

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

Sunday 14 January 2024



*Readings for
this week:*
1 Samuel 3:3-10,19
1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20
John 1:35-42



*Readings for
next Sunday:*
Jonah 3:1-5,10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Christian Life 1

This title may be misleading. The two are not separate. Communal, explicit and formal activities of Christian worship or liturgy may be distinguished from the rest of Christian life but the two are distinct without separation. This is central to the Christian and Jewish traditions. The further complexities of the relationship whereby Christian life is a form of worship and Christian worship a concentration and manifestation of the life will gradually emerge. The purpose of this series of articles is to explore these complexities as they have developed in the Christian tradition and continue to challenge the Christian community.

Moral theology was seen as the only teaching on Christian life. The renewal of moral theology and of liturgical studies brought about an increased interest and interaction between worship and Christian action in the world. Cf NDSW p

Looking at the Readings

The call of Samuel by God and the call of the first two apostles by Christ are announced in the readings today. Samuel is a young boy and does not quite understand what is being said and how he is called. Taking Eli's advice he waits for the voice to call him a fourth time: Samuel! Samuel! And he is ready to reply: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." God gave Samuel a most difficult task to do which is omitted from the reading today. Then the next morning, again with Eli's firm encouragement Samuel gave him the message. For today the message is not the issue, the call of a young boy to be God's servant and mouthpiece is the crucial point.

John the Baptist, similar to Eli, guides Andrew and the unnamed disciple to follow Jesus. The next morning Andrew finds his brother, Peter, and introduces him to Jesus. This time the mission with its message is not yet revealed but in trust and faith they start their discipleship.

"Come and see" is more than a call, more than an invitation. The disciples embarked on a personal encounter with the Lord. They "saw and stayed with him" which deepened their relationship and enabled Andrew to say: "We have found the Messiah". The Gospel according to John repeats the call to the reader to "Come and See"; to "Stay and Believe" by the words and actions, the signs and wonders that the Lord has given.

Pope Francis on Call and Mission.

God's call, includes a "sending". There is no vocation without mission. There is no happiness and full self-realization unless we offer others the new life that we have found. God's call to love is an experience that does not allow us to remain silent. St Paul says, "Woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!" (1 Cor 9:16). The First Letter of John begins with the words, "What we have heard and seen, looked at and touched – the Word made flesh – we declare also to you, so that our joy may be complete" (cf 1:1-4).


Prayer for the Week

From our earliest days, O God, you call us by name.
Make our ears attentive to your voice, our spirits eager to respond,
that, having heard you in Jesus your anointed one,
we may draw others to be his disciples. Amen,

On the Lighter Side

The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison
was a small medium at large.



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Joe Ciavarella, Phylis Newman
	Our sick and their carers	Jillian Taylor, Marg Normington

Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 15 January

Weekday Mass

Mon 15 January No Mass
 Tue 16 January No Mass
 Wed 17 January 9:15 am Mass
 Thur 18 January No Mass
 Fri 19 January 9:15 Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 20 January 6:00 pm Mass
 Sun 21 January 10:30 am Mass

Weekday Mass

Mon 22 January No Mass
 Tue 23 January No Mass
 Wed 24 January 9:15 am Mass
 Thur 25 January No Mass
 Fri 26 January 9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 27 January No Mass
 Sun 28 January 10:30 am Mass

Plate Collection and Envelops

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our Parish. May God bless you always.

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Divine Australia: Healing Masses and Retreat January 2024

There will be a Healing Mass, presided over by Rev. Dr. Anthony Parankimalil VC at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Castlemaine on 16 January at 6:30PM. Additional Masses will take place throughout Victoria in January, please see the included schedule.

For further information please contact Ralph Feegrado: 425 797 355 or Augustine Feegrado 0405705070 Email: ajfeegrado@gmail.com

Rosters

Saturday 21 January – 6:00 PM

Commentator: – Carol Coulston
 Reader: – Mary Vraca
 Gospel Procession: - Peter Crombie
 Gifts: – J Caifa & D Hamilton
 Special Minister: – Not Required

Sunday 22 January – 10:30AM

Commentator: – Debbie Worm
 Reader: – Ross Kelly
 Gospel Procession: - Connie Serra
 Gifts: – D Phelan & B Miller
 Special Minister: – Evert Worm

Sunday 28 January – 10:30AM

Commentator: – Rob Miller
 Reader: – Ann-Marie Nihill
 Gospel Procession: - Doreen Corrigan
 Gifts: – B & J Lowe
 Special Minister: – Connie Sarra

Baptism



We congratulate Poppy Faith Barnett & Harper Ray Brian Barnett children of Brooke & Christian Barnett on their Baptism this weekend and welcome them into our parish community.

