

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 1:35-42

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

Caritas Australia Christmas Appeal

Please share your love to help communities vulnerable to natural disasters around the world to be ready, respond and recover. When the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano erupted last year people fled the tsunami, seeking refuge in a chapel on the top of a hill. The Tongan community urgently needs an evacuation centre and a warehouse to store essential supplies including water, blankets, hygiene kits, family tents and more. This can be made possible with your support. Please give generously to the Caritas Australia Christmas Appeal to support communities in Tonga and other countries around the world that are vulnerable to natural disasters. Together we can help our global family to be ready, to respond and to recover when the next disaster strikes. Donate at caritas.org.au/christmas

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?



Parish Bulletin

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 13/14 January 2024

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.



CALLED BY NAME.

It can be hard to believe that God knows each of us by name. Sometimes we need a wise guide, like the old priest Eli or John the Baptist, to help us recognize the voice of God in our life. Let us try to hear God's personal call to us in this Mass and in the events of this day, a call which says in different ways, 'come and dwell with me, share my life'.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Psalm 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10

Response: Here I am, 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**
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. **R**
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. **R**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:13-15:17-20

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; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But 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, who is in you since you 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.

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Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

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Wednesday after Mass

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Rosters—20/21 Jan 2024 3rd Week OT	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Fil Ciancio Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Paul Halliwell Sandy Mazzarolo Sheila Hoogland
Children's	Holiday
Count team	Julie Priem Leo Priem Anne Dudzinski George Dudzinski
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers
All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	6/7 Jan 2024
Planned Giving	\$605.00
Open Plate	\$689.50
PARISH TOTAL	\$1,294.50

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$621.70

**Young Adult Summer Eco Camp
February 7-12 2024**

This four-day event is for students and any young adults (18-35) who have a concern for the care of Earth. Participants will engage with the local natural environment, hear inspiring speakers and have time to reflect and share. Through attentiveness to Earth and each other, it is envisaged that participants will feel empowered to act for the care of our planet with hope. For more details see <https://jisa.org.au/2024-young-adult-summer-eco-camp/>



Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For Sister of Saint Joseph, Marie Therese Foale, who entered into eternal life on 7th January 2024.

For the Repose of the Soul:

Death Anniversary:

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

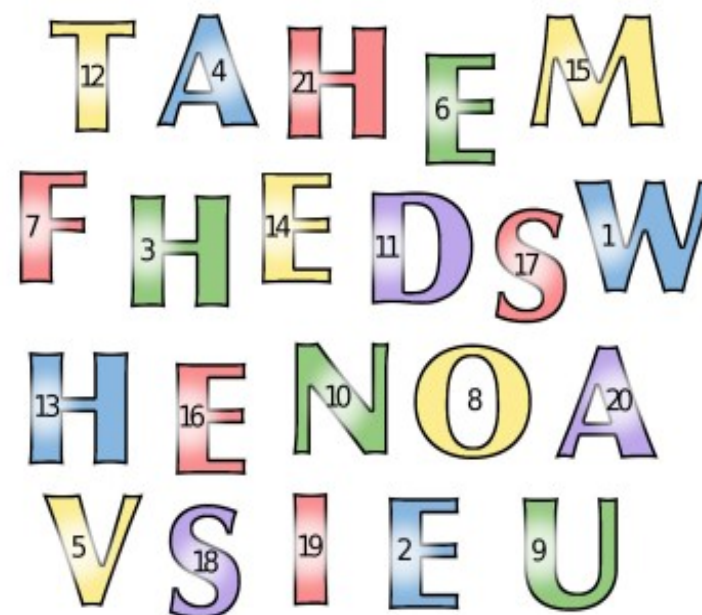
SAVE THE DATE -

In 2024 Caritas Australia will be turning 60!

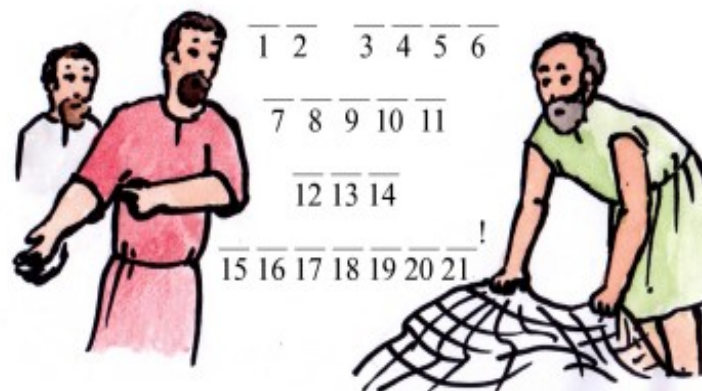
All Caritas supporters - young and old - are invited to join the Archbishop on Sunday February 25, for a Mass celebration at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral (11am) to commemorate 60 years of Caritas in Australia, with its foundations proudly in Adelaide! Please save the date in your 2024 Diary - we look forward to celebrating this milestone with all parishes, schools and anyone who supports the good work of Caritas Australia - helping us to create a just and compassionate world.

The Kids' Bulletin Be Ready to do God's Will

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14th, 2024



What did Andrew say to his brother Simon in today's Gospel reading? Fill the spaces with the letters in the right order to find out!



In today's first reading, God called young Samuel in a special way. Samuel's life had been dedicated to God, and because he was willing to follow God's plan, God made Samuel a holy prophet.

In the Gospel reading, Saint John the Baptist tells his followers that Jesus is the Messiah. Two of them decided to follow Jesus, and one of them, Andrew, went and got his brother Simon. When Simon went to follow Him, Jesus told him that his name would now be "Cephas," or "Peter," which means 'rock.' God had a special plan for Simon Peter. He was to become the leader of the Church- the first pope!

God does not call all of us to very important jobs like the prophet Samuel and Saint Peter. But each of us should follow Jesus and be ready to do His will. If we always try to do what God wants, then we will be ready if He does have a special job for us! How can you do God's will today?



Answer to front page: We have found the Messiah! Answer to Cross-Word: his vocation.

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Pope Francis @pontifex
We entrust the new year to the Mother of God. May we consecrate our lives to her. In her tenderness, she knows how to reveal its fullness, because she will lead us to Jesus, the fullness of time, of all ages. May this year be filled with the Lord's consolation.

MORNING TEA AFTER SUNDAY MASS

After Mass this Sunday
14 January 2024

Please come and join us!

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