

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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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Go Make Disciples, The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently Deceased: Pauline Cleary, Ellen Viollet, Ernie Ross, Christine Ricketts, Craig Campbell, Iedo Ribeiro, Frank O'Brien, Dragutin Sprem, and all those who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.



Anniversary: Spjepan (Steve) Cavlovic, Grazio Horace Mifsud, Cardinal George Pell AC., Marie Hurworth, Albert Absi, Yolande Aquilina, Leonard Velu, Angeline & Joseph Portelli, Lydia & Joseph Bujaya, Albert Absi, Olivia Baccash, Christina Ng, Lucia Spano, John Donovan, Mary Carauana, Ethel Donohue, John Watts, Donovan, Cussen, Hinks & Newman families.

Deceased: Joyce Gander, Agnes Brisbane. All the souls in Purgatory.

The Sick: Maureen Maron, Barry Dalton, Sandra Russell, Bishop Peter Ingham, Ange Portelli, Ha Oi Lan, Mario Assini, Sam Strano, Josephine Regan, Mary Vella, Beatriz Visperas, Michael Victor, Marcus O'Dean, Angela Beveridge, Merley Nate Fien, John Sarniak Thomson, Heracleo & Mamerta Dela Torre, Santa Viselli and Ernie Ross. Pray for the sick, the dying, the poor and homeless in our parishes, and pray for World Peace, and those suffering from Covid.

Where will Fr. John be celebrating Mass next weekend?

Saturday - 20 January 2024 - 5.00pm St Andrew's Malabar (Livestreamed)
Sunday - 21 January 2024 - 10.00am St Agnes'



From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings dear parishioners and visitors of our Twinned Catholic Parishes of St Andrew & St Agnes Malabar-Matraville.

Sadly, our Christmas 2023 has now completed, and I hope that we have been blessed with such beautiful Christmas blessings. All our decorations have been boxed away, I have noticed a lot of dead pine Christmas trees on kerbs ready for the Council pick up.

This week we have moved into the Ordinary Time of the Church, our green season of the church as we continue to grow in God's garden of his Kingdom. We will remain in this Ordinary Season till Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent which will be early this year, 14 February. We will pick up again the Ordinary Season of the Church (20 May) following Lent, Easter Sunday (31 March), Easter Season, and Pentecost.

Next Sunday 21 January is the Feast day of St Agnes. At St Agnes' (Church & Parish) since it is the Titular (Named) church feast day we will not have the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time celebration, instead St Agnes' Feast Day prayers.

At St Agnes' you will have noticed that the steps and forecourt are in a state of demolition to ready for the restoration to form connection with the Stage 2 of Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Matraville. I would appreciate your patience in this important works. Thank you.

God Bless

Fr John

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY —John Byrne OSA

Andrew did not keep the good news to himself but also invited his brother Peter to join him in following Jesus. What experience of receiving, or giving, an invitation to join in some worthwhile venture?

Parish Outing: By Coach, Wednesday 21 February, 2024—Thirlmere NSW Rail Museum, lunch at Picton Pub. Cost \$50 p.p. includes coach fare, museum entry, morning tea and Lunch at Picton Pub. Contact Kathy Sullivan: 9311-1749 or Marie Jennings : 9661-7186. **Full payment required by Sunday, 4th February**



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Funeral for the Late Ernie Ross - Wednesday 17 January, 10.30am, St Andrew's Malabar.

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, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 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.