



*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

Names

Our personal names are important. Especially our first name or baptism name. It has been chosen for a reason. In sacred scripture several persons are given new names to symbolise their new calling: Simon to Peter meaning rock, Saul to Paul. Isaiah spoke to us God's comforting words: "Israel, don't be afraid. I have rescued you. I have called you by your name; you are mine." 43:1 In Christian tradition new names may be taken during the RCIA. In Infant Baptism the celebrant asks the parents: "What name have you given your child?" A Confirmation name may be chosen to symbolise admiration with an inspirational saint. Religious brothers and sisters were given new names and Popes select a new name to characterise their new pastorate.

Looking at the Readings

This Sunday and next we hear the call of the first disciples. Firstly from the Gospel of John and next week from the Gospel of Mark. There are several differences. The First readings complement the Gospels and highlight the difference. This Sunday Samuel is called by the Lord several times and not until Eli, the priest, intervenes and guides Samuel to listen and speak that he accepts and says: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening. John the Baptist points out to his disciples, the "Lamb of God" and with the curiosity of many who preceded them they followed him and asked: "Where do you live?"

Today our curiosity prompts us to ask new acquaintances: Where were you born? What school did you go to? Are you related to X?" We want to find more about them. Jesus' answer to Andrew and the other disciple's question was simply: "Come and see!" It is an invitation and more than words could convey. Experience is one of our teachers. In our journey of faith we must come and see, listen and believe. The Word of God is another one of our teachers. Hopefully we are able to repeat the psalmist's response: "Here I am, Lord. I come to do your will." (Ps39:8)

St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

From this Sunday to the Sunday before Lent we hear five passages from this letter. Paul is tough, he is writing to a tough people living in tough times. But he urges them to live morally without the excesses surrounding them: debauchery at one end of the graph to denial of their physical humanness at the other end. Find the middle way and live according to the Lord Jesus. We are in tough but different times ourselves; may our lives reflect the Good News.

Sunday of the Word of God

Pope Francis instituted a Sunday of the Word of God: "To help people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred scripture. The day is devoted to celebrate, study and disseminate the word of God. In the Northern hemisphere churches celebrate it on the third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Here in Australia, due to holidays and closeness to Australia Day it is moved to the first Sunday in February (7 February 2021).

On the Lighter Side

Where did St Paul the Apostle buy his facemasks?

From a shop on the road to Damascus.

And from whom did he buy Hand Sanitiser? The Sardinians!



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Raffaele Mandaradoni, Filomena Villani (1 Month), Allan Shallue
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Joe Ciavarella, Jack Woodman
	Our sick and their carers	Dorothy Bock, Sue MacDonald, Teresa Muto



Lee Jacob Batty

We congratulate Lee Jacob Batty, son of Jamie and Senderina Batty, on his Baptism this weekend and welcome him into our parish community.

Resumption of Reconciliation

Effective from Saturday 16th January 2021, Reconciliation will recommence

11:30 am until 12:00 noon

Reconciliation will be held in the Nuns Chapel for now.

Mass Timetable Week commencing 18th January

Weekday Mass

Monday 18 th January	No Mass
Tuesday 19 th January	No Mass
Wednesday 20 th January	9:15 Mass
Thursday 21 st January	No Mass
Friday 22 nd January	9:15 Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday 23 rd January	5:30 pm
Sunday 24 th January	9:30 am

Reconciliation (in the Nuns Chapel)

Saturday 23 rd January	11:30 am
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UNPACKING THE TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF
THE CATHOLIC FAITH

WEEKLY THEOLOGY AND CATECHESIS FOR
ALL ADULTS, LED BY A LOCAL THEOLOGY
TEACHER

Tuesday Evenings

Starting February 2, 2021

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Mons. Peter Jeffrey Centre

St. Brendan's Parish Shepparton

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CWL Shepparton Branch Celebrating 90 years.

The Catholic Women's League Shepparton Branch invites all CWL members, past and present to their 90th Birthday Mass at St Brendan's Church, 121 Knight Street, Shepparton on Thursday 21st January, 2021 at 9:15 am.

Following Mass morning tea will be served in the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre

RSVP by 14th January, 2021

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