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**14 January 2024, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Parish Mass Times:**

Monday to Friday: 9am  
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)  
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5pm  
Public Holidays: 9am  
Rock Mass: Once a term

**Baptism:** Third Sunday of each month by appointment

**Wedding:** Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior notice

**Morning Prayer:** Monday - Friday: 8:30am

**Anointing of Sick:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9am or by request

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Saturday 9:30 – 10am concluding with Benediction

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 9:30am

**Rosary:** Immediately after weekday Mass and Saturday (8:35am)



**Every Monday**  
(during term time)  
Divine Will Prayer Group  
10-11:30am - Hall

**Every Friday**  
(during term time)  
Lectio Divina; Hall & Zoom 10am

**Second Thursday**  
**of Every Month**  
Anointing of the Sick – 9am

**Recommencing in**  
**February—First Friday of**  
**Every Month**  
Exposition/Adoration at 7pm  
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

**Parish Office will**  
**reopen on**  
**Monday 15 January**



**“We have found  
the Messiah”  
(Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Yesterday’s reflection was all about seeing, and seeing is also the centrepiece of today’s scripture. In our first reading, Eli recognises the presence of God in Samuel’s encounters and guides him on what to say. Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians takes up ‘seeing’ in a more subtle way, encouraging readers to honour their bodies to truly live as God sees them - as temples of the Spirit. And in our Gospel, we have a number of deep experiences of seeing. John ‘stared hard’ at Jesus, recognising him as the Messiah and prompting his own disciples to follow him. Jesus saw these disciples and invited them to ‘come and see’ the place where he was staying. And when one of these disciples, Andrew, brought his brother Simon to meet Jesus, Jesus ‘looked hard at him’ and bestowed on him a new name, based on what he had seen.

These readings speak of the importance of recognising God’s presence in our lives, around us and within us. Today, let’s reflect: how has God revealed Godself to me?

May God bless you,  
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator  
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## PRESBYTERY BUILDING PROJECT

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, the Parish Finance Committee (PFC) invited members of the Parish to come along to a briefing on the upcoming Presbytery Development Project. We thank everyone who attended and shared their ideas and the PFC have taken all suggestions away for further discussion and consideration. We will come back shortly on some Question and Answers related to suggestions that were made. Any parishioners who were unable to attend and would like to discuss the project, please reach out to a member of the PFC or watch out in the Bulletin for regular updates that will be made.

The plans drafted by Corpus Christi parishioner Roman Pazniewski, who is a practicing architect and builder, have been very well received and we are excited with the momentum that is building. These plans are now available to view on our website.

The PFC would like to encourage any parishioners to come forward if you who would like to participate and support this project. There are numerous ways that one can contribute, starting from donations to participating on either a building or fundraising sub-committee, through contribution of materials. If anyone has any ideas or skills that you would like to share, the PFC would love to hear from you. Please communicate these to the Parish Office via email at [office@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:office@corpuschristi.com.au).

### FUNDRAISING:

Thank you for your generosity! For every \$1 we raise for the presbytery the Diocese will give us 50 cents. So for every \$10 donated we will eventually receive \$15.

You can donate directly to our bank account as below:

Please reference: **New Presbytery Build** in your payment message. This will ensure that the entire amount will be used for the presbytery and the Parish won't be subject to Diocesan tax on these donations.

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Please note, any donations made are **NOT** tax deductible. A tally of the funds raised will be provided once the Parish office reopens later in January.

Regards the PFC.

## Prayer Zone



### Please pray for the ill:

Michelle Fisher; Fr Sergio Chauira; Jessie Chang; Amy O'Connell; James Frederick Riley; Tom Brewer; Sylvia Fishburn; Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien; Helen McCarthy; Quentin Stewart; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Gracie Spencer, Brendan Stone

***If you know of anyone who can no longer attend mass due to illness; or if you have noticed one of our parishioners is no longer attending mass, could you please let Michelle or Christina know.***

### FEAST DAYS JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Wed 17th, St Anthony, abbot  
Wed 24th, St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor  
Thurs 25th, The Conversion of St Paul, apostle  
Wed 31st, St John Bosco, priest  
Fri 2nd, The Presentation of the Lord  
Mon 5th, St Agatha, virgin, martyr

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE OVER CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

The Parish office will be closed until Monday 15 January 2023. Any urgent matters, please email—[office@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:office@corpuschristi.com.au). The email will be monitored during this time.

### Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show our respect to the Elders past and present. We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.



## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

### For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

Let us pray that the Spirit helps us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

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## The Word

### Sunday 14 January 2024: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Collect

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. God, for ever and ever.

#### First Reading

From the first book of 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.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

*(R.) Here am I, 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

From the letter of St Paul to the 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, which is in you since you have 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.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to 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.