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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

16th/17th January, 2021

Who is Jesus for you?

John calls Jesus the Lamb of God and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. In Jesus he saw the true and only sacrifice which can deliver us from sin. How did John know the true identity of Jesus, as the Messiah? The Holy Spirit revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the God? The Holy Spirit makes Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us freely of his Spirit that we may comprehend the great mystery and plan of God to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

John in his characteristic humility was eager to point beyond himself to the Christ. He did not hesitate to direct his disciples to the Lord Jesus. When two of John's disciples began to seek Jesus out, Jesus took the initiative to invite them into his company. He did not wait for them to get his attention. Instead he met them halfway. He asked them one of the most fundamental questions of life: "What are you looking for?" What were they looking for in Jesus and what were they aiming to get out of life? Jesus asks each of us the same question: "What's the goal of your life? What are you aiming for and trying to get out of life?"

Jesus invites each of us to "come and see" for ourselves that his word is true and everlasting. "Come and see" is God's invitation for fellowship and communion with the One who made us in love for love. Augustine of Hippo tells us something very important about God and how he relates to us: "If you hadn't been called by God, what could you have done to turn back? Didn't the very One who called you when you were opposed to Him make it possible for you to turn back?" It is God who initiates and who draws us to himself. Without his grace, mercy, and help we could not find him.

When we discover something very important and valuable it's natural we want to share it with those closest to us. Andrew immediately went to his brother Simon and told him the good news of his discovery of Jesus. And it didn't take much to get Simon to "come and see" who this Jesus was. Jesus reached out to Simon in the same way he did to Andrew earlier. He not only addressed Simon by his personal name, but he gave him a new name which signified the call God had for him. "Cephas" or "Peter" literally means "rock". To call someone a "rock" was one of the greatest compliments.

The ancient rabbis had a saying that when God saw Abraham, he exclaimed: "I have discovered a rock to found the world upon". Through Abraham God established a nation for himself. Through faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was -- the Anointed One (Messiah and Christ) and the only begotten Son of God. The New Testament describes the church as a spiritual house or temple with each member joined together as living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5). Faith in Jesus Christ makes us into rocks or spiritual stones. The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of faith to know Jesus personally, power to live the gospel faithfully, and courage to witness to others the joy and truth of the gospel. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to draw us near to himself. Do you seek to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ?

Taken from the reflection of Don Schwager

Readings: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

READINGS FOR 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:3 – 10:19

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will

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.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I.

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.

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:13-

15, 17-20

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:35-42

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.

Parish Diary

Monday, January 18th

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Wednesday, January 20th

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

Thursday, January 21st

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Friday, January 22nd

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Saturday, January 23rd

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 23rd

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, January 24th

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

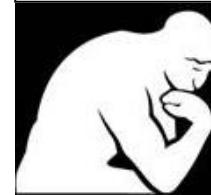
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Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK IN

FOR WEEKEND MASSES



**Have you thought?
Why disciples?**

Why did Jesus call a group of people to follow him closely and share in his ministry? Certainly, it was not uncommon at the time that a charismatic leader might attract a group of followers and 'hangs-on' but Jesus appears to have deliberately called some people to travel with him and share in what he was about. So much of what Jesus spoke about was living in right relationships: with God; and with one another. Rather than simply being a 'back-up group' for Jesus, the disciples provided a lived example of trying to live in right relationships. They didn't always get it right, but they were on the way.

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

WE REMEMBER

We remember Maria (Mary) Russo. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Joss family as they celebrate the baptism of Cormac and Sullivan in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS

Cheryl's team

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Joachim's team - Tuesday, January 19th.

