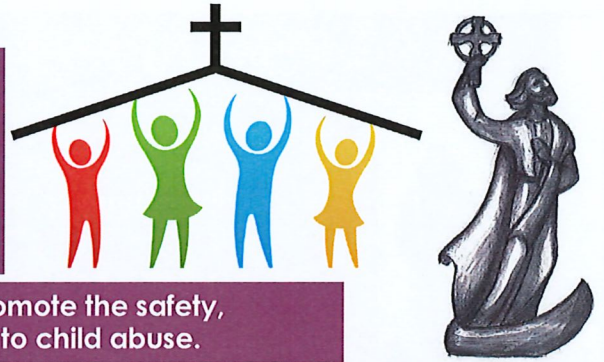


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ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC PARISH



St Brendan's Parish is a Child Safe community. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all and a zero tolerance to child abuse.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

14 January 2024

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, 'Samuell Samuelli' 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, 'Samuell Samuelli' 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, 'Samuell Samuelli' 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.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

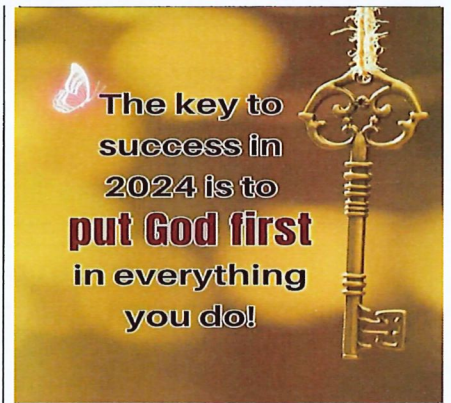
Gospel Jn 1:35-42

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.

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See' is a powerful image in this week's gospel. It is not a simple reply to the question of where Jesus is living; in some ways it is a summary of his whole ministry – come and see what I am on about and become part of it. It is typical of the invitational nature of Jesus' ministry. Throughout the gospels, Jesus offers and invites, he does not force his ministry onto anyone. When he invites us to 'Come and See' it is an invitation to 'give it a go'; take a chance; let go of what we know.

To 'Come and See' is exactly what Jesus invited the apostles to do. In this week's reading, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, takes up the invitation and becomes a follower of Jesus. He is so impressed with what he sees in Jesus that he finds his brother and tells him that they've found the Messiah and that Simon should come and join them. Jesus immediately gives Simon a new nickname: the Rock (Peter). There are many instances throughout the Bible of people taking or being given new names. Abram became Abraham; Jacob became Israel; Saul became Paul. This change of name is used as a sign that they have encountered God in a special way and have taken on a new life – a new commitment to God. In this instance, Simon is becoming a disciple of Jesus, a trusted and influential one at that.

Unlike the call of Samuel in today's first reading, in which the call to discipleship is heard as a booming voice, Andrew and Simon experience the call through personal encounter with Jesus. A booming voice from the sky might be helpful, but for most of us the call comes in much more subtle ways through our prayer and reflection on interaction with others.

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*Christ in community ...
 the heart of our faith*

Readers & Commentators January 20 & 21, 2024

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| 6pm | Sr Bing | M. Johnson |
| 8am | V. Rando | P. Guthrie |
| 11am | M-A. Demase | S. Pivac |

Recently Deceased: Angela Patane, Lisa Veysey

Anniversaries: Cardinal George Pell, Aldo Landini, Kevin Corboy, Pasquale & Maria De Maria

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside Aboriginal Australians in truth and justice.

CONGRATULATIONS SR BING 25 YEARS of HER PROFESSION

Sr Bing will be celebrating 25 years of her Profession on **TUESDAY 30th JANUARY**. Everyone is welcome to attend firstly the 9.15am Mass on this day followed by a cuppa at the Parish Centre.

Ordinary Time, sounds like a time to sit back, rest and take it easy. If we look to the life of Jesus and many of the saints this is not what we see. The seasons we celebrate in the churches year eg, Lent, Advent etc are opportunities to take our faith to new levels, to higher levels of understanding of God, ourselves and our world.

Where has this last Christmas season taken us ?

Reflection time, quiet time, is needed to assess how our faith has grown or progressed over the last year. This can be difficult to organise and commit to at times, and difficult because we see sometimes that we are not progressing in faith, which can be discouraging. These reflection times can also be great moments in our faith journey, as we see Gods spirit working in our lives, encouraging us, loving us, and seeking a deeper friendship with us.

Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. It is where we look to consolidate our faith learning's, make changes if our faith needs a kick start, and more than anything give thanks for the great gift we hold within us, The God of Love.

Have a great week, Anthony Kilmartin, Pastoral Associate.

Parish Bookkeeper at St Mel's Part Time Position Available

An experienced bookkeeper is needed for a part-time role at a Parish in Shepparton South. The bookkeeper will report to the Parish Priest and be responsible for the financial administrative functions of the parish. It is also essential for the bookkeeper to recognize and respect the pastoral aspect of the Parish. The role will be approx. two full-days per week, depending on workload, with some flexibility in the required hours. The terms and conditions of the position are governed by the Diocese of Sandhurst.

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Applications close on Monday, 29th of January 2024



50 Golden Years

Any couples who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year are very welcome to join Fr Joe for a short planning meeting on the 24th January at 5.00pm in the ParishCentre. If you're unable to be there, then please let me know.



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