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Remembrance: Bruno & Sergei de Souza.

Anniversary: Stefania Berlinska, Earnest & Morva Burton.

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Mass Times: Please note the time changes to weekday morning Mass and Sunday evening Mass

Monday - Friday **8:30am**,

Saturday 9am (Adoration after) & 5pm;

Sunday 7:30am, 9:15am & **5pm**.

Healing Mass (1st Friday of the month); 4pm;

Confession Times:

Friday 9am, 3:30pm (1st Friday of the month);

Saturday 9:30 am; 4:30pm;

Sunday 7am.

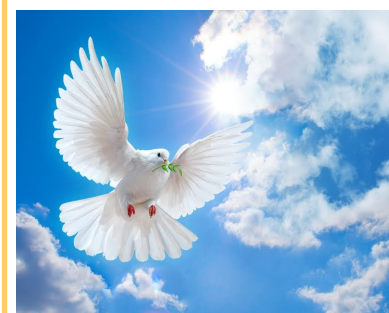


WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church



2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

17th January 2021, Psalter Week 2, Year B



A little boy was listening to a long and excessively boring sermon in church on vocation to priesthood and religious life. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go home?"

Dear friends! We all the readings today are about God's call and our response. We can call it vocation Sunday. It invites us to help people to discover God in their lives: Eli and Samuel, John the Baptist and Andrew.

The little boy Samuel hears a voice in the night, he assumes the old priest Eli is calling him. Samuel has no knowledge of the Word of God, but the old priest has

grown to recognize its strangeness and its power. As he introduced Samuel's mother to the promise of God, he introduces the young boy to the word of the Lord. So Samuel, learns to respond: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening". That is a bit different from many modern prayers, which often say, "Listen, Lord, for your servant is speaking".

And ten centuries later, the same is true of two other men: John the Baptist and Andrew. In today's Gospel we see John the Baptist introducing two of his own disciples to Jesus: in doing this he introduces them to their new future.

The disciples follow Jesus and stay with him. John points away from himself to the Christ. That is his role. In the fourth Gospel this man sent by God runs the 1st introduction agency for those on the lookout for the Messiah.

Andrew is one of the two disciples. He leaves his master, John to follow in the footsteps of his new master, Jesus. He needs John the Baptist to point him in the right direction, to make a new start. And what John did for Andrew, Andrew does for his brother, Simon. He shares his experience with Simon, tells him that he has met the Christ, and introduces him to Jesus.

When we reflect on the beginning of our own Christian faith, we recall the people who introduced us to Jesus. Most of us can think of a particular person who enabled us to begin our journey in faith, as we can think of others who introduced us anew to Jesus. None of us go alone to Jesus; access to Jesus is always mediated through people. Before meeting Jesus, we meet first a litany of other people. We all come to Jesus by way of generation of Christians who shared their experience of Jesus, people who were themselves introduced to Jesus by others. Thus the story of Christianity is a story of a great chain of witnesses linked through the apostles to Jesus himself.

Liturgy of the Word invites us to play our own part in introducing or helping people to discover Jesus. We don't have to be great missionaries to do this: if we believe that Jesus is worth knowing, we will bring others into his loving presence by our quiet witness. In that way the Christian faith grows, and there will never be an end to it.

No one can give what one does not have. It's hard to share Christ with others if you yourself have not experienced him...

The two disciples in today's gospel ask a simple, straight-forward question: "Teacher, where are you staying?" An answer to this question could be given in a moment, in a couple of words, but Jesus does not provide them. Instead he says, "Come and see." The disciples come to Jesus with a question; he responds with an invitation. Instead of responding in words, he offers an opportunity for the disciples to travel with him, to walk with him, and perhaps to find what they are searching for.

We come to God with questions. God gives us invitations. The questions are many and can be drawn from a number of different circumstances. Why do the innocent suffer? Why is our world so violent? Why is someone that I love sick? Why can't I find a job? Why do our political and religious leaders fail us? How can I protect my family? Why am I so depressed and lonely? Where can I look for hope? Questions, real questions, that we place before God. But God doesn't answer them. God simply says, "Come and see; come follow me."

How much easier it would be if God would simply explain things to us, if God would tell us what is going to happen, if God would tell us what we want to know. But God does not tell us. God says, "Come and see." God responds in this way because on the deepest level, God knows that what we really need, what our life really requires, is not information, but trust. We come to God with questions, God responds with invitations. We come looking for information, God invites us to trust.

