

have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

■ The word of the Lord.

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
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.

Breaking Open the Word

OUR NEED FOR OTHERS

The readings for today reflect the dynamic nature of the life of faith. It is only gradually that we learn who we are called to be. In this process of growth in understanding, others can help us to appreciate how God is working in our lives and how we are to respond.

While Samuel hears the call and responds to it three times, he needs the help of Eli to recognise the meaning of the voice that comes to him in the night. It is John the Baptist who helps Andrew to come to faith by pointing him in the right direction. For his part Peter receives the new name Cephas and the call to follow, but it is his brother Andrew who has brought him to Jesus and shared his understanding that Jesus is the Messiah.

The gradual process of learning who we are as Christians is reflected in Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Some people in Corinth had come to believe that because they had been baptised, and now shared in the life of the resurrection, whatever they did was acceptable. They even saw casual sex with prostitutes as no impediment to life in the Spirit. While such an attitude may surprise us we need to appreciate that these early Christians, like Paul himself, were learning as they went. As a trustworthy guide Paul sets out to counteract this view by reminding them that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and that their manner of life should reflect this.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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FIRST READING 1 Sam 3: 3-10, 19
A reading from the first book of Samuel
Speak, 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.'

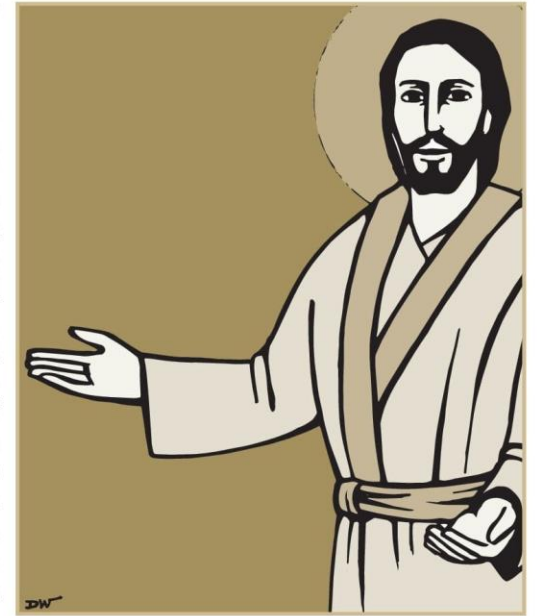
■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 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
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, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you

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Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:30pm

NEW Sunday Mass Times beginning 20th Sep 2020:

8am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Chinese) and 6pm

Weekday Masses: Mon – Thurs. 7:30am, Fri 5:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Fri 4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 5:00-5:20pm

Cenacle Marian Movement of Laity: Thu 7pm

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena: Tue 7-7:30pm

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17th January 2021



Our Deceased: Alan & Molly McNamara, Bill & Eileen Taylor, Amy Murry, Katherine Corbett, Win Tranor, Fr John Haseler, Sandra Walsh, Jim Grainger, Fr John Lyne, James Bertoldo, Mike Crestani, Fr Maurice Sullivan; Geoff & Patricia Clarke; Young Hwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Young Seok Seo, Soo Woog Jin, Maria Hur, Felix Beins, Cecile Beins, Jan Brayan, Mary Duck, Ces Regan, Roy & Bessie Landon and O' Connor, Pigott, Stewart & Casey families; Yasmine Menassa

Our Sick: Agnes, Heru Ie, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw, Mercy Candido

UPCOMING FEAST DAY:

St Agnes 21st of January

PARISH NEWS:

- **On Tues, 26th January, we will celebrate Australia Day with a Mass at 9.15am.** An opportunity to pray for peace and reconciliation among all people of our nation. Please take note, no 7:30am Mass on that day. Thank you.
- **St Kevin's Men's Choir will be singing at the 9:30 Mass on Sunday January 24th.**
- **Grab a copy of the Catholic Weekly for \$2 or visit our Piety stall for books, rosaries, and gift items for holy occasions.** Piety stall is open during weekends, right after Mass.
- **We are encouraging everyone to use the NSW Government issued QR code to register on entry.** However, in cases where parishioners are unable to use the QR code, please sign-in manually. Weekend and weekday Masses are on a first come, first served basis.
- **Face masks are now mandatory for indoor religious gatherings, NSW Health can impose a \$200 fine on each individual failing to abide by this rule. Should you forget to bring a face mask with you, there are extra face masks available in the foyer. Congregational singing is suspended until further notice.** Avoid mingling and crowding. Physical distancing of 1.5m between persons not living in the same household applies in each pew. Sanitise your hands & use disinfectant wipes to clean your seat as you leave. Passing of bulletins & collection plates are still suspended. **Please take the parish bulletin with you as you leave.**

A MESSAGE FROM FR FABIOUS BAINAKANAAMA:

Dear Fr Martin and Parishioners,

I hope that you had a nice Christmas & New Year celebrations. I wish to resound my joyous feelings whenever I am told or think about your efforts to improve our living conditions as you are doing now for the children of Pere Achte Primary School. The Cuppa Time Reflections, whose proceeds are intended for the construction of a 6-stance pit latrine, is a vivid demonstration of love for God's people. I have pushed for its construction to commence as school term begins on Jan 18. You are ever in my prayers. Be Blessed! – Fr Fabius

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **Thinking About Priesthood? A Seminary Open Day will be held on Sun, 14th Feb 2021 at the Good Shepherd Seminary, 52-58 Abbotsford Road, Homebush** starting with Morning Prayer at 9am and a public Mass at 10am. The day will include prayer, conversations with seminarians and priests, talks, and a guided tour. For more info call 9307 8424 or visit: <https://www.vocationcentre.org.au/> or E: vocations@sydneycatholic.org. RSVP by Feb 5.
- **The Catholic parish of Ryde-Gladesville is looking for two youth ministers** to work in close consultation with the Parish Priest, Youth Minister Coordinator, and structured groups that caters for a broad spectrum of youth ages. Send your application to Mrs. Judy Raumer via email: ea@rgcp.org.au by 18th Jan. See noticeboard for more information.

FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

DISCRIMINATION-some realities!

The internationally known South African Anglican archbishop Desmond Tutu is definitely no stranger to living amidst racial discrimination. One of his favorite stories that highlights by way of a metaphor the futility of racial discrimination concerns an 8-year-old girl closely watching the *balloon man*. What he would do is randomly release a colored balloon into the air so as to attract some more customers. The little girl eventually said to the man; "Excuse me sir how come every balloon that you let go no matter its color they all float up into the sky?" The man casually to her with much unintended wisdom; "Love, it's not the color of the balloon that enables it to rise above it is what's inside of it that really matters." I think that it is a fair comment to make that very few people at some stage of their life would not feel the pain of discrimination of some type. Besides racial discrimination based on someone's skin color it could also be because of their religion or lack of one, their educational or social status or their mental or physical ability. The challenge here for us all to keep in mind is that like a balloon to allow the spirit within us to rise above any form of discrimination. Jesus of Nazareth definitely knew the pain of discrimination when it was said of him; "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (John 1: 46)

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 24th Jan 2021

(AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass – M Nassif)

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	C Tumminello	A Condoleon	V Chapman	T Jonas
Junior Servers	L Garcia J Quizon		S Gibbons A Butler	E Egan J Mercurio
Readers	R: J Alam C: D Arputhanathan	R: P Porta C: L Scully	R: D Li C: M Young	R: A Jonas C: D Lalic
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	M Mizzi L Mizzi	L Bergfield A Blomfield	J Raad A Wahbe	E Lobo K Jonas

Counters will be advised as needed.