



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th / 14th January 2018

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS: 9.30 am

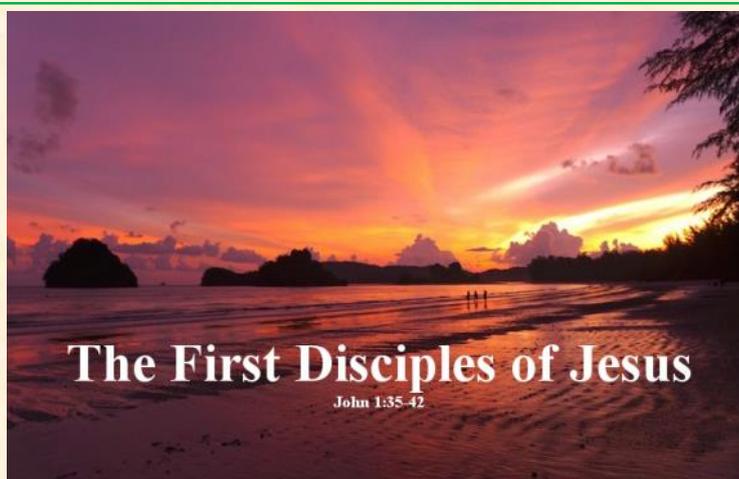
Monday– Saturday (Church)

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



What's in a name? A Lot, if it is God who confers the name. Jesus of Nazareth, the embodiment of God-for-us, knew the power of naming in relation to calling and destiny.

So, when Andrew brought his brother to Jesus, Jesus exercised the divine prerogative of changing Simon's name to 'Cephas' which in English is 'Peter'. Jesus gave Simon a nickname, 'rock-solid' which was the exact opposite of his character! Nevertheless, he did become the rock on which Jesus built his Church.

The tradition continues with the successor of Peter. So, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio took the name 'Francis' which indicates that he believes that the Holy Spirit inspired the Cardinals to choose him to be Pope to follow in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi.

Each one of us has a divinely ordained name (Rev 2:17) which we may not be aware of, but the Holy Spirit is always prompting us to live up to that name.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might so live as to reach Heaven to find that name which God has loved from and for all eternity. (Fr Michael Tate)



Parish Community



We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Kevin Flanagan

ANNIVERSARIES: Leslie Maloy, Frank Esler, John Packer, Gertrude Heppner, Geoffrey Kimball, Marianna Kalenikovs, Geraldine Krautz, Nola Toner, Gregory Sutherland, Bill Cromarty, Ann Bellett, Sr Christopher Ryan, Kathleen Lester.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them.

May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.

We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 13th / 14th January

| Ministry | Vigil | 9.30am |
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| Commentator | Brian Waters | Richard Parkinson |
| Lector 1 | Colleen Day | Leanne Michael |
| Lector 2 | Paula Waters | Bede Hart |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Pauline Mulquiney Judy Lindsay | Carmel Butts Carey Menz-Dowling Frank Glennon |
| Cantor | Judy Lindsay | John Van Lint |
| Musicians | Catherine Cutler | Val Hayes |
| Counters: Peter Toner & Gordon Bryant Cleaning Group: Group 1 | | |

Sat /Sun: 20th / 21st January

| Ministry | Vigil | 9.30am |
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| Commentator | Anthony Foley | Sr Carina Morton |
| Lector 1 | Michael Byrnes | Michael Stephenson |
| Lector 2 | Karen Purtle | Kathy Nynan |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Jim & Kaye Deanshaw | Sr Leteica Volunteers |
| Cantor | Margaret & Ed Brown | Simon Goss |
| Musicians | Mary Hunt | Val Hayes |
| Counters: Carmel & Brian Butts Cleaning Group: Group 2 | | |

Prayer to be Disciples of Jesus

Loving Father, you alone are the source of every good gift. We praise you for all your gifts to us, and we thank you for your generosity.

Everything we have, and all that we are, comes from you. Help us to be grateful and responsible. You have called us to follow your son, Jesus, without counting the cost.