We The Woy Woy Catholic Parish acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Parish News:

Home Visits: For those Parishioners who would like Confession and Communion in the home or a House Blessing please call the Parish Office

Piety Stall: Columban Calendars \$12, Ark Calendars \$9 & SVdP cards \$2, all available from the Piety Stall. Joy of the Bible, *Reflections 2021* also available. Donations for this Diary will go to the MSFS missions.

Cleaning Roster: 22/01/21 - Warren Sparrow, Laurie Jarvis, Anna Jarvis, Christine French.

Cash Housie:

Games start at 7.30pm and finish 10.30pm, every Saturday night. 51 Games

A set of 6 costs \$50 and additional tickets can be added on paper or to your electronic tickets.

Prizes in first 2 books are all \$100 and pink games \$150, then last book all \$200 prior to the \$2000 Jackpot (reverts to \$1000 if not won within calls).

Ticket sales from 6.30pm. Proceeds benefit the Parish.

Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Road, Woy Woy

Enquiries Rob: 0427 990 818 or wwcphousie@hotmail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/woywoybingo/>

New Session:

Tuesday nights at Everglades Country Club, Dunban Rd Woy Woy. 7.30PM, 23 games only \$10 for a set of 6 tickets. Paper tickets and pets available.

Parish Collections:

1st collection goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.

2nd Collection goes towards all the pastoral and operating expenses of the Parish; phones/photocopier, electricity, insurance, rates, priests' vehicles, staff wages, Presbytery, Church and ground maintenance to name a few.

You can donate via weekly envelopes or by the following methods.

Bpoint, which will take you to our Website for secure online payments.

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/woywoyparish>

You can also donate via Tap and go in the church (this goes to 2nd collection) or credit card. You can pick up a pledge form from the gathering space or request one from the Parish Office.

If you would like to make a donation to the Parish via electronic transfer please contact the Parish Office for the account details.

Attention all kids:

The Kids' Bulletins are a resource for Catholic children who would like to have some fun while learning about the readings from the Sunday Mass every week.

To learn more click <https://thekidsbulletin.com/about/>

To access the bulletins click <https://thekidsbulletin.com/tag/the-kids-bulletin/>

or access free online Children's liturgy of the Word videos click <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfg9euOFFmsu-xX7S2tCcNA> or search Heidi Witte- YouTube.

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to the Filipino Community who showed great initiative and thoughtfulness in putting their sewing skills to the test with their mask making, selling them at Mass and donating 100% of the profit directly to the church.

Reading 1

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

Responsorial Psalm

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

I waited, I waited for the Lord

and he stooped down to me and heard my cry.

He put a new song in my mouth,

The praise of our God

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

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,

But an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.

Instead, here, Lord, am I.

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

In the scroll of book in stand written

that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law

the Lord sits as King for ever in the depths of my heart

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

Your justice I have proclaimed.

In the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;

You know it, O Lord.

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

Reading 2

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

Alleluia

Jn 1:41, 17b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

Covid19 Updates:

It is extremely important that every Parishioner is aware of the health advice during this Pandemic. If the Church is found to be in breach of these guidelines we will incur a hefty fine so PLEASE take note of the information provided. — IF YOU FEEL UNWELL PLEASE STAY HOME

The number of people per Masses will remain at 120 to comply with the social distancing ruling. When you arrive for Mass there will be someone at the sign-in table conducting a headcount. **It is imperative that EVERY PERSON who enters the church or Hall puts their name and contact details on the list in the Gathering Space. This includes Musicians, Servers and Readers.** This information will be handed over the Health Department should an outbreak occur.

Attention Readers, Servers & Musicians (organists and cantors) Please note that readers, servers & musicians are included in the headcount. **Can readers sit in the small section at the front of the Church which is reserved for Servers.**

Hand Sanitizer: There is hand sanitizer available for use in the Church. It is located at entry to rear doors and gathering table. Also available at the Walter Baker Hall. Please wash your hands when entering and leaving the Church.

Collections: The collection containers will be on the font walls, just inside the church doors. Collection bags are **NOT** to be passed around.

Face Masks: Masks are Mandatory. For Children under 12 they not compulsory but are strongly encouraged.

Singing: Chanting is permitted during our services however it is asked you still refrain from singing. The Cantor is to sing alone.