

GOSPEL: John 1:35-42

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

John the Baptist points out Jesus as "the lamb of God" and two of his followers become Jesus' first disciples.

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 he 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),
Sunday: 8am,
10am (Children's Liturgy),
6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday & Saturday - 8.00am.**

Nursing Home Masses
Tuesday - Bupa Yagoona 10.30am

Vietnamese Mass
7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

DEVOTIONS

Benediction: Saturday 7.00am.
Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.
Divine Mercy Prayer:
6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:
Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm
Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with
at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time.
Please call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: By appointment.
Preparation classes are held in the
Presbytery on the 1st Sunday of
each month after 10AM Mass .



... "You are Simon son of John - You are to be called Cephas".
(which, when translated, is Peter) John 1:42

Responsorial Psalm
R. Here am I Lord; I come to do your will.


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

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

This weeks readings - 1Samuel 3:3-10,19; 1Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; Gospel - John 1:35-42.

Next Weekend: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B.
Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1Corinthians 7:29-31;
Gospel - Mark 1:14-20.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 14 January 2018

Readers and Ministers Roster The new Readers & Ministers Roster is now available to pick up from the Sacristy. You may also view it on our website.				
Free Mulch We seem to have received some unwanted extra mulch in the Parish. (in front of the Cemetery) Anyone wishing to take some home to use in their gardens are very welcome to do so at their own expense.				
Lenten Program As Ash Wednesday is so early this year (14 Feb), we are now taking orders for the new Lenten Program, SURRENDER which is from the Wollongong diocese. It comes as a book and there is also a Triple CD resource to accompany if wanted. If you would like to form a Lenten group please advise the office before the end of the month how many books you need for your group. If anyone would like to join a Lenten group this year also advise us and we can help you.				
Wedding Congratulations <i>Anthony Anh Truc Tran & Jenny Luu</i> are married at St Felix this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.				
Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Louis Zucco Anniversary: Paulette & Maurice Prosper; Bill Sultana; Frances Field; Joseph Truong Nguyen; Anna Nguyen Thi Tac. Deceased: Sick: Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; Tim Logue; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Vaoliko Pesamino, Ethan Chau, Douglas Needham; Anne McKinlay; Jovie Casuso; Reyes & Adelle Lim. <i>(Please advise the office if these names can be removed)</i>				
Weekly Rosters				
Altar Society: 21/1/18 Group 3: Youth Group, Samoan Divine Mercy Group, Tram Vu <i>(Florist)</i>				
St Vincent de Paul: 14/1/18 A Nguyen 21/1/18 John Ashe				
Church Cleaners: 19/1/18: Vinh Nguyen Children's Liturgy: 21st Jan - HOLIDAYS				
Weekend Choirs: 21/1 Saturday 6pm - St Anne's Choir. Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God. 10 am - Samoan Divine Mercy Group. 6pm - Youth Choir.				
Readers & Ministers				
	Sat 6pm	14 JANUARY	8am	10am
C	Gabrielle Nguyen	Janice Rodrigues	Helen Vujevic	Kathleen Mezentsef
R	Patrick Abourizk	Jeanette Rodrigues	Jessica Vujevic	Lucia Mezentsef
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M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Rosa House	Judy Jones
21 JANUARY				
C	Stephen Hoang	Joseph Dang	Thu Ha Kim	Charbel Eltarraf
R	Kalisiana Mar	Robyn Molloy	Emanuela Viner	Elias Eltarraf
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf
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Reflection

"Come and see"

Today's readings give us two vocation stories. The first concerns a young boy called Samuel, who lived in the ancient Hebrew temple at Shiloh. One night he heard a voice calling his name. Assuming it was the old priest Eli, he went to him, only to be told to go back to bed because Eli certainly hadn't called him. The same thing happened twice more, and Eli realised that it was God who was doing the calling; he advised young Samuel that if he heard the voice again he should respond: "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." Samuel did as he was told, and the outcome was that he "grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground". It seems that Samuel continued listening for God's word and was always ready to follow it. He became a great leader of God's people.

The second vocation story is in the Gospel, and concerns two of John the Baptist's disciples. One day, as Jesus passes by, John says: "Look, there is the lamb of God." The disciples begin following Jesus. He turns and asks: "What do you want?" Perhaps taken by surprise, they answer rather vaguely: "Rabbi..where do you live?" But in John's Gospel words like "live" or "stay" or "dwell" often have a deeper meaning; they are asking: where do we meet you, where do we encounter you, how do we get to know you? Jesus' answer is simple: "Come and see." They respond to his invitation, they stay with him all that day; they become his friends for life.

The Living Word.

Feasts of the week

17 January – St Anthony, abbot. Memorial.

Anthony "the Great", the "Father of Monks", ranks with those saints whose life exercised a profound influence upon succeeding generations. He was born in Middle Egypt (about 250) of distinguished parents. After their untimely deaths, he dedicated himself wholly to acts of mortification.

One day while in church he heard the words of the Gospel: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give it to the poor" (Matt. 19:21). It seemed as if Christ had spoken to him personally, giving a command he must obey. Without delay he sold his property, gave the proceeds to the poor, and went into the desert (about 270). When overcome by fatigue, his bed was the hard ground. He fasted rigorously, ate only bread and salt, and drank only water. Nor would he take food before sundown; at times he passed two days without any nourishment. Often, too, he spent whole nights in prayer.

The saint suffered repeatedly from diabolical attacks, but these merely made him more steadfast in virtue. He would encourage his disciples in their struggle with the devil with such words: "Believe me; the devil fears the vigils of pious souls, and their fastings, their voluntary poverty, their loving compassion, their humility, but most of all their ardent love of Christ our Lord. As soon as he sees the sign of the Cross, he flees in terror." He died in 356 on Mount Kolzin by the Red Sea, 105 years old. A year later his friend, the fearless bishop and confessor St. Athanasius, wrote his biography, which for centuries became the classic handbook of ascetics. As seen by St. Anthony, the purpose of asceticism is not to destroy the body but to bring it into subjection, re-establishing man's original harmonious integrity, his true God-given nature.

St. Anthony lived in solitude for about twenty years. "His was a perfectly purified soul. No pain could annoy him, no pleasure bind him. In him was neither laughter nor sadness. The sight of the crowd did not trouble him, and the warm greetings of so many men did not move him. In a word, he was thoroughly immune to the vanities of the world, like a man unswervingly governed by reason, established in inner peace and harmony."

— Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch (Catholicculture.org)

