking the two men what they are looking for and he could be asking us the same thing: What is important to us? What are our goals and dreams? We do have a role in mentoring our young to follow that call wherever it may lead. However, whatever path is taken there needs to be more conversations about the importance of a **personal relationship** with Jesus. This aspect of our faith gets lost in the many rules and regulations that seem to dominate any initial searching. I believe that our own lives are the only gospel that many of our young people read.

Do they see (read) 'Jesus'?

God bless

Sr Marie



THE CALL OF OUR BAPTISM

INTERRUPTIONS: OUR REAL WORK:

In a biography of C.S. Lewis, British historian A.N. Wilson describes how during virtually all Lewis' life as a teacher and writer, he was interrupted by the demands of his adopted mother who made him do all the shopping and housework and demanded hours of his time daily for domestic tasks.

Far from being resentful about these interruptions, Lewis was grateful and suggests that it was precisely these domestic demands that kept him in touch with life in a way that other Oxford Dons (who never had to shop and do housework) were not.

Our lives are not meant to be left entirely to circumstance. We're meant to make choices, hard choices at times, to actively shape our own destiny. It can be unhealthy, fatalistic even, to simply accept whatever happens.

However, we must also look for the hand of God in our interruptions. These often appear as a conspiracy of accidents through which God guides and tutors us. If we were totally in control of our own agendas, if we could simply plan and execute our lives according to our own dreams with no unwanted demands, I fear that many of us would, slowly and subtly, become selfish and would, also slowly and imperceptibly, find our lives devoid of simple joy, enthusiasm, family life, and real community.

Baptism means derailment. Christ baptizes Peter on the rock when he tells him: "Your life is now no longer your own. Before you made a profession of love, you fastened your belt and walked wherever you liked. Now, others will put a belt around you and take you where you would rather not go." To submit to love is to be baptized, namely, to let our lives be forever interrupted. To not let our lives be interrupted is to say no to love.

C.S. Lewis once said that we'll spend most of eternity thanking God for those prayers he didn't answer. I suspect we'll also spend a good part of eternity thanking God for those interruptions that derailed our plans but baptized us into life and love in a way we could never have ourselves planned or accomplished. We do not live by accomplishment alone and sometimes what's best for us can only be learned descriptively. *Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI* (<http://ronrolheiser.com/interruptions-our-real-work/#>.)

WISDOM FROM THE LATE BISHOP GEOFF ROBINSON

'...At the end of our lives...God is more likely to say to us: 'Welcome, please come in. we have all the time in the world, so take your time and tell me your whole story. You have had 'x' amount of living years. What have you done with that time? In what ways is the world a better place because you have lived in it? In what ways are the lives of people better for having known you? What sort of person have you made of yourself? At this supreme moment of your life, tell me, who are you? We will know that we are in the presence of a loving God, so we will not be afraid and will speak freely. However, we will also know that we cannot deceive God and must not deceive ourselves.' Robinson, G (2013) For Christ's Sake. Garratt Publishing

A Prayer for Vocations

Most Loving God, in this world of constant change, and in our Church which calls us to holiness of life, we have great need of some to devote their lives in loving service of God and neighbour as ordained ministers and religious.

Call from among us those whom you desire to be religious, priests and deacons.

Endow them with the courage to venture into a life of service and leadership in the Community of faith so that we may all grow in holiness and truth, Remembering the promise of Jesus: 'I am with you always, until the end of time'.

Amen

Cenacle Prayer: Tues at 4.45pm in Church
Bible Study/Faith Formation: Resumes Jan 27th
PPC Meeting—Thursday 28th 5 pm
Craft Group—Resumes 2021
Men Alive— Wednesday 3rd February
Singalong—Resumes 2021
Exposition/Adoration—Every Friday at 5.30pm
Reconciliation—Saturday 9.30am
Wrap With Love—Tuesday 9th February, 10 am



Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
 St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*



FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK— January
Sunday 17th—St Anthony of Egypt Abbot
Wednesday 20th—St Fabian Pope,
St Sebastian martyr
Thursday 21st—St Agnes, virgin & martyr
Friday 22nd—St Vincent, deacon & martyr
Saturday 23rd—St Vincent

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

From 1st October 2020 there will only be one collection which will be deposited in the Parish Operating Account this will include existing Credit Card transactions, Direct Debits, collection box and Tap machine. The collection will then be apportioned with a percentage forwarded to the Archdiocese for the Central Presbytery Fund each month.

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786
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Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank

If you currently have a direct debit to the Central Presbytery Fund a suggestion is that it be cancelled and combined into the St Bernard's Operating Account in order to facilitate the continuity of funds. Please contact Anne Jackson in the Parish Office on a Friday from 10am-2pm if you need any further information.

Remembering the Sick:

Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Death Anniversaries: Dorothy O'Hara, Sylvia Penberthy, Robert Burtenshaw, Brian Fitzroy, Irene Post, Patricia McLennan, Thomas Nagle Pasquale Imbriano
We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Rosemary Cooley, Malgorzata Colebrook, Te Otinga Te Kowhai Brennan, Pam O'Keefe, Maurice Connell, Susan McNamara, Dario Panes, Elizabeth Gallagher, Kenneth Torkington, Shirley Keir, Ken Bow, Steven Thomas, Maureen Kinross, Ian McAdam, Jan Schor, Pio Liberale, Glenda Gallagher, Ivy Rootsey,



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Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions January 2021
Human Fraternity
 May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 19: 9 30 Mass
Wed 20: 9am Mass
Thurs 21: 9am Mass
Fri 22: 9.15am Mass
Sat 23: 9am Rosary/Mass
 9.30am Recon 6pm Mass
Sun 24: 9am Mass 5pm Mass

16/17 January 2021
Church Cleaning
 B Coffey/M Paine (18-22)
Welcomers
 6pm Sr Marie
 9am L Page
 5pm D Ebejer
Commentator
 6pm M Weatherall
 9am A Horsfall
 5pm J O'Sullivan
Readers:
 6pm P Billington
 9am A Skinner
 5pm S Ebejer
Eucharistic Ministers
 6pm J Wain
 9am Tara Cashman
 5pm M Devine.
Computer Screen
 6pm K Conway
 9am T Jackson
 5pm M O'Neill.
REGISTRARS
 6pm M & S Beashel
 9am G Norris
 5pm M de Smet

23/24 January 2021
Church Cleaning
 R & K Ison (25-29)
Welcomers
 6pm K Conway
 9am C Connell
 5pm Volunteer
Commentator
 6pm J Quigley
 9am C Lowe
 5pm M Devine
Readers:
 6pm J Mackay
 9am M Lowe
 5pm M O'Neill
Eucharistic Ministers
 6pm M Weatherall
 9am K Corbin
 5pm Y Oerder.
Computer Screen
 6pm T Jackson
 9am D May
 5pm J O'Sullivan.
REGISTRARS
 6pm J McCarthy/J Wain
 9am G Norris
 5pm N Beatty