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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 formality 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 was 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 other person/persons that had a lasting influence or changed our lives or made a firm impression on our lives. Today we reflect about our own call as a disciple, how close are we walking with Jesus?

Fr Tomy

<u>Mary Smith</u> - Our dear Parishioner Mary Smith will be turning 100 on 22nd Jan! Please join us to celebrate with morning tea on **21st Jan** after 9am Mass, St Mary's.

Rosters St Brendan's Feb - Apr: Rosters are being prepared for Feb to April. We are asking for volunteers to join all ministries. Training will be provided. Please add your details to sheets at rear of the Church.

<u>Communion Service</u>: There will be only Communion service at St Brendan's every Wed at 9am in January.

<u>January Birthdays:</u> Cath Cefai (6th), Fran Irvine (15th) Mary Smith (22nd), Fr. Baby (26th), Rita Jeffries (26th)

<u>Recently Deceased:</u> Tony Vella, Kevin Bradbury, Anne Marie Hammond, Joyce Duck, Leslie Forgacs

<u>Anniversaries–</u> Mario Azzopardi, Carlo Vella, Millicent Zietsch, Greg Irvine, Diane Townsend, Ruben Mabini, Elena Mabini, Teofil Mabini, John Ledger, Karen Formosa

<u>Remembrances</u> Mavis Cleary, Vin Tatti, George Cefai, Mary Cefai, Saviour Debono, Stephens Cappa, Ingrid Hamer, Dion & family, Peter Samuel, Eileen Crocker, Coster & Schembri families, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wendy Woodhouse, Carol Brown

Please Pray for the Sick - Jill Bishton, John Jessep, Graham Campbell, Wayne Stafford, Mark Wilson, Michelle Maroon, Patrick, Sr Tincy, Diane Booth, Mick G., Kylie Musgrave, Avis Sullivan, Brian Fletcher, Rhondda Rey, Olive Haslam, Jackie Chaplan, Robbie Depares, Susan Simmons, Denis Tansey, Miklos Bethany, Liz Kelman

First Reading *1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.*

Samuel was lving 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

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