SUPPORT OF OUR PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the Parish during these difficult times. Planned Giving can be arranged through Direct Debit, Credit Card, Parish Giving App, Direct Deposit to the parish account and by Envelopes. If you would like to contribute by internet banking our details are: BSB: 064 - 786; A/c No: 3314 91100; A/c Name: Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish. The Parish Giving app has been set up specifically for parishioners to be electronically connected to their parish for regular and one off giving. Download the app at: <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login>

POSITION VACANT – YOUTH COORDINATOR

Applications are open for the above position at the Sunnybank Parish. The position is a part-time 20-hour role. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

As we begin a new year please remember the suffering Church. Your donation helps keep the faith alive during these difficult times. Visit www.aidtochurch.org

THE INTERIOR CASTLE - JOIN US FOR THE FIRST OF OUR FABER FRIDAY SERIES

New in 2021, a time of conversation, community sharing and ongoing educations is being offered by the JISA Faber team. Experienced Spiritual Director, Peter Shakhovskoy, will guide you through an exploration of 'The Interior Castle', by St Teresa of Avila. Run on Friday from 9:00 – 11:30am from February 12th to April 23rd (except Good Friday). For more information follow this link: [The Interior Castle - over 10 Fridays - Faber QLD - Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia \(jisa.org.au\)](https://www.jisa.org.au/the-interior-castle-over-10-fridays-faber-qld-jesuit-and-ignatian-spirituality-australia)

LENTEN MT COOTHA CAMINO

Join us for a reflective Lenten walk through Mt Coot-tha forest. This reflective Camino (Spanish for "the way") will follow a series of images created by local artist Lyndsay Farrell that relate to the path that Jesus walked. Each Saturday of Lent, February 20th – March 27th meet at 7:00am at the Faber Centre, Bardon. For more details follow this link: [Lenten Mt Coot-tha Camino - each Saturday in Lent - Faber QLD - Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia \(jisa.org.au\)](https://www.jisa.org.au/lenten-mt-coot-tha-camino-each-saturday-in-lent-faber-qld-jesuit-and-ignatian-spirituality-australia)

6 DAY TOUR OF LIGHTNING RIDGE – APRIL 11TH - 16TH

This tour has been arranged by Tony Toohey, for retirees and their friends and there is room for either you and/or your friends to join them. Tony has used Aldinga Tours several times previously and found them to be excellent providers. The price is \$1780 per person twin share and the single supplement is \$250. A non-refundable deposit of \$100pp is required by 25/1/21 with the balance by 5/3/21. Should you be interested, please contact Tony on 3349 4308 or email aajtuy@optusnet.com.au to answer any queries, you may have and to obtain a copy of the itinerary.

PETITION TO STATE PARLIAMENT – THE “CARE FIRST” APPROACH WORKS BEST

As you may be aware, Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) legislation will come before parliament in mid-2021. This is a complex life ethics issue and requires action from those who support palliative care and accompanying the sick and vulnerable as the more compassionate way of caring for the terminally ill. There are still options for those who are opposed to euthanasia / assisted suicide and adding your voice to the following petition is one of them. Although this is a secular based petition, please note it is perfectly in harmony with the Catholic position on VAD, in that:

- we support better funding of palliative care instead of legislating VAD
- Faced with a new parliament hosting many first time members, it's wise to follow due legislative process and allow a proper parliamentary committee scrutiny of the new draft legislation

To show your concern about the legislation of VAD, please stand with thousands of other Queenslanders and visit the e-petition page at: <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=3449>

Weekend Masses

The following process for booking of mass attendance will continue for all masses until otherwise notified. If you turn up for mass and the allowed number has been reached you will not be permitted to enter the church.

WEEKEND MASSES - Bookings close at 4:00pm on Fridays All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

1. Select **Book Now**
2. Choose Mass, press **Select**
3. Choose Section you wish to sit in, press **Select**
4. Add tickets required, press **Next**
5. Fill our details for each person attending, complete **all** fields, press **Next**
6. Complete Booking details, this must be completed to finalise booking, press **Purchase**
7. If your booking is successful you will receive an email within a few minutes.

NB: Bookings for weekday masses are no longer require. You will however still need to sign in with a contact phone number when you arrive.

HOME ASSISTED MODIFICATIONS

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