

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

17 JANUARY 2021

CALLED BY NAME. It can be hard to believe that God knows each of us by name. Sometimes we need the help of a wise guide, like the old priest Eli or John the Baptist, to help us recognise the voice of God in our life. Let us try to hear God's personal call to us in this Mass and in the events of this day, a call which says in different ways, 'come and dwell with me, share my life'.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 65: 4

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

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us
acknowledge our sins, and so prepare
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All: I confess to almighty God and to
you, my brothers and sisters, that I have
greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in
my words, in what I have done and in
what I have failed to do, (striking the
breast) through my fault, through my
fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my
brothers and sisters, to pray for me to
the Lord our God.

P. May almighty God have mercy on
us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on
earth peace to people of good will. /
We praise you, / we bless you, / we
adore you, / we glorify you. / we give
you thanks for your great glory, / Lord
God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty
Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only
Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, / you take away the
sins of the world, / have mercy on us; /
you take away the sins of the world, /

receive our prayer; / you are seated at the
right hand of the Father, / have mercy on
us. / For you alone are the Holy One, /
you alone are the Lord, / you alone are
the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the
Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the
Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, who govern
all things, both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Sam 3: 3-10, 19

A reading from the first book of Samuel
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

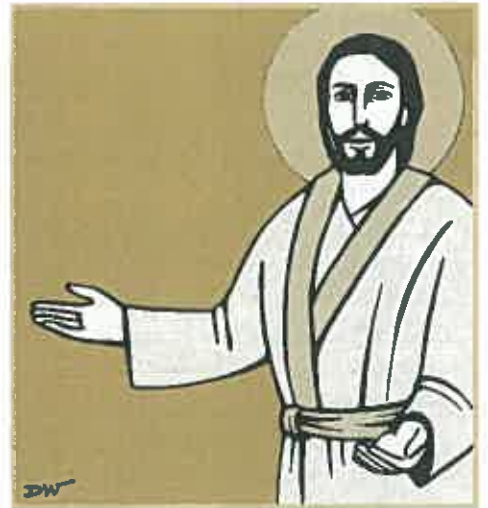
Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord
where the ark of God was, when the Lord
called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here
I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I
am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not
call. Go back and lie down.' So he went
and lay down. Once again the Lord called,
'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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



RESP PSALM Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9

R. Here I am, 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 bought and paid for. That is
why you should use your body for the glory
of God.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

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'They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him'... John 1

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Vision:

**Welcoming
Eucharistic
Transformed by the Word
Full of Grace
Proclaiming Good News**



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Mission:

**Alive with the Spirit
Inspired by St Martha
We Celebrate & Witness
God's love
Using our Gifts & Talents**



MASS TIMES

Tuesday: 7.30am

Wednesday: 9.10am

Thursday: 9.10am

Friday: 9.10am

Saturday: 9.10am, 5pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8.00am; 10.00am & 6.00pm

1st Saturday of every month:

8-9am Adoration, 9am Benediction, 9.10am Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick, followed by reconciliation

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday after 9.10am Mass or by appointment.

BAPTISM:

2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 11.00am by appointment only.

(One months' notice is required).



Next Preparation Session:

7th February 2020 in the Parish Hall

Contact the Parish office for more information.

MARRIAGES: By appointment only.

(6 months' notice is required).



ROSARY: Tuesday & Saturday after morning Mass, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8.30am and 7.30pm on Fridays in conjunction with Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle and Divine Mercy Chaplet

PRAYER GROUP / ADORATION AT

ST MARTHA'S CHURCH:

Mondays 10.30am - 11.30am

Resumes February 2021



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SAFE GUARDING



A reminder to parents that the Notice-Board located at the side entrance contains various resources for children regarding Safeguarding.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY.

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you - or anyone you know - have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police

Please be aware that if you "TAG" St Martha's in photos on your Facebook page, the images also appear on an "unofficial" St Martha's Facebook page. This "unofficial" page was created automatically by Facebook and is not controlled by St Martha's. We kindly remind you to take care when uploading photos of any children without parent consent.



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

IF YOU PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN - ACOLYTES; READERS; EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS; CHOIR; CHILDREN'S LITURGY (LEADERS & CHILDREN) & SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM (LEADERS & CHILDREN). SIGN IN FOLDERS ARE KEPT IN THE SACRISTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

ALTAR SERVERS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE SACRISTY WITHOUT A PARENT/TEACHER. THE SIGN IN FOLDER IS LOCATED IN THE CORRIDOR OUTSIDE THE SACRISTY.

'Sharing the Word'

Mondays at 7pm in St Martha's Church.

Everyone is Welcome.



Farewell to Father Jacek

Father Jacek will be leaving St Martha's Parish on Sunday, the 31st of January. Father Jacek has contributed immensely to our parish, having served our community for over 4 years.

If you would like to express your gratitude by way of a message, please write in the book located at the back of the church. Father will keep this as a memory of our parish. Contributions can be put in the bucket. The funds collected will be presented to Father from our parish at his final masses on the 31st of January.

Thank you



Attention Altar Servers

There will be a special morning held on Wednesday the 20th of January for Altar Servers and their families. The morning will begin with mass at 9.10am offered for all altar servers and those who serve at the altar. This would be followed by Bowling at Strathfield Superbowl at 10.30am. Children will receive 2 games of bowling, pizza, fries and a drink. Siblings of Altar Servers are welcome. Children need to be supervised by an adult.

Please register your interest at the back of the church. Please register your children before Monday the 18th of January. *God Bless.*

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal Results

Dear Parishioners, on behalf of the St Martha's Conference of St Vincent de Paul I am delighted to share the following news regarding the Christmas donations: The Christmas Appeal raised \$5,539 and the Giving Tree raised \$6,235. As a result of your tremendous generosity we were able to not only assist the needy in our community but, following a call for assistance, also contribute \$1,435 to the Wilcannia-Forbes Region of SVDP to assist families struggling in that area. Thank you once again for the support you continue to show for the work of St Martha's Strathfield, Conference of SVDP - it is greatly appreciated by both conference members and the clients we assist.

Philip Rogers, President.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 26th January

Australia Day Mass 7:30am

Wednesday 27th January

School Term 1 Commences



Daily Calendar

MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased:

Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Chi Kong, Caterina Randazzo, Betty Rooney, Ann-Maree Leydon, Roxann Astruc, Patrick Griffith, James Brady, Patricia Wilson, Norma Shore, Sr Pauline Smith rsm, Marie Verschuer, Enid Wynne.

Rest of The Soul:

Fr Adrian Horgan, Fr Paul Ryan, Br Ray Dowding, Gerald Wilson, John Ferguson, Daniel Lucich, James Brady, Ken Fraser, Connie Wong, Mary Bentley, Aldo Amarino, Salvatore (Phillip) Puglisi, William (Bill) & Dorothy Starr, Roger O'Reilly, Stefano, Estelle Thurn, Anne Cecilia Glass, Reginald & Agnes Glass, Gerald & Frances Gleeson, Faado & Alice Herro, John, Doreen & Des McNamara Patrick & Janet Reynolds, Jim Reynolds, Ken Rich, Monica & Patrick Ryan, Stephen Maxwell Stewart & Christopher John Stewart, Dr Stephanie Winfield, Philip Winfield, Tom O'Rourke, Norman & Christine Coorey, Caterina & Matteo Genova, Francesco & Maria Colagiuri.

Anniversaries:

Rosario Pagano, Violet Bouffler, Gerald Gleeson, John McManus, Des McNamara, Alice Herro, John Behringer, Monica Ryan, Beryl Erskine, Michael Donegan, Elisa, Patrick & Mereani Chang, Declan & Redmond Dower, Thomas Kenny, Dorothea Francis Starr, William (Bill) Starr, Harry Thorpe, John Harrington, John St George, Zahia Azzi.

Sick Intentions:

Neale Apps, Pat Fraser, Tony Grace, Baby Alice Ladd, Margaret Davidson, Marc Kayrouz & Peter Starr.

Special Intentions:

Margaret, Meredith & Hannah Apps, Siva Sothy, The Pagano & Colagiuri Families, May & Frank Grieves, Eileen Givney, Anne Goodrick. For Deceased Friends & Benefactors of the Dominican Order.

23rd & 24th January

	5.00PM VIGIL	8.00AM	10.00AM	6.00PM
SPECIAL MINISTERS	Grace Herro	Christine Ng	Jackie Romanous	Ravi Family
	Rick Herro	Geraldine O'Sullivan	Georgia E.	Ravi Family
			Meaghan Williamson	
READERS	5.00PM VIGIL	8.00AM	10.00AM	6.00PM
	Czarina Mendoza-Cruz	Beatrice Cooney	Helen Williamson	Jenny O'Hehir
	Matthew Lam	John Edwards	Rachel Suriano	Anne Chow
ALTAR SERVERS	5.00PM VIGIL	8.00AM	10.00AM	6.00PM
	Giselle C.	George C.	Michael S.	Katarina S.
	Elizabeth C.	Elias C.	Anthony S.	John Paul B.
	Grace T.	Dominic N.	Beatrice L.	Volunteer Needed
	Peter T.	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
WARDENS	5.00PM VIGIL	8.00AM	10.00AM	6.00PM
	Ken Goodrick	Peter Yamin	Trudie Rogers	Theresa Kuk

If you are unable to attend your rostered Mass kindly organise a replacement.

Planned Giving via Credit Card – we advise that the January donation will be processed in early February

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION In 1: 41, 17

Alleluia, alleluia! / We have found the Messiah: / Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL In 1: 35-42

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his

name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray ...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 22: 5

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have

nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

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

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