



Here is the Lamb of God

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

John the Baptist called Jesus the Lamb of God. In Jesus' time, lambs were often used as sacrifices to please God. Jesus would eventually sacrifice his life for us. What are some sacrifices you can make that could help others?



Blank lines for writing answers to the reflection question.



Following Jesus

Following the example of Jesus' life isn't always easy. For each of the following things that Jesus asks us to do, write down why you find it either easy or difficult to do.

Love your enemies

Be a peace maker

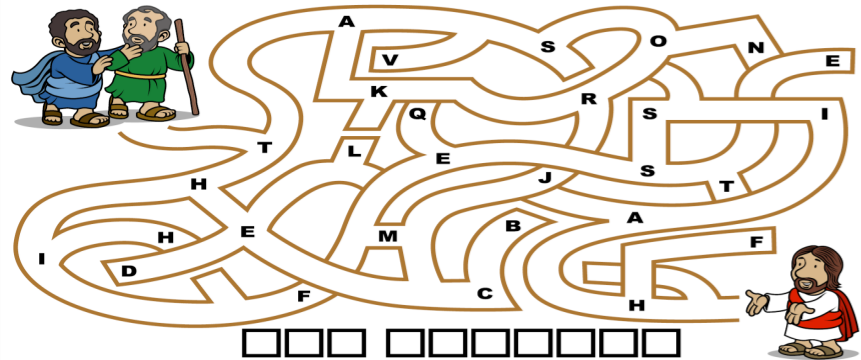
Help people in need

Forgive those who do wrong by you

Be kind to others

Lead others to Christ

As Andrew leads Simon to Jesus, enter each letter into the corresponding box below to reveal who they find.



SAINT OF THE WEEK: SAINT ANTHONY THE ABBOT, 17 JANUARY

St. Anthony the Abbot also known as Anthony the Great was from Egypt, and a prominent leader among the Desert Fathers. The biography of Anthony's life helped to spread the concept of monasticism, particularly in Western Europe through Latin translations. He was the first known ascetic to go into the wilderness. Accounts of Anthony enduring supernatural temptation during his time in the Libyan Desert inspired the "Temptation of St. Anthony" in Western art and literature.

Most of what is known about St. Anthony comes from the "Life of Anthony", written in Greek around 360 by Athanasius of Alexandria. It depicts Anthony as an illiterate and holy man who through his existence in a primitive landscape has an absolute connection to the divine truth. He was born in Coma, in Lower Egypt to a wealthy landowner. At age eighteen his parents died and left him with the care of his unmarried sister. He took the words of Jesus to heart, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven; and come, follow me". He sold everything, gave it to the poor and placed his sister into a group of nuns.

He decided to follow the tradition of the hermits, and headed out into the Alkaline Nitrian Desert region about 60 miles west of Alexandria. He remained there for thirteen years. He was notably the first ascetic to attempt living in the desert proper, completely cut off from civilization. He is called the father of monasticism, because he inspired hundreds of men and women to move into the depths of the desert, some organized into small communities. It is said when he passed, he requested to be placed in an unmarked grave.

PRACTICAL TAKE AWAY

St. Anthony the Abbot lost his parents at an early age. He sold all his belongings, and gave them to the poor. He took literally the words of Jesus to sell everything, and follow Him. He went into the desert, and became the first ascetic to go into the wilderness and harsh conditions. He remained there for 13 years, and became well known for being the first to live solely outside of all civilization. The biography of Anthony's life helped to spread the concept of monasticism, particularly in Western Europe through Latin translations.

Source: <https://www.newmanministry.com/>

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH Bayswater



HOLY MASS

Weekend

- Saturday: 9am Morning Mass; 6pm Vigil Mass
- Sunday: 8am, 10am & 5pm

Weekday

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am
(Benediction & Adoration on First Friday at 8:30am)
 - Tuesday: 7:30pm
(Adoration, Divine Mercy Novena & Benediction at 6:30pm)
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary: 30 minutes before weekday Masses

SACRAMENTS

- **Baptism** 2nd Sunday of every month, 11:15am (2 months advance notice)
- **Baptism Preparation** 2nd Thursday of every month, 7:30pm.
- **Reconciliation** Tuesday: 6:30pm & Saturday: 9:30am and 5:30pm
- **Marriage** Minimum 6 months advance notice is required
- **Sacramental Preparation:** Call the Parish Office

