

bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 1: 41, 17

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

GOSPEL

Jn 1: 35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.

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Breaking Open the Word

COME AND SEE

Samuel, in the first reading, hears a call in the night which he doesn't recognise. He is lying in the sanctuary of the Lord when his name is called. He is in the place where God dwells. He goes to Eli not once, but three times. Eli advises him to reply, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening" (1 Sam 3:9). Samuel had replied thrice to Eli, "Here I am", but the response to God was about listening.

The refrain of the Psalm (39:2), and a favourite hymn, echoes "Here I am." It renews our response to God as the psalm alerts us to God inclining and listening to us (v. 2).

The Gospel opens with John the Baptist and two of his disciples. John "looked at" Jesus walking by and said "See this is the Lamb of God" (John 1:36). Together the disciples follow Jesus. His turning around to ask what they want reveals that they seek to know where he abides. Jesus' reply, "Come and see", completes three versions of seeing. John's looking at and inviting others to see with him and Jesus also inviting them to come and see. Having seen and stayed with Jesus, one of them, Andrew, became a follower and brought his brother Simon Peter to Jesus. This coming, seeing and abiding with Jesus is the portrayal of the call and the mission. The invitations today to listen, to come, to see and abide with Jesus are possible for each of us everyday as we turn our minds and hearts to the Word, our attention to God.

Dr Rosemary Canavan



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

14 JANUARY 2024

FIRST READING

1 Sam 3: 3-10, 19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Speak, 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.

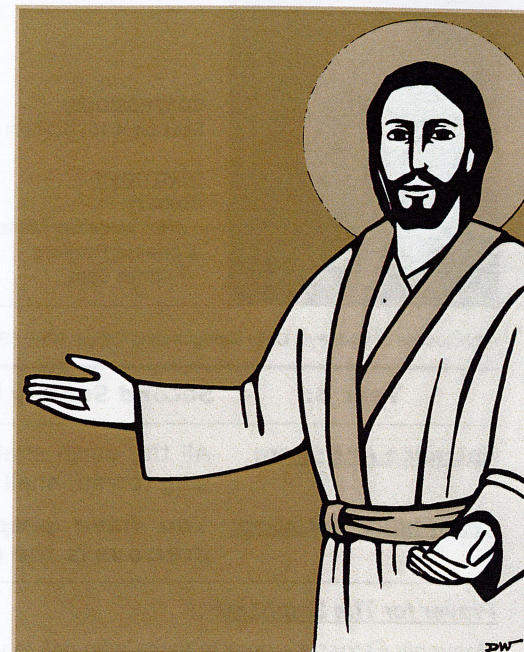
RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9

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

1 Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

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

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CONFESSIONS:
Saturday 4:15 - 5:00 pm

DEVOTIONS

:Rosary
after weekday Masses
:Cenacle Prayers
Fridays 5pm

MASS TIMINGS:

Monday 8:00 am; Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wednesday to Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 8:00 am and Vigil 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday after the 8:00 am Mass.

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
Saturday from 4:15pm to 5:00 pm
First Fridays from 11.30am to 12.15pm

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Year B: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 14-01-2024

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High.

Communion Antiphon: *You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.*

Prayer for The Epiphany:

Heavenly Father, be near to those who call to you, and graciously grant your protection to all who place their hope in your mercy. We place our trust in you for all that we need in the world; and pray that we may remain faithful and holy in life and that we may be made full heirs of your promise for eternity. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We offer special prayers for:

The sick: Irudaya Doss (Fr Daney's father), Yvonne Parry, Jorge Azar, Milagros F. Cannistraro, Sarah Cannistraro, Sevi Zachary Claveria, Judy Chen, Marieta De Venecia, Sue Domancich, Vivian Felice, Herman Liew, Jim Lisbona, Doris Magri, Cecilia Malkun, Javier Malkun, July Malkun, Manuel Mantilla, Marija & Barclay Family, Owen McLoughlin, Felomina Moulic, Jay R. Moulic, Salvador Murillo, Jessa Reina De Vera-Cruz, Thelma Soriano, Ann-Marie Stevens, Venus Tabayoyong, James Trehwella, Aurea Visperas, Alison Wilkinson, Jessica & Joseph Wilkinson, all our sick parishioners, sick members of our families and friends and all the sick in the world.

