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January 14 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

II DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO (ANNO B)

Il brano presenta il sapore dei fatti vissuti e ben impressi nella memoria, perché hanno cambiato la vita. I discepoli hanno dato la loro fiducia a Giovanni il Battista. È sulla sua parola che “seguono” Gesù indicato come l’“Agnello di Dio”.

L’incontro con Cristo prende l’avvio da una domanda che gli viene rivolta: “Dove abiti?”. Ma subito si trasforma in un affidamento dei discepoli al mistero.

Gesù risponde: “Venite e vedrete”.

L’esperienza del condividere tutto convince i discepoli che Gesù è il Messia atteso.

L’incontro con Cristo non è un avvenimento superficiale: si configura come un sentirsi compresi e amati; cambia il nome, e, con il nome, cambia l’atteggiamento di fondo: “Tu sei Simone... ti chiamerai Cefa”.

Il trovare Gesù - o meglio, l’essere trovati da Gesù - non solo muta l’esistenza, ma rende annunciatori della salvezza. A modo di traboccamento di gioia. A modo di esigenza di partecipare insieme alla vita nuova scoperta in Cristo.

(lachiesa.it)

Rosters

Lectors please be advised that rosters for 2024 are available in the foyer of the church before and after weekend masses, or, from the Parish Office.

Joke of the week

A man arrived home from work and noticed that his father seemed to be avoiding the grand children. ‘What’s the problem?’ he asked. ‘You usually love playing with them.’

The old man produced a medicine prescription from his pocket and said, ‘Read the label. That’s why!’

The son took the bottle and read the label: ‘Take two pills a day. KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN.’

(The book of senior jokes)

The sick in our parish: Teresa Lamonaca, John and Miriam Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Angela Barto, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Floriano Pivetta, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Josie, George, Tony and Maria Mallozzi, Aiden Agius, Maryanne, Adam Peric, Meldon Richardson, Susanna, Luise, Andrew, Patrick, May Galea, Helmet Kolb, John Bussutil, Margaret Bartolo, Vicenzina, Mark, Barbera Rees.

Upcoming funerals: Nola Morelli, Tuesday, 16th of January, 11:15am.

Recently deceased: Nola Morelli, Giuseppina Miglino, Emmuel De Bono, Pamela Taylor (England), Rosa Callea, Mariano Randello, Nenita Po Sy, Laura Galdo Galceran, Constantino Lamonaca, Rita Paladino, Concetta Ioffrida, Peter Bebbere, Sabato Giannella, Peter Proud. Robert Richard Robinson. Robert, Donal & Gerald Lawlor, Rosita McDonough.

Anniversaries: Vincenzo and Loreta Di Curzio, Nabih and Frangia Challita, Gaetano Montali, Alex Attard, Costantino and Maria Lamonaca, Nicolussi Family, Stefani Family, Gino Provenzano, Pietro Falcone, Angelino Oro Markis. Michael Di Guglielino, Willie Robinson, Teresa Edwards, Elio Treglia.

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am

Weekend: Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office

Mass times

St. Marks, Fawkner (Leo Street, Fawkner)

Weekday: Monday-Saturday: 9.00 am

Weekend: Saturday: 6.00 pm ; Sunday: 10.00 am ; 6.00 pm Hope Café: Thursday: 5.30 pm (free dinner for the needy)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 9.30 am and 5.30 pm or phone Fr. Colin (9359 3111)

Rosters for weekend masses (Jan. 20/21)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm.: J. George

Sunday 9.00 am: J. Butera

10.30 am: R. Odoardi

Bus driver: P. Capasso

Listening to God’s call in our everyday lives

I had a call from a friend the other day. She’s a good friend who used to live round the corner and pop in whenever. But now she lives miles away and keeping up our friendship has to be a bit more intentional. So, we regularly give each other a call - to chat, to see how things are, to share all our news.

And I was thinking about her call when I was pondering on the call we hear in 1 Samuel today. God’s call to Samuel feels dramatic, life changing, an extraordinary and therefore a rare event. My experience of God’s call in my life is much less dramatic. It comes in many small ways, in ordinary spaces, during ordinary days, but it is still life-changing, giving my life direction, meaning and joy and ultimately leading me towards more committed discipleship.

And I wondered, what if we think of a call from God as actually very similar to a call from a close friend? God calling to check in with me, to hear how I am and to share God’s good news.

(the college of preachers)

Preghiera di San Matteo Dio nostro

Padre, ti ringraziamo per tutti i doni che hai conferito sulla nostra famiglia parrocchiale. Concedici la Sapienza per cercare la tua volonta’ in ogni cosa. Circonda le nostre famiglie con la tua protezione amorosa.

Dona salute e gioia ai nostri genitori, sapienza e coraggio ai nostri giovani e fede ed allegria ai nostri figli.

Per intercessione di San Matteo, benedicci perche’ diventiamo una famiglia piu’ fedele ed amorosa e di cuore e mente unici. Amen

St. Matthew’s Prayer

God Our Father, we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon our Parish Family. Give us the wisdom to seek Your Will in everything. Encircle our families with Your loving care.

Give good health and happiness to our parents; wisdom and courage to our youth; faith and cheerfulness to our children.

Bless us, through the intercession of St. Matthew, to grow stronger in faith and love, as a family of one heart and one mind. Amen

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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