Send us your Holy Spirit to give us courage and wisdom to be faithful disciples. We commit ourselves to being good stewards. Help us to be grateful, accountable, generous, and willing to give back with increase. Help us to make stewardship a way of life. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. AMEN

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

'A disciple of the Lord, is called to set out on a journey that isn't a "stroll," but a mission to proclaim the Gospel and spread the good news of salvation.'

Parish News

Men Alive - Men's Weekend

"God is glorified when men are fully alive"

(St Ireneaus)

*"This weekend is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. During the weekend, the **menAlive team** will share about their lives, the challenges they face and the hope they have discovered in seeking to walk this journey with God.*

*Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Thurgoona will be hosting this on the weekend of **24th - 25th February, 2018**. Contacts: thurgoonacatholicparish@hotmail.com or phone 02 6043 2222. If you are interested or know of someone who may like to come please find registration brochures at entrances to Church.*

Lenten Program

As Lent is only a month away we are asking if there is anyone interested in forming small groups for the Lenten season. Contact Fran at the office on 6025 1516.



Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

The next roster begins in February so could you please phone the office on 6025 1516 to let Fran know of your unavailability for the months of February, March, April & May.

Prayer for Our Sacred Heart Parish

God of Love,

*Source of all hope and good things;
You call us in love, to share in the work
and ongoing life of our Sacred Heart
Parish.*

*Bless this parish of ours and lead us to be
confident and joyful in serving those
around us, so that through us, the world
may catch a glimpse of the love you
have for each one of us.*

*Make us instruments of your love to
everyone that we encounter in our
parish community, at home, at work and
in our neighbourhood.*

*Help us to grow in gratitude so that we
can recognise and thank you for all the
good things you have given us.*

*Each day may we come to know you
more clearly, love you more dearly and
follow you more nearly.*

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Feast Days during the Week

Wednesday 17th January—St Anthony Abbot

Saturday 20th January -St Fabian Pope, Martyr

Liturgy of the Word

Second Sunday of the Year—Year B

Readings: 1 Sam 3: 3-10,19; 1 Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20 ; Jn 1: 35-42

Responsorial Psalm:



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

Alleluia Verse:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah;

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

Reflection on the Readings

The readings from the First Book of Samuel and the Gospel of John all involve call and response. The first reading plays out what many people think the call of God is like – a booming voice telling us what to do. John’s Gospel is more subtle. The earliest apostles are called in two ways and neither of them involves loud voices with grand requests. Andrew follows Jesus because of what John the Baptist says. Simon Peter comes to Jesus through word-of-mouth, his brother Andrew’s recommendation.

What these readings collectively indicate is the various ways in which people are drawn into the life and service of God. Sometimes, because we want certainty, we hope and long for a more dramatic indication of God’s will. Some people get it. Mostly, however, the experience of Andrew and Simon Peter is the more common one. We follow our desires, play our hunches and pursue what intrigues us. As time goes on, our experience indicates the path that will lead to the most hopeful, faithful and loving choice. What is especially encouraging about the Gospel is that Andrew goes after whatever it is that Jesus has. He lives with, or experiences, Jesus’ company for a day and then becomes his recruiting officer.

In so many ways, of course, things are different for us now. Rather than us seeking out where Jesus lives, we are given opportunities to experience his life, and invite him to come and make a home with us. But whatever the differences in the process, the end result is the same. Just as Samuel, Andrew and Peter could have no idea where their response to God’s call would lead them, so we cannot either. All we know is that it will cost us something, maybe everything.

Responding to God’s call in Christ is not for the faint hearted and we shouldn’t pretend it is. It involves loving our enemies, working for peace, forgiving those who have wronged us, and making the world a just place for all God’s children. If these charges make no claim on us in our daily lives, then, chances are, we are listening to voices that endlessly give us the run around, rather than being hooked up to the source of life which makes sense and gives meaning to all our connections in this world the next.

(Fr Richard Leonard SJ)



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