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Vision To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community



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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 17th January 2021

The call of the first disciples

Today's Gospel gives us an account of the call of the first disciples of Jesus. Andrew and his brother Peter had their first encounter with Jesus near the sea of Galilee. It was not merely a casual meeting but rather a meeting of hearts. Sometimes when people meet, it can be a mere for-



mality but, in an encounter, people open their hearts to one another and share their innermost ideas and concerns. This encounter between Jesus and the first disciples changed their lives. For the next three years they would really know who Jesus is and they would experience His constant companionship.

Jesus invited His first disciples with the words, "come and see." He is inviting us too in the same way. If we accept His invitation, He will reveal His real self to us and the mysteries of the kingdom of God. Most of us can recall some encounters with another person/persons that had a lasting influence or changed our lives or made a firm impression on our lives.

Bulletin Notices

<u>Welcome</u>

We welcome all of our parishioners, and those visitors enjoying the beautiful Central Coast on holidays, who have joined us for the celebration of Holy Eucharist at this time. You are all most welcome here in our Parish Family. Please feel free to make yourself known to us, and we look forward to speaking with you.

COVID Update

Our churches our now limited to 100 visitors. Mask wearing is mandatory for adults and children over 12 yrs of age. Please maintain social distancing of 1.5m. Please do not enter the church if you are unwell. See noticeboard and posters for more details. Wardens, please count those entering the church to ensure we do not exceed 100 visitors. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Memorial Service for Vicky Debono

The family of the late Vicky Debono will be holding a memorial service at St Brendan's on Wed 20th January at 6pm. Parishioners welcome.

Missing lock for Meter Box at St Mary's

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of a padlock and key belonging to St Mary's Church electrical meter box, please see Fr Tomy or contact the Parish Office.

<u>Counters Needed!</u> Any parishioners interested in helping with counting on Mondays at 9.30am, please contact the Parish office or Judy Kay on 0408 616 236.

<u>St Mary's Rosters</u>—new rosters are available at the back of the church.

Parish Office - January Hours

The Parish office will be open Mon/Wed/Fri 9am-2pm during January.

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

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. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

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

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

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, 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. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

John 1:41, 17

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

Gospel

John 1:35-42

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. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Next Sunday - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading - Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Gospel - Mark 1:14-20

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

for January

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.



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