Acknowledgement to Country

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of year. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice, and reconciliation.

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Thoughts for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

<https://young-catholics.com/>

The readings for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B invite us to hear God calling and to respond. In the first reading, God calls to Samuel and he replies. The psalm speaks of waiting for the Lord and answering. The Gospel tells of the call of the first apostles.

Discipleship and Following: The theme of discipleship and following Jesus is evident as John the Baptist's disciples choose to follow Jesus after his testimony. This highlights the transformative power of encountering Jesus.

Messiah and Recognition: The recognition of Jesus as the Messiah is a central theme as Andrew proclaims, "We have found the Messiah." This emphasizes the pivotal moment when individuals recognize Jesus' divine identity.

Invitation and Relationship: Jesus' invitation to "come and see" underscores the theme of forming a personal relationship. This highlights the importance of encountering Jesus firsthand and developing a personal connection.

Name Change and Identity: The theme of name change and identity emerges as Jesus renames Simon to Cephas (Peter), which means "rock." This symbolizes Peter's future role and underscores the transformative impact of encountering Jesus.

Personal Testimony: Andrew's excited testimony to his brother Simon introduces the theme of personal testimony. This highlights the significance of sharing one's personal experiences with Jesus to invite others into a relationship with Him.

Response to Jesus' Call: Simon's immediate response to Jesus' call showcases the theme of obedience. His willingness to leave his nets and follow Jesus reflects the radical nature of responding to Jesus' call.

Reflection Questions for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

- How does encountering Jesus personally impact the disciples in the Gospel passage?
- What role does curiosity play in the disciples' decision to follow Jesus?
- How does Andrew's enthusiasm emphasize the transformative effect of encountering Christ?
- How can we approach Jesus, spend time with Him, and share His presence joyfully?
- How does Jesus' knowledge of Peter's identity relate to our own relationship with Christ?
- How does Samuel's readiness to respond to God's call set an example for us?
- In what ways can we cultivate an open heart to God's guidance in our daily lives?
- How does Paul emphasize the purpose of our bodies in honoring the Lord?
- What connection does Paul make between Jesus' resurrection and our future resurrection?
- How does Paul's message about our bodies being temples of the Holy Spirit relate to

Message from Fr Uday

I am Fr. Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS. I was born on 24th March 1981 and since then I grew up in my village (a small village of 300 Catholic families) Bhimanapally Kammagudem in the Diocese of Nalgonda, in the state of Telangana, India. I am the youngest child to my late parents, Roman and Jathruthamma; I have an older sister and an older brother. My brother died four years ago.

My family was a traditional Catholic family. I did my schooling in Catholic Institutions. I was inspired to religious life by my cousins, who are religious sisters. I observed their faithful service in different fields, pastoral, medical, educational and social. They guided me to choose this way of life. Meanwhile, as years passed when I was in the seminary, I felt more than ever, the call to vocation that God had planned for me.

I was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest on 14 May 2011 for the Apostolic Life Community of Priests in the Opus Spiritus Sancti (ALCP/OSS). We are called as Holy Spirit Fathers all over the world.

Priesthood, for me, is challenging and rewarding. Being a priest has given me the privilege of getting to know people well and of being part of their lives in joyful and painful times. I hope to be a part of your community soon to be one of you to share the Word of God and Break the Bread of Life.

Fr Uday

Liturgical Ministry Seminars:

Three workshops are being offered at St. Kilian's Parish in Bendigo on Wednesday 7 February, 5:30pm start and repeated on Saturday, 10 February 10:30am start.

Plenary Keynote Presentation. Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi* (2022) on Liturgical Formation of the People of God invites renewed reflection on the preparation and celebration of the Church's liturgy.

In this keynote address, Prof. Clare Johnson, Director of the ACU Centre for Liturgy will provide an overview of Pope Francis' letter and suggest some implications for liturgical ministries.

This will be followed by a choice of three workshop options:

1. Ministry of the Word - Dr Chris Cotter;
2. Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion - Ms Lyn Breen; and
3. Ministry of Liturgical Music - Dr Paul Taylor; that will explore areas of affirmation, challenge and invitation in these ministries.

For Bookings or more info refer to QR code below or on the included poster as well as the following link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CNRVB>