



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY

UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE



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We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land this Church was built.

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MASS TIMES

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

EMERTON

Monday & Thursday: 8.30am
Tuesday & Wednesday: 6.00pm
Friday & Saturday: 9.00am

Saturday (Vigil Mass): 5.30pm
Sunday: 9.00am & 10.30am

MASS AT WILLMOT CHURCH

Sunday 7.30am
(8 Carteret Ave Willmot)

HOLY HOUR—EMERTON

Wednesdays from 6.00pm
Saturdays from 9.00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 9.30am—10.00am OR
by appointment.

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST FOR THE 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The liturgical season of Ordinary Time has started last Tuesday after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season.

In today's Gospel, Jesus begins to gather followers. Andrew and another man were the first followers when they heard John's testimony. However, only Andrew came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. He then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him Peter, which means "rock" in Greek.

"What do you want?" that's what Jesus asked Andrew and the other disciple. It's also a question each one of us might often ask of ourselves. They were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do I want? What is the most important thing for me in life? and what do I find in Jesus? Am I ready to say: "Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will."? Remember that Jesus likes an honest answer. He looks into people and sees more to them, like he did with Peter and gave him a new name. He saw faithfulness in Peter even though others would see weakness.

JESUS,

Open my heart to Your desires for my life. *I sense that You may be leading me to make some bold decisions. Stretch my faith and generosity to always be about Your Kingdom plans, and not just my own comfort!*



Jesus already knows the deepest desires of every heart, but many people never take the time to reflect on their own deepest desires. Jesus poses the question in order to spur that kind of reflection. Unless we take time to examine ourselves and our lives, we can easily end up looking for meaning and happiness in the wrong places, mindlessly latching onto every passing fancy and popular guru, bouncing from fashion to fad, never drinking of the living water that only He can give. If you want the right thing, everything else will fall into place. If you don't, nothing you do will give rest to your soul.

Fr Nguyen Van Cao SJ

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: Fernanda Lithgoe, Mary Walz, Kevin Smith, Mathew Sieders, Janice Angela Lawrence, Barbara Cameron, Kyla Aggar, Greg McDonald, Guillermo Lopez, John Williams, Jacob Kelly, Dermot Murray, Karen Bartolo, Emma Datoc, Val Polkamp, Imaculata Leota, Malia Leota, Paul Peters, Maria Barbara, Sylvia Greene, Baby Gabriella Mafi, Nanding Flores, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Faith Nimmo, Vaha Vave, Tualau Vave, Mayda Attachian, Faye Iffland, Tim Meagher, Cristina Frugone, Zarouf Mallouk, George Mallouk, Gloria Cutcliffe, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Boyet Llave, Fe Llave, Edwards, Fara Vargas.

ANNIVERSARIES: Numa Pepin, Cardinal George Pell, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Nive Pupualii, Anna Uljevic, Connie Vella, Marie Ringuet, Desmond Bartle, Jordan Harris, Webb Salama, Barry Walsh, Krunoslav Tadjanovic, Nancy Joseph, Peter Forage, Madge Barrett, Isaiah Smith, Norman Ward, Kurt Lee, Stevie Beale, Paul Coulson, Bruce McIntosh, Lucy Bethune, David Vidler, Ernest Wood, Christine Flanagan, Jason Knight, Patricia Young, Andrew Robertson, Wayne Robertson, Vilko Salecich.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Carmen Cilia, Lorena De Guia, Andrew Cusack, John Daley.



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



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 : Ps 39:2,4,7-10

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

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God. R.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. R.

Then I said, "Here I am; In the scroll of the book it is written of me.
I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart." R.

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O Lord. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 1:35-42

They saw where Jesus lived and stayed with him.

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he 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 see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated the Christ). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 21st JANUARY 2024 — 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



1st Reading: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2024

To pray for the gift of diversity in the Church.

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

JANUARY 2024

- ◆ **Tuesday 16th:** Holiday Program—Balmoral Beach
- ◆ **Wednesday 17th:** Ignite Food Store & Clothing Op-Shop reopens
Open Monday-Friday 8.30am—3.15pm.
- ◆ **Friday 19th:** Holiday Program—Bronte Beach
- ◆ **Saturday 20th:** Funeral Mass for Lorena De Guia, 10.00am (church)
- ◆ **Tuesday 23rd:** St Vincent De Paul Hub reopens
- ◆ **Wednesday 24th:** Holiday Program—Wamberal Beach
- ◆ **Friday 26th:** Australia Day Public Holiday (office closed)
- ◆ **Monday 29th:** CatholicCare Centre reopens
- ◆ **Tuesday 30th:** School term 1 commences

NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed on the days of the Holiday Program.

THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.

(Howard Thurman)