Today's Readings 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19 The Lord called 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20 Joined to the Lord John 1:35-42 Come and see

Responsorial Psalm: (sung) Here am I, Lord, I come to do your will. Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia!

ROSTERS Servers 15 Jan Wavne Kellv 22 Jan **Diane Stewart** Readers 15 Jan **1st Reading** Ian Maguire **Ps/Intercessions Claire Maguire** 2nd Reading Jane Nolan 22 Jan **1st Reading Steve Gauci Ps/Intercessions Yvonne Thomas** 2nd Reading **Julie Hodgkinson Ministers of the Eucharist Marion Crowley and Anne Broomfield** 15 Jan 22 Jan Norma Longmuir and Diana Landsberg Children's Liturgy 15 Jan No Children's Liturgy during holidays. 22 Jan No Children's Liturgy during holidays. Counters 15 Jan **Robvn and Kevin Burns** 22 Jan Louise and Laurie Noves **Morning Tea** 15 Jan Marie Johnston 22 Jan Helen Chadwick **Church Cleaning** 20 Jan **Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons** 27 Jan Michelle Funnell and Tony Perriam

Next Week

Breathing With God

| Repent and believe Jonah 3:1-5,10; | Prayer is not a one-sided relationship. It is not simply my longing for God but it is God's |
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| Psalm 24 | simply my longing for God but it is God's longing for me as wellPrayer is God's desire to breathe in me, to be the spirit of my life and |
| 1 Corinthians | to breathe in me, to be the spirit of my life and |
| 7:29-31; | to draw me into the fullness of life. |
| Mark 1:14-20 | (from Franciscan Prayer) |

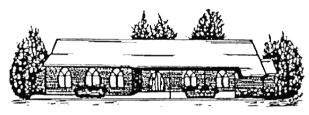


Second Sunday Year B 15 January 2006 in a nutshell

'Come and see.' What did Andrew and the other disciple see when they followed Jesus and spent that day with him? Their first encounter with Jesus must have

been an overwhelming experience. Next day Andrew met his brother Simon, told him that they had found the Messiah, and took Simon to Jesus. At this first meeting, Jesus bestows on Simon Peter his new name – Cephas, meaning Rock. Bacred Beart Barish

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<u>Our Mission Statement</u> As a community bonded together through faith, we are called to share our experience of God with those we meet each day, in particular, those in our local community. All enquiries regarding Baptisms, Marriage and sick calls to the Parish House.

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| Blackheath | - | | |
| Mass | Sunday | 9.30 am | |
| Liturgy of the Word | - | | |
| and Communion Service | Wednesday | 9.00 am | |
| Praying the Gospel | Wednesday | 9.30 am | |
| Prayer of the Church | Friday | 9.00 am | |
| Mount Victoria | | | |
| Christian Meditation for 1 hour | Every Wednesday | 7.00 am | |
| Mass | First Friday of month | 7.00 pm | |
| Megalong Valley | | | |
| Liturgy of the Word | Last Friday of month | 9.00 am | |
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Parish Pastoral Council meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you have an issue you would like discussed please submit it in writing to either Sr Lyn, David Buckley (Chair), Monica Bright (Deputy Chair) or Chris le Gras (Secretary).

Dear Friends,

As we begin 'Ordinary Time' Year B, the Gospel has a message that is at the heart of evangelism. This is a word that many of us may dislike, yet is what we are called to be on about. Evangelization is not, I believe, about being able to recite the Bible or have all the theological answers. It is not about door knocking and preaching at people. Jesus' response to the two enquirers (who will become disciples) is "Come and See". It is by our hospitality and openness and in the way we live that we will attract people to Jesus.

Blessings, Lyn.



Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. (1 Samuel 3:9)

VOCATION VIEW: A good Vocation prayer to say everyday, from

the time we are ten years old till we are ninety years old, is found in today's first Scripture Reading: 'Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.' Just try it with sincerity starting today.

PRAYERS REQUESTED We ask God's healing power for John Walker (Marion's dad), Yvonne Thomas, Roma Ziolkowski and Sheilagh Kirkham.

~MINUTES SECRETARY~

A Minutes Secretary is required for Pastoral Council meetings (3rd Wednesday of each month) N.B. The January meeting will be held on Monday, 16 January. The meetings start at 7.30pm and last for about two hours. Please see Sr Lyn, David Buckley or Chris le Gras.

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Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Brian Birrell - 19th January Peter Forster - 19th January Henry Columbine - 20th January Genevieve Le Gras - 21st January *May they rest* in the loving embrace of God.

January Cosmology Morning The theme of our first gathering in 2006 will be: Summer Stillness after the Rush.

There will be a silent meditation time, a discussion on Chapter 9 The White Shadow: Beauty and Death in John O'Donohue's book 'Divine Beauty'. Our gathering includes prayers for healing and morning tea. The venue is Good Samaritan Community House at 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls and enquiries can be made to Sister Jacinta on 4757 2290. The date is Friday, 20 January from 10am till noon. All are welcome.

Australia Day Liturgy and Parish Picnic



Please join us for an Australia Day Liturgy in the Church at 9.30am followed by our Parish Picnic which will be held at 'Withycombe' Garden at Mt Wilson (opposite the Anglican Church). (If weather is inclement, please proceed to the Parish Hall.) Australia Day holiday (Thursday, 26th January) From 11am. Bring everything. All Welcome.

'Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.'

The book of Samuel depicts the experience of Samuel hearing God call him and believing it to be Eli. He keeps responding to Eli, but doesn't understand that it is the voice of God. Many of us today don't recognise the voice of God as we are swept up in life. We seem to have so much opportunity to communicate, but little real communication takes place. If we are to be open and available to God, then we need to create space in which this communication can happen.

John's gospel has the disciples recognising who Jesus is—'the Lamb of God' and 'the Messiah'. But, though we too may know this intellectually, do we really express it in our lives? The next step after truly hearing and knowing Jesus, the Christ, requires a commitment—and this is what Paul is speaking of in his letter to the Corinthians.

If we are called by God and belong to God, how may we express this in our lives? We are challenged in these readings to both listen and respond, to create space and to commit. from *Daily Prayer Online*

NMAGYAL MONKS Song of the Mandala Tour 17 - 22 January, 2006

Venue: Katoomba Civic Centre Civic Reception - 4pm Tuesday Sand Mandala - created over 4 days by the monks: 9.30am - 5.30pm Wed – Sat. (Gold coin donation) Morning Meditation - 8.30am Wednesday **One Hour Workshops** - torma making, butter sculpture and sand mandala building 2.30 pm - 3.30 pmWed & Thurs (Gold coin donation) Evening Concerts - The monks and two musicians on Friday and will be joined by aboriginal dancers and didgeridoo player Saturday: 7.30pm Tickets \$25 concession \$20 **Closing Ceremony** - dissolution of the sand mandala and procession to Katoomba Falls to "take sand to water": Sunday 11am – 12pm Chai, Food, Tibetan Stalls and Activities also happening.

Campion College Scholarships

The Diocese of Parramatta is offering two scholarships for study in the Bachelor of Arts. Campion College, in Old Toongabbie, is Australia's first Catholic Liberal Arts College of Higher Education. Prospective students should contact the College on 9896 9300 or visit www.campion.edu.au