

We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people. May we too be good stewards of this land.

**14 January 2024
SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

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!

First Reading from the first
book of Samuel 3:3-10.19

Responsorial Psalm

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

Response:

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

Second Reading from the
first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians 3:2-3. 5-6

Gospel Acclamation

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

Holy Gospel according
to John 1:35-42

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

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

**Next Week
THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

First: 1 Jonah 3:1-5. 10

Resp: 24:4-9. R. v.4

Second:

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20



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Sunday Mass	Weekday Mass	Devotions
Saturday Vigil: 6pm	Mon, Tues, Wed Mass at 9am	Adoration with the Rosary: Saturday 9.30am
Sunday: 9.30 am and 5pm	Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm	Divine Mercy Devotion: Third Sunday at 3pm
Filipino Mass: Third Sunday at 11.15am	Fri and Sat Mass at 9am	Alliance of the 2 Hearts Mass and Devotion: First Friday of each month from 7.30pm
Samoan Mass: First Sunday of even months at 12 noon	Healing Mass on the first Saturday of each month at 9am	
Maori Mass: First Sunday at 2pm		Reconciliation: Saturday 11 am—12

For Baptism and Marriage enquiries contact the parish office.



For the sick & homebound: Baby Matthew , Terry Maroun, Myka Mangos, Kevin Cloran, Karen Browne, Amanda and John Meredith, Reg Gardner, Sr Heather Burke, Marie and Barry Atkins, Carol and Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Francisco Carmona, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys.

May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain & affliction.

For our recently dearly departed: Elena Del Rosario Bacani, Patrick Kelleher, Fr John Landy, Sennie Masian, Jose Useche, Rufino Boying Yanga, Michael Camilleri.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Hilda Young, Lio Feiloakitohi, Patricia Kelleher, Resse Mangulabnan, Ron Allen, Antonio Demetrio Santos,
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Bulletin Notices

This summer the Children Ministry Team will hold a Bible Camp on 19 – 20 January 2024 here in the Parish grounds. Children aged from 8 to 14 years old are invited to participate. This is an opportunity to grow in the knowledge of God, to deepen their love of Him and to serve Jesus through others, by learning the Bible in their own way. Through fun activities, they will also learn values in life and skills they need as they grow up in the society, witnessing the Christian way of living. Come along and join with us. Parents, please encourage and support your children to join this BIBLE CAMP. Fee by donation. For more details and more enquiries, please contact Sr. Jill by email: asolmcparish@gmail.com

Church Renovations: Construction of alterations and additions to our church building have been approved and construction will commence early in 2024. Watch this space for updates on what changes lie ahead.

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413. An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. 'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.' With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.

Faith Circles meets every Monday via zoom to reflect on the gospel for the coming Sunday. If you wish to join please contact the parish office for the zoom link.

Bible Reflection Group meets every Monday at 10am in the parish meeting room. For more information contact the parish office.

The Journey, 14 January 2024 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista traces the term "Lamb of God" back to Abraham and Isaac on Mount Moriah. Mother Hilda says that unlike all the sporting replays of player mistakes, God doesn't do replays of our life mistakes. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Byron and Francine Pirola, and Fr Mike Delaney. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

Day Retreat | Walking with Jesus – to the joy of Resurrection Saturday 17 February 2024, Jamberoo Abbey Join us for a Lenten reflection day. The Easter story culminates in the joy of Resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. 9am Mass, followed by registration. Morning tea is provided. Bring your own lunch. The day ends at 3.30, and you are invited to stay for Vespers at 5pm. Cost: \$30 Book early, places limited to 50. Contact details for Lenten day retreat: register online at jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats or phone 4236 0011 xt106.

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The Gospel for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (cf. Jn 1:35-42) presents the meeting between Jesus and his first disciples. The scene unfolds along the River Jordan the day after Jesus' baptism. It is John the Baptist himself who points out the Messiah to the two of them with these words: "Behold, the Lamb of God!" (v. 36). And those two, trusting the Baptist's testimony, follow Jesus. He realizes this and asks: "What do you seek?", and they ask Him: "Rabbi, where are you staying?" (v. 38).

Jesus does not respond: "I live in Capernaum, or in Nazareth", but says: "Come and see" (v. 39). Not a calling card, but an invitation to an encounter. The two follow him and remain with him that afternoon. It is not difficult to imagine them seated, asking him questions and above all listening to him, feeling their hearts inflamed ever more while the Teacher speaks. They sense the beauty of the words that respond to their greatest hope. And all of a sudden they discover that, as evening was drawing around them, the light that God alone can give was exploding within their hearts. One thing catches our attention: 60 years later, or perhaps more, one of them would write in his Gospel: "it was about four in the afternoon" (cf. Jn 1:39) — he wrote the time. And this is one thing that makes us think: every authentic encounter with Jesus remains alive in memory; it is never forgotten. You forget many encounters, but a true encounter with Jesus remains forever. And many years later, those two even remembered the time. They were unable to forget this encounter that had changed their lives and was so happy and so complete. Then, when they leave from that encounter and return to their brothers, that joy, that light overflows from their hearts like a raging river. One of the two, Andrew, says to his brother, Simon — whom Jesus will call Peter when He meets him — "We have found the Messiah" (v. 41). They left sure that Jesus was the Messiah, certain.

Let us pause for a moment on this experience of the encounter with Christ who calls us to remain with him. Each one of God's calls is an initiative of his love. He is the one who always takes the initiative. He calls you. God calls to life, he calls to faith, and he calls to a particular state in life: "I want you here". God's first call is to life, through which he makes us persons; it is an individual call because God does not make things in series. Then God calls us to faith and to become part of his family as children of God. Lastly, God calls us to a particular state in life: to give of ourselves on the path of matrimony, or that of the priesthood or consecrated life. They are different ways of realizing God's design, the one he has for each of us that is always a design of love. God always calls. And the greatest joy for every believer is to respond to this call, offering one's entire being to the service of God and our brothers and sisters.

May the Virgin Mary help us make of our lives a hymn of praise to God in response to his call and in the humble and joyful fulfilment of his will. But let us remember this: there was a moment in each of our lives, in which God made himself present more strongly, with a call. Let us remember that. Let us go back to that moment so that the memory of that moment might always renew that encounter with Jesus for us.