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John's Gospel presents John the Baptist as a self-effacing figure whose role is pre-eminently one of witnessing. Instead of building up his own following, John selflessly directed his disciples to Jesus. John the Baptist gave testimony to Jesus by pointing Him out as the Lamb of God (vv 29, 36); Andrew called him the Messiah (v 41), and Nathaniel called Jesus Rabbi, Son of God, and King of Israel (v 49). Jesus completed the epiphany, declaring Himself the Son of Man (v 51). In the Synoptic gospels, Jesus called the disciples away from their fishing boats to follow him (Mt 4:18-22, *et al.*). But in the Fourth Gospel, they went to Him at John's direction rather than in response to Jesus' call. Instead of leaving their boats, they left John. On the second day of Jesus' public ministry, John the Baptist introduced Jesus to the Jews as the "**Lamb of God.**" (Jn 1:29). On the third day, he pointed out Jesus, the *Lamb of God*, to two of his own disciples, Andrew and John, as described in today's Gospel. (Fr. Tony)

COVID-19 contact tracing

Parishioners are now able to register attendance at mass by either:
 a) Entering their details manually on mass attendance sheets – available on tables upon entry to the church, or,
 b) via the Services Victoria QR code – available on the church window adjacent to the church main entry door or the noticeboard in the foyer of the church.
 To check-in via the QR code:
 1. Download the Services Victoria app via the App Store or Google Play,
 2. Scan the QR code and follow the prompts to check-in,
 3. Submit your details (a green success tick will display)

Joke of the week

Sam Houston was the first president of the Republic of Texas. It's said he was a rather nasty fellow with a chequered past. Later in life Houston made a commitment to Christ and was baptized in a river. The preacher said to him, "Sam, your sins are washed away." Houston replied, "God help the fish."

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, Judiel Teodoro, John Markis, Kathy Romanow, Wladyslaw Stopa, Rosa Latanzio, Leanne Branchflower, Carmela Bovezza, Giovanna Gamberale, Elda Taranto, Maurizio Pierazzi, Vanessa Borg, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda,

Recently deceased: Vincenzo Giansiracusa, Mark Devine, Frank Cichello, Peppino Amoroso, Doris Sorrentino

We pray for all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Santo Fileccia, Angelina Markis, Nabih & Frangia Challita, Ellen Flood, Antoinette Cassar, Willie Robinson, Theresa Edwards, Joanne Farrugia, Julie Pace, Paul Pace, Giovanna Pace, Pace Family, Angela Agius, Frank Agius, Agius Family, Maria Lamonaca, Alejo Galdo.

We especially pray for all the deceased whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Confessions

Confessions are now available by appointment at the Parish on Saturday nights—before the Vigil Mass (5.30 pm). Please contact the Parish Centre on 93592369

Mass times

Weekday:
 Tuesday-Friday 9.00 am
 Novena mass: Wednesday 7.00 pm

Weekend:
 Saturday Vigil mass 6.00 pm
 Sunday 9.00 am ; 10.30 (Italian mass)

Prayers for intercessions

Parishioners wishing to have prayers for loved ones at Sunday masses should leave an envelope with the details of your intentions (recently deceased, sick, or, anniversaries). The envelopes should be placed in the letterbox outside the presbytery by Thursday afternoon.

2021 Envelopes

Thanksgiving envelopes are now ready to be picked up in the church foyer. Envelopes are arranged in street order. Please feel free to pick up a neighbours' box of envelopes if you notice that they haven't been picked up.

Volunteers needed

- Bus (Van) Drivers: to pick up elderly parishioners for the Saturday (Vigil) 6.00 pm and the Sunday mass (Italian) 10.30 am. Once every 3 weeks.
- Altar & Sanctuary: Flower arrangement & general cleaning (training will be provided). Once per month.
- Church cleaning: Vacuuming, mopping the entrance & cleaning the entrance doors. Once per month
- Gardening: Tidying & weeding.
- Lectors: Reading and Special ministers. Once per month. (training will be provided)

The electronic version of the Parish bulletin is available on the Parish website @ <http://stmatthewsparish.org.au/>