The deceased: Recently: Bernice Ayling (died on 3/1/24; funeral on Tues 23rd Jan 10am), Bev Kuschert, Daniel Leow, Patrick Spain

Anniversary: Katty Sheahan (14/1), Afu Falemaka (1st anniv 9/1), Patrick Cheong (5/1),
Others: Des Ebejer, Margaret Cheong, Thelma Stevens, John Wilkinson, Andrew Spiteri, Phillip & Frances Merillo, Marriana Vella, Joseph Vella, Wilfred Tsen, Susan Lee, Jenny Chen, Jose Emilio Sousa Brito, Jose Roumeirao Brito, Elisa Gusmao Brito, Joaquim Inacio Brito, Michael Hemmings, Edmundo Frederico Luis Jansen Alves, Maria Eduarda Jansen Alves Pereira, the deceased members of our families and friends and all Souls in Purgatory.

Roster Jan 20/21 5.30pm

8am

10am

Lectors:

John Heffernan
Lyra Menczer

Joyce Francis
Meri Hardi

Mario Visto
(reader needed)

Church Cleaning & Preparation: Roster 20 Jan (Third Saturday of the month)

Flowers Arranging: Rosa Ribeiro

Dusting & Tidying Pews: Nancy Cheung

Vacuuming Church Floor: Kina Falemaka

Feast Day(s) of the Week: 17 Jan – Saint Anthony

Fr Daney is away in India until 11th February 2024 to spend time with his father and family. Fr Daney thanks you for your prayers for his sick father and the family. Please continue to pray for them. Fr Allan Casquejo and Fr Rafael Silva Galicia from Holy Family Maroubra will look after your pastoral needs while Fr Daney is away.

OLA Pagewood Parish's Presbytery Refurbishment:

OLA Pagewood Parish's presbytery is in need of repairs; and the refurbishment work has already begun. The parish is asking for help (if you can) with the expenses of the refurbishment. Please use the specially allocated envelopes in the church for your contributions (not taxable). Thank you very much for your donations and support. May God bless you abundantly.

Readers Roster Jan to June 2024 is available in the church porch. Please tick off your name after picking up your copy. It has been emailed out as well.

Pagewood Planned Giving Change: From 1st January 2024, The Weekly Planned Giving Envelopes contributions will be allocated to Pagewood Church Account's Loose Collection.

Volunteers: A reader is needed for the Sunday 8am masses. If you are able to help, please email the parish office. Thank you.

The First Collection taken after the Prayer of Faithful supports our Archdiocesan clergies' stipends and presbytery expenses. **The Second Collection which will be taken immediately after The First Collection** supports our church's liturgical and running expenses as well as repairs and maintenance. **Tap donations are divided equally to First & Second Collections.**

No Foreign Coins: Please do not place any foreign coins and currency in any collections as they cause problems with our counting machine and the bank's.

An Evening with Christopher West –Male and Female He Created Them: Following Dr Christopher West's *Made for More* presentation earlier in 2023, he returns to Sydney to dive deeper with families to rediscover authentic masculinity and femininity. This not-to-be-missed one-night presentation will provide a hopeful and redemptive understanding of our creation's original and glorious meaning as male and female. DATE: Saturday, 20 January 2024 at All Saints Liverpool Catholic Parish, 48 George Street, Liverpool from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. (Doors open at 6:30pm) PRICE: \$20 general admission. \$15 concession/student For more information on the evening and to purchase tickets, visit: <https://sydneycatholic.org/summer-series/>.

Working with Children Check Update

The Archdiocese of Sydney's Safeguarding Office updated the list of parish Volunteers required to maintain a Working with Children Check recently. **Readers and Wardens now DO NOT have to obtain and maintain a WWCC.** The updated list is on the noticeboard.