

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.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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COME AND SEE

Samuel, in the first reading, hears a call in the night which he doesn't recognise. He is lying in the sanctuary of the Lord when his name is called. He is in the place where God dwells. He goes to Eli not once, but three times. Eli advises him to reply, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening" (1 Sam 3:9). Samuel had replied thrice to Eli, "Here I am", but the response to God was about listening.

The refrain of the Psalm (39:2), and a favourite hymn, echoes "Here I am." It renews our response to God as the psalm alerts us to God inclining and listening to us (v. 2).

The Gospel opens with John the Baptist and two of his disciples. John "looked at" Jesus walking by and said "See this is the Lamb of God" (John 1:36). Together the disciples follow Jesus. His turning around to ask what they want reveals that they seek to know where he abides. Jesus' reply, "Come and see", completes three versions of seeing. John's looking at and inviting others to see with him and Jesus also inviting them to come and see. Having seen and stayed with Jesus, one of them, Andrew, became a follower and brought his brother Simon Peter to Jesus. This coming, seeing and abiding with Jesus is the portrayal of the call and the mission. The invitations today to listen, to come, to see and abide with Jesus are possible for each of us everyday as we turn our minds and hearts to the Word, our attention to God.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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.

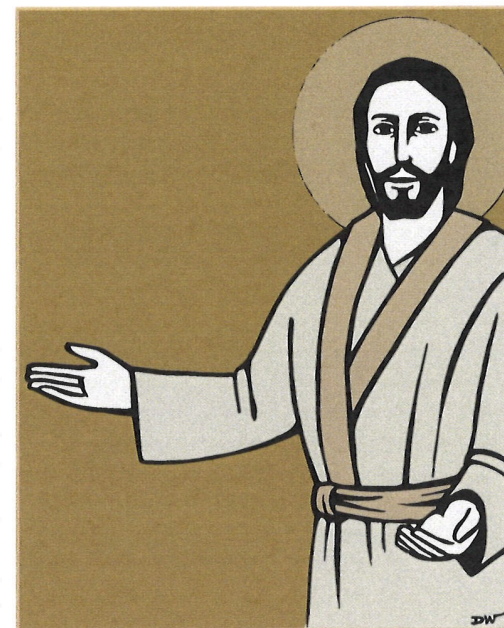
RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9

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 have been



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MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION AND DEVOTION

Weekday Mass: Monday - 7:30am (Communion Service, except on Feast Days);

Tuesday to Thursday - 7:30am (followed by Holy Rosary); Friday - 5pm

Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm (livestreamed); Sunday - 8am, 9:30am, 6pm

CCC Mass: Sunday at 12noon (English/Cantonese)

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 4pm-5pm

First Friday Devotion: Monthly at 4pm

First Saturday Mass and Devotion: Monthly at 9am

Exposition and Benediction: First weekend of the month at all Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday 4pm-4:45pm and Saturday 4:30pm-5:15pm

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14th Jan 2024

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Recently Deceased: Gerard Landon, Sami G Menassa, Sonia Fernandes

Death Anniversary: George Cardinal Pell, Yassmin G Menassa, Kong Kit Lai, Eric Michael

Deceased: Warren Farr, Cecilia Quizon, Lucia and Phillip Graziano, Frank and Lucy Dixon, John Davidson, Lucy Ng, Cecilia Tan, Selwyn Jackson; Peter McNamara, Milly Farrell, Francis Murray, Marie Cummins; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott and Stewart families; Geoff and Patricia Clarke; Ron and Jan Brayan.

Sick: Ling Sin Fong, Xiao Yi Chen, Sheriden Nemecek, Paul Celler, Dave Isaacs, Terence Cahill, Barbara Hall, Elizabeth Uy Tan, Graham Rumble, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw



UPCOMING FEAST DAYS, SOLEMNITIES AND MEMORIALS:

Saint Anthony Jan 17

PARISH NEWS:

- **Our deepest condolences to the family of Gerard Landon**, a beloved member of the community, devout Catholic and a faithful parishioner at St Kevin's. His funeral was held in our parish last Fri, 12th Jan. Please include him in your prayers. May his soul rest in peace.
- **ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP - WEDNESDAYS, 12:30-2:30pm in the Church, commencing on Jan 24.** All are welcome to join us in praying the rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, reflection on the gospel, praise and worship. For more info contact Marianna 0418 288 522.
- **On AUSTRALIA DAY, FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY, we will have a Mass at 5pm.** All welcome.
- **All Catechists are invited to attend our Northern Area Mass at St Michael's Meadowbank on Wed 7th Feb at 11am**, followed by lunch in the parish hall. If possible, please bring a plate to share. RSVP to anita.lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au by Jan 31.
- **St Patrick's Church Hill needs your help in providing breakfast to the homeless.** Please check the list of preferred food items to donate in the church foyer. Thank you.



- **Next Men's Prayer Breakfast for 2024 will be on Sat 3rd February at 7am** in the Parish Hall, followed by Mass and devotion in the Church at 9am.
- **Next FOSK (Friends of St Kevin) morning tea will be on Sun 4th Feb, after the 9:30am Mass.**
- Next **BAPTISM INFO EVENING** will be on Wed 7th Feb 2024 at 8pm in the parish office meeting room. To register, please contact the parish office Ph 9874 2533.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Didasko Adult Faith Formation, March 4, 11 and 18 at 7:30pm in the Haseler Centre.** TOPIC: God the Beautiful: An Introduction to Theology, presented by Chris Wolte. Chris initially studied philosophy and theology with the Dominican Friars, and has been teaching theology at the University of Notre Dame Australia for 13 years. Register through the parish office Ph 9874 2533. **Cost: FREE!**
- **If you wish to offer a Mass for the sick, deceased, and other occasions**, please collect an envelope in the church foyer. Write the date when you want the Mass to be said, the name of the person who you wish to pray for, and the intention. Place the envelope in the weekend collection bags. Tick the box 'For Publication' if you wish for the name to be mentioned in the parish bulletin for two weekends.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

An Evening with Christopher West – 'Male and Female He Created Them,' Sat, 20th Jan, 7pm-9:30pm, All Saints Liverpool Catholic Parish, 48 George Street, Liverpool. COST: \$20 general admission. \$15 concession/student. Following Dr Christopher West's 'Made for More' presentation earlier this year, he returns to Sydney to dive deeper with families to rediscover authentic masculinity & femininity. This not-to-be-missed one-night presentation will provide a hopeful & redemptive understanding of our creation's original and glorious meaning as male and female. For info and to purchase tickets, visit: <https://sydneycatholic.org/summer-series/>

SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION:

Thank you to all parish volunteers who have completed the Online Safeguarding Induction Training. To maintain our current safe working environment, it is required that volunteers who will or expected to have contact with children and/or adults at risk must complete a Safeguarding Induction Training. To register go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1>. To those who have completed their Safeguarding Induction Training in 2020 or 2021, you are now due for a Safeguarding refresher training, to register go to: <https://forms.gle/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9>. The archdiocese requires safeguarding refresher training every 3 years.

REMINDER: To all volunteers whose WWCC will expire soon, please go to: <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/working-children-check/applicant> to renew. Once completed, send your new expiry date to the parish office. Thank you.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, contact Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office (02) 9390 5810 or E: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to police.

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.