PRESBYTERY

- Parish Priest: **Fr. Sabu Thomas Adimakiyil VC**
- Secretary: **Millicent Cabisidan (Peachy)**
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OFFICE HOURS

- Wednesday & Thursday 9am - 3pm
- Friday 9am - 12pm

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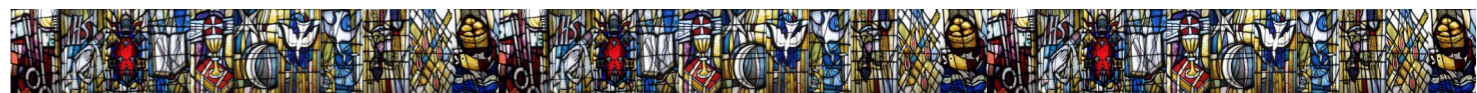
Our parish be a faith-filled, caring and sharing community that will actively embrace multiculturalism and team building reaching out to joyfully demonstrate God's love to the wider society.

MISSION

That our parish hold spiritual and social programmes to cater to all levels and interests of parishioners, drawing in toddlers, youth, elderly, and new families into the orbit of the parish.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.'





SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14 JANUARY 2024

'We aim a Safe and Inclusive Parish'

YEAR B / 2



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

RESPONSE

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

ACCLAMATION

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

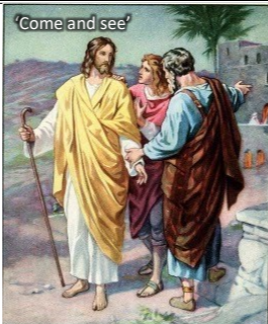
GOD CALLS ME BY NAME

Today's readings conclude the feast of Christmas and begin the new season of Ordinary Time. In the First Reading we hear the Lord's dramatic call of Samuel, and how Samuel fails to hear and discern it properly at first. The young Samuel might well have grown up praying with words like those in today's Psalm. We can easily imagine him, in the Temple, offering a prayer of commitment to follow the Lord's will.

In the Second Reading, St Paul, writing to the Church at Corinth, reminds the people that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. All that they have and all that they are is gift, a gift purchased at great price. The Gospel continues the story of Jesus's Baptism. John the Baptist, having recognised Jesus as the Lamb of God, points two of his own followers to Jesus.

The scripture texts of today's liturgy depict stories of call and response. During the coming week, let's ponder God's call in our own lives, and reflect both on the level of our attentiveness and on the depth of our response.

Source: Excerpted from the Gospel reflection at <https://www.sacredspace.ie/> Image from <https://www.christianity.com/>



LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTI-PHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 3:3-10, 19

A reading from the first book of Samuel. 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 PSALM

- 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.)
- 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.)
- 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.)

- Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. (R.)

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

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 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. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. 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.

COMMUNION ANTI-PHON

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.



FAITHFUL MUST PUT JESUS, NOT IDEOLOGY, IN SPOTLIGHT, POPE SAYS

Instead of splitting into ideological groups, members of the Catholic Church need to put God front and centre, not their own personal ideas and plans, Pope Francis said. 'We need to let go of ecclesiastical ideologies in order to find the meaning of the Holy Mother Church' and to support its true vocation, he said.

'Let us set out anew from God; let us seek from him the courage not to lose heart in the face of difficulties, the strength to surmount all obstacles, the joy to live in harmonious communion,' the Pope said on 6 January, celebrating Mass on the feast of the Epiphany. 'We need to let ourselves walk in friendship with the Lord; we need his love to sustain us, and the light of his word to guide us, like a star in the night,' he said in his homily. 'We need to set out on this journey, so that our faith will not be reduced to an assemblage of religious devotions or mere outward appearance, but will instead become a fire burning within us, making us passionate seekers of the Lord's face and witnesses to his Gospel,' he said. We need [God's] love to sustain us, and the light of his word to guide us, like a star in the night. 'We need this in the Church, where, instead of splitting into groups based on our own ideas, we are called to put God back at the centre,' Pope Francis said. Full report at www.melbournecatholic.org



CARITAS JAPAN PRESIDENT: ACCOMPANY OUR PEOPLE IN PRAYER AFTER EARTHQUAKES

In an interview with Vatican News, the President of Caritas Japan, Bishop Daisuke Narui of Niigata, explains the ongoing difficulties faced by the nation's people following the deadly recent earthquake, which has killed more than 200, blocked movement, and resulted in numerous aftershocks and subsequent earthquakes. He also expressed his gratitude to the Holy Father, who visited Japan in November 2019, for his closeness to the suffering Japanese people at this time, and the need to never underestimate the power of prayer. Pope Francis personally mourned the lives lost in the deadly Japan earthquake through a telegram following the disaster, and in his words at his Wednesday General Audience. He prayed for the victims and rescuers of those affected by the earthquake, also remembering rescue crew workers killed in an airplane collision in Tokyo. Full text at www.vaticannews.va

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- 17 January - St Anthony, abbot
- 20 January - St Fabian
St Sebastian

CARE AND SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY AT 9:45 AM IN THE NARTHEX.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES:

- ANNIVERSARY:** Josef Rezk, Frank Jeary, Anne Pearson, John Simons, Antoni Szewezeski, Katharina Paffenholz, Tony Van Maanen, Robyn Dyball, Steven Treyvaud, Brian Dwyer, Malcolm John McCarton, Reg Edwards, Veronica Cripps, Peter Anthony Murrhy.
- SICK:** Peter Lisle, Wendy Markby, Fiona Scudds, Mary McKiterick.

POPE FRANCIS: 'PEACE IS A RESPONSIBILITY INCUMBENT ON ALL OF US'

In his annual "State of the World" address to members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See, Pope Francis reflects on the conflicts and divisions ravaging the world and highlights the responsibility of individuals and nations to foster peace.

"Blessed are the peacemakers," Pope Francis recalled as he welcomed the expanded "diplomatic family" in the Vatican, thanking the ambassadors for their efforts to nurture good relations between the Holy See and their respective countries. And immediately he shone the light on the central theme of his discourse – Peace - which he said, is primarily a gift of God, for it is He who left us His peace. "Yet it is also a responsibility incumbent upon all of us," he added. The Pope concluded his address by reminding those present that the Church is preparing for the Jubilee, the Holy Year that will begin next Christmas. "Today, perhaps more than ever," he said, "we need a Holy Year," a season of grace that enables us to experience God's mercy and the gift of His peace. Full text at www.vaticannews.va



POPE FRANCIS CALLS SURROGACY 'DEPLORABLE,' CALLS FOR GLOBAL BAN

Pope Francis called surrogacy "deplorable" and called for a global ban on the exploitative practice of "so-called surrogate motherhood" in a speech to all of the world's ambassadors to the Holy See on Monday.

"The path to peace calls for respect for life, for every human life, starting with the life of the unborn child in the mother's womb, which cannot be suppressed or turned into an object of trafficking," Pope Francis said.

"In this regard, I deem deplorable the practice of so-called surrogate motherhood, which represents a grave violation of the dignity of the woman and the child, based on the exploitation of situations of the mother's material needs.

"A child is always a gift and never the basis of a commercial contract." Full text at www.catholicleader.com.au

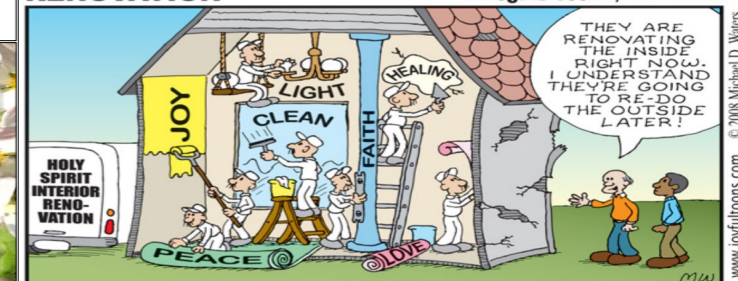


TWENTY CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES KILLED IN 2023

The Vatican's Fides News Agency releases its annual list of Catholic missionaries who were killed bearing witness to their faith in 2023. Twenty missionaries lost their lives across the world through violent death this year, two more than in 2022.

The information service of the Pontifical Mission Societies reported on Saturday that one bishop, eight priests, two men religious, one seminarian, one novice and seven laypeople were killed. As in previous years, the most deadly continents for Church workers were Africa, where nine people were killed, and the Americas, where six gave their lives. Full report at www.vaticannews.com

RENOVATION



Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. - 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16 NIV