



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

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.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider the call to discipleship. The readings outline the various stages of this call and provide a sketch of some of the characteristics of each stage: the invitation, the discerning process and the resulting transformation.

The call is an invitation from God. It might come to us as inner sensitivity, a kind of a dream or inspiration. Our interest might be captured by a person or an event that first attracts us and then beckons us to investigate further. It can come in the innocence and naivete of childhood, in the vigour of young adulthood, or in the wisdom of years. It comes when God calls.

The second stage involves discernment. Most of us need help recognising moments of religious importance and so we seek out women and men who are practiced in the ways of God, who can help us test the spirit. They might be recognised religious leaders or prophetic guides, or they could be friends or loved ones who know us well and who are also attuned to the workings of God in their own lives.

Finally, when we respond to the call, we discover that we no longer belong solely to ourselves; as disciples, we belong to the body of Christ. We belong to the reign of God; we are now part of the mission of Christ. As disciples, we are called to proclaim to the world the justice of God. What a glorious honour this is!

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The Living Word

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

17 January 2021

First Reading 1 Sm 3:3-10.19

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.

Responsorial Psalm

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

(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.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20

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.

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SR DOREEN'S 60th ANNIVERSARY:

To my dear friends of St Michael's Parish.
 Thank you for your prayers, good wishes and gifts on the occasion of my Diamond Jubilee. I've now had about 10 years of living in this marvellous parish (in two different stages), working with Fr Peter, Fr Bernard, Fr Denis, Fr James, Fr Prasanna, Fr Saji, and now Fr Francis, Fr Ajin and Deacon Tony.
 As I am now retired, I am enjoying being a member of St Michael's Parish, and a stirrer around the parish, especially around the office (keeping everyone on their toes – hahaha).
 As we, in the Diocese of Sale and the parish of St Michael's, start looking at the future of our church after the Plenary Council, we pray in thanksgiving for the past. We now look forward to the future, guided by the Holy Spirit.
 Again, thank you. **Sr Doreen.**
 PS, my gift from the Parish is a brand new mobile phone, I'll know how to work it soon.

PANDEMIC MATTERS:

Receiving Holy Communion: Parishioners are reminded that the Body of Christ may only be administered to the hand until further notice and Holy Communion from the cup is suspended until further notice.
Face Masks must be worn throughout the Mass. *From January 18, masks are not compulsory at Mass, but may be worn.*
Social distancing must be maintained.
Cleaning of pews and kneelers must be completed before leaving the Church.
Booking to attend Mass is required for all weekend Masses. **Our Trybooking code for Masses for January 24 & 31 is** <https://www.trybooking.com/BOBYU>
Trybooking.com is the preferred method for booking.

Changes to Mass Times
 (covid restrictions permitting)
Beginning on the weekend of February 13 & 14, our Mass times will be
Sat 5:30pm
Sunday 9:30am and 5:30pm.
 Parishioners are advised that First Communion will be celebrated at Masses on Fri Feb 05 at 6:00pm, Sat Feb 06 at 5:00pm and Sun Feb 07 at 10:30am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember all our loved ones who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Giuseppe Agostino, Angelina Agostino, Jonathan Phelan, Ellen Koch, Jack Dessent, Bishop Patrick Whelan and Bishop Noel Daly.
Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK including Maria Alessandrini, Lee Allman, Fr Bernard Buckley, Conceicao Carvalho, Peter Dal Pra, Ann-Maree Daly, Anthony Derham, Gary Donchi, Bill Edgar, Bernadette Formaran, Fr Frank Freeman, Denis Hallinan, Marj Gilbert, Carolyn Gleeson, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Marie Howard, Joan Lamont, Peter Lont, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah McKerchar, Ben Melenhorst, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Kath Ryan, Jerry Templer, Julie Vaz, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, Wil Waanders, George Walkan and Roy Ward and all those we hold dear in our hearts.

Baptism Preparation meeting will be held in the Church on **Tuesday January 19 at 7:00pm.**

St Michael's Vision & Mission Statements

Inspired by Jesus Christ, we are a welcoming Catholic community seeking to enrich lives. Come and join us!
 We seek to provide opportunities for all to : *grow in holiness; *discover and live out a personal call to mission to live as Catholics who effectively transform society.

Statement of Commitment to the Safety of Children and Vulnerable Adults: Central to the mission of St Michael's and St Mary's Parishes is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children, young people and vulnerable adults and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

Sunday Mass Times (as of Dec 10, 2020)

Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am 10:30am 5:00pm

Attendance numbers at our Masses are limited to 180 people.
Attendance must be booked at Trybooking.com
<https://www.trybooking.com/BOBYU>
or at the Parish Office.

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday Jan 19	9:30am Mass
	10:45am Mass at Margery Cole <i>(residents only)</i>
Weds Jan 20	11:00am Adoration
	12:00pm Mass
Thursday Jan 21	9:30am Mass
Friday Jan 22	9:30am Mass

Parishioners attending weekday Masses are asked to arrive 10 minutes before

Rosters : January 22 & 23, 2021
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5:00pm Mass
Lector A Taylor: **Commentator**, D Smith:
Usher Alan Ryan

Sunday 9:00am Mass
Lector S Reid: **Commentator** M Tainsh:
Usher volunteer required

Sunday 10:30am Mass
Lector volunteer required **Commentator** C McCabe: **Usher:** volunteer required

Sunday 5:00pm Mass
Lector & Commentator Cath, Sienna & Ella Hill:
Usher : volunteer required