

16th & 17th January , 2021 - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading 1 Sm 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

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

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

Second Reading

1 Cor 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 Jn 1:41. 17

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

Gospel Jn 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.



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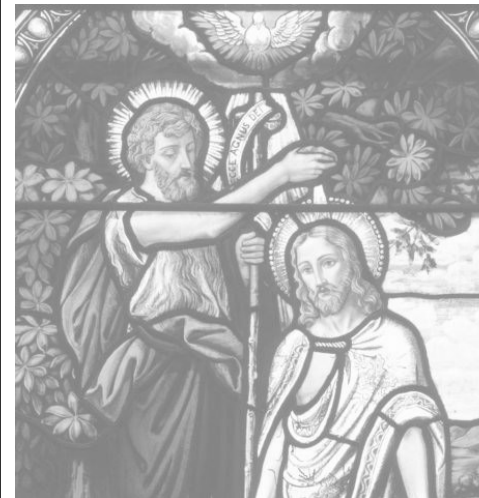
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Newsletters for 9th & 10th January and 16th & 17th January , 2021

2nd Sunday Year B (Jn 1.35-42)

The Gospel today is about the call to follow Jesus. The first disciples to follow Jesus were: Andrew, John and Peter.

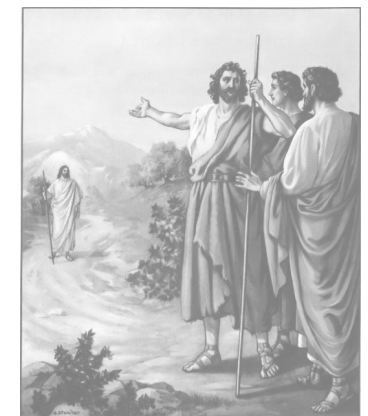
John, the Gospel writer says: "As John (the Baptist) stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus." It is John the Baptist who points out Jesus to his disciples Andrew and John; and it is Andrew who introduces his brother Simon Peter to Jesus. The Gospel writer, who is almost certain the same John who became a follower of Jesus, remembers in great detail this first meeting; and says that it was four o'clock in the afternoon. This means that it must have made an unforgettable impression on him.



Baptism of the Lord - Mk1:7-11

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord that we celebrate connects together the revelation of Jesus to the shepherds, the Magi, John the Baptist and the period of His public life during which Jesus begins and preaches His Gospel and concludes it with His Passion and Death on Calvary.

The episode of the Baptism referred to by the Evangelist Mark is important because it highlights the Person and the mission of Jesus.



9th & 10th January - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading Is 42:1-4. 6-7

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading Acts 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men.

You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about

Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:7-11

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'



Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace to people of good will,
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you.
We give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father,
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the Sins of the world,
have mercy on us,
You take away the Sins of the world,
receive our prayer
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father, Amen.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PARISH DIARY

January 2021

9 Saturday

•9.00am Mass at St John's
•6.00pm Mass at St John's
10 Sunday, Baptism of the Lord

•8.30am Mass at St Monica's
•10.00am Mass at St John's
11 Monday

•9.00am Mass at St John's
12 Tuesday
•9.00am Mass at St John's
13 Wednesday, St Hilary, bishop, doctor

•8.00-8.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

•9.00am Mass at St John's
14 Thursday

•12.00pm Mass at St John's
15 Friday

•9.00am Mass at St John's
16 Saturday

•9.00am Mass at St John's
•6.00pm Mass at St John's
17 Sunday, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

•8.30am Mass at St Monica's
•10.00am Mass at St John's
18 Monday

•9.00am Mass at St John's
19 Tuesday

•9.00am Mass at St John's
20 Wednesday, St Fabian, pope, martyr

•8.00am-8.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

•9.00am Mass at St John's
21 Thursday, St Agnes, virgin, martyr

9.00am-11.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St John's

•12.00pm Mass at St John's
22 Friday, St Vincent

•9.00am Mass at St John's
23 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary

•9.00am Mass at St John's

•6.00pm Mass at St John's
24 Sunday, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

•8.30am Mass at St Monica's
•10.00am Mass at St John's