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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

As we start this new year, the First Reading today tells how God called Samuel, who was just a young boy and did not understand that it was God speaking to him. Only when Eli told him to respond “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening” did young Samuel know what to do – and it opened up for him a marvellous path of life: to serve the Lord.

Samuel was fortunate that he had a wise elder to teach him something about the ways of God. The importance of good example to the youngest, in the ways of faith and life, can hardly be overstated. Family, of course, is the first place where we should learn about God, about prayer and about service. It is also the place where a wholesome attitude to our whole sense of self, to our bodiliness and to sexuality should begin to develop. Failure to have a proper and respectful attitude to our body and to others’ is a very ugly thing: and as St Paul reminds us in the second reading today, those who are baptised are not “our own property,” we belong to Christ.

This is true of every aspect of our lives, as Christians: we are God’s. Sure, the Lord desires that we “have life and have it to the full.” Like young Samuel, we must learn that to be truly alive, and to be truly “ourself” comes from saying: “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”

What is it like to serve God? Jesus tells us all we need to know in today’s Gospel: “Come and see.” Let us do that together through the liturgies of the year ahead.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

Liturgy...

First Reading 1 Sm 3:3-10.19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

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.
Response: Thanks be to God!**





Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10.

(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.)*



Liturgy...

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, 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.

Response: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Liturgy...

Gospel Jn 1:35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

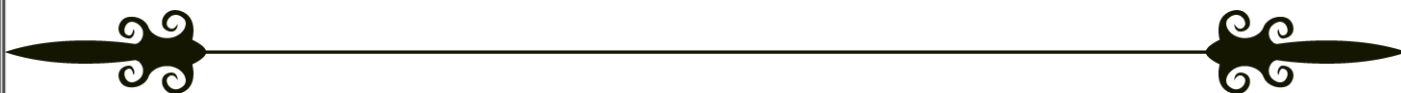
They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

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

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!



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Weekend Mass	Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm Sunday: 7.00am, 9.00am, 10.30am (Solemn High Mass); 12noon Latin Mass in the extraordinary form; 6.00pm Mass
Weekday Mass	Monday to Friday: 6.45am, 1.10pm & 5.30pm; Saturday: 9.00am & 12noon Public Holidays: 9am (or as advertised)
Reconciliation	Monday-Friday: 12noon -1.00pm & 5.00pm to 5.25pm Saturday 11.30am- 11.55am, 4.30-5.30pm
Vespers (Evening Prayer)	Monday to Thursday: 5.00pm; Saturday 5.30pm; Sunday 5.00pm (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacraments) NOTE: There are <u>NO</u> Weekday Vespers and Sunday Benediction during the month of January

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