



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

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.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider the call to discipleship. The readings outline the various stages of this call and provide a sketch of some of the characteristics of each stage: the invitation, the discerning process and the resulting transformation.

The call is an invitation from God. It might come to us as inner sensitivity, a kind of a dream or inspiration. Our interest might be captured by a person or an event that first attracts us and then beckons us to investigate further. It can come in the innocence and naivete of childhood, in the vigour of young adulthood, or in the wisdom of years. It comes when God calls.

The second stage involves discernment. Most of us need help recognising moments of religious importance and so we seek out women and men who are practiced in the ways of God, who can help us test the spirit. They might be recognised religious leaders or prophetic guides, or they could be friends or loved ones who know us well and who are also attuned to the workings of God in their own lives.

Finally, when we respond to the call, we discover that we no longer belong solely to ourselves; as disciples, we belong to the body of Christ. We belong to the reign of God; we are now part of the mission of Christ. As disciples, we are called to proclaim to the world the justice of God. What a glorious honour this is!

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WELCOME TO ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GREYTHORN

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

17 January 2021

First Reading 1 Sm 3:3-10.19

Speak, O 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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. v. 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

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, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

ST BRIDGETS CATHOLIC PARISH GREYTHORN

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NOTE: Baptisms and Weddings by appointment only. Contact the Parish Office for details.

Mass and Prayer times at our affiliated Churches:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St Bridget		Meditation 9.30am			5.00pm	10.00am
St Bede	9.15am		9.15am	9.15am	6.00pm	9.00am 11.00am
St Anne		8.30am		8.30am	5.00pm	10.30am
St Joachim						8.30am

NOTE: The 5.30pm Sunday Mass at St Bridget's will resume on Sunday 7 February.

While the DHHS density limits remain in place, registration with a smartphone is required when attending Mass using the Parish QR Code available in the narthex. On arrival, parishioners are asked to register their attendance and confirm the details to the door marshals; who will also be able to assist you if required, or register anyone who does not have a smartphone. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to enable you to complete your registration before Mass commences.

Social distancing still applies at all times, and no one may be admitted unless wearing a mask (except people with a medical exemption). Please hand sanitise before entering the church naïve, and if you are unwell, please do not attend Mass.

To assist with compliance, ushers and door marshals