

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

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



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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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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WEEKEND MASSES Sat: 5.30 pm Sun: 9 am Sun: 5 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES Wed: 12 noon

Thur: 9 am Mass Fri: 12 noon Mass

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.00 pm

*Or by appointment

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

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

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patricia Mooney, Grzegorz (Greg) Jurek, Cathie Mencke.

ANNIVERSARIES: John O'Brien (3/1), Pamela Mary Davy (nee Barry (6/1), Mary Sampson(18/1), Ivan Lillicrap (18/1), Rod Kelly (20/1), Lawrence Vella (23/1).

DECEASED: Sr Iris Fittler rsj, Jacqueline Galvin, Father Morrie Clarke, Jack Sampson, Hugh and Dalis O'Brien, John O'Brien, Raphael, Evita and Philomena Smith, Peter Nally, Fr John Carey, Sandra Sheedy, Frank Koppman (Fr Anthony's Dad) Gwen Gerathy, Les Wallworth (Sydney), Margaret Marshall, Valerie Chillingworth, Sr Rita Vella, Barry Schipp.

SICK: Elaine Murray, Pauline Miller, Monica Austin, Margaret Doyle, Baby Walker MacAlpine, Gerard Dunn, Shane Davidson, Joan Crowe, Lisa Foster, Norma O'Brien, Colin MacPherson, Terry Dean, Barbara Brennan, Graeme Bussell, Pauline Wiley. Kate Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Alison and baby Huxley Gallagher, William Bonner, Fr Bernie Flood, John Betts.

VEENA'S VERSION: "Thank You"

As Veena let the cat out of the bag last week, Fr Anthony would like everyone to know how much he appreciated the many wishes and kind gestures given to him on his special day.

He has assured us that he has made an entry in his diary for 8 January 2039 to prepare for retirement!

In the intervening 15 years he wants everyone to know that he feels the affection and respect shown to him by all his parishioners at St Patricks, and wishes to thank everyone for their kindness.



COMING EVENTS:

19th-28th Jan Tamworth Country Music Festival 26 Jan Australia Day
14 Feb Ash Wednesday

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BSB 082 105

1st. Collection West Tamworth Presbytery (Diocesan collection) Acc No: 001023642

2nd Collection West Tamworth Church (St Pats Church) Acc No:001041198

"Let me humbly place myself in the presence of my God, of my God who created me, my God who redeemed me, my God who sanctified me"
(1877)



WELCOME: We extend a warm welcome to Fr Maunsel as he returns to spend some time in our parish. Please keep him in your prayers and wish him an enjoyable and not too hot stay.

2024 ROSTERS: Should anyone be interested in reading, counting, cleaning or other parish volunteer duties in 2024 please call or email the office and supply your contact details. We are especially short of readers for Sunday afternoon masses. Please volunteer if you are able to do this now and into the future. Thank you.

2024 - YEAR OF PRAYER: After the year devoted to reflecting on the documents and studying the fruits of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Francis has proposed that 2024 should be marked as a year dedicated to prayer.

LENTEN GROUPS: Lent commences early on 14 February. If you would like to join a Lenten group, please contact the office by email or phone.

BECOMING A CATECHIST: You may know that Pope Francis has recently put a great deal of emphasis on being a Catechist. He says that "being a catechist means that you **are** a catechist, **not** that you **work** as a catechist". If you would like to share your love of God with our little ones and see the joy in their faces as they learn of God's love for them, please contact the office to discuss any ways you may be able to contribute to this important ministry. You might like to view the resources on the Diocesan website at <https://armidale.catholic.org.au/confraternity-of-christian-doctrine/> to find out more, or just call to discuss the possibilities with Anne in the office.

PRAYER RESOURCES FROM SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH: Are you looking for resources to assist you in your prayer life? The Sisters of St Joseph have very generously made available resources to assist with special feasts and memorials, traditional devotions and St Mary MacKillop's prayers. You might wish to access these at <https://www.sosj.org.au/prayer-resources/>

PRAYER FOR OUR NEW BISHOP

God our Father, in Jesus, your Son,

You have given to your Church the perfect model of priest, prophet and king, and so You have blessed us through His sacrifice, taught us through His Word, and guided us through His rule.

We ask You, Father, to guide and enlighten those who will be tasked with helping to choose the next bishop of our diocese.

May the person they choose be one of deep and true prayer, a person of a compassionate heart and firm resolve,

and a person of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will.

We entrust our prayers to our Patroness, Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen



WEEK 4 ROSTER: 14/1/24

Vigil: R D Gowing Sr Kathryn
9am Sun: R S Brown M Donaldson
5.00pm Sun: R C Lavell J Moloney
Counting Team S Brown A Bowden
Fri Cleaning S Brown V Griffiths
Altar Linen: M Vella

WEEK 5 ROSTER: 21/1/24

Vigil: R C Ledwos, D Bolitho
9am Sun: R J Ryan G Clout
5.00pm Sun: R J Moloney Volunteer
Counting Team O & J Whale A Bowden
Fri Cleaning K O'Brien M Brown
Altar Linen: E Smyth

We acknowledge the First Nations people who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of First Nations people to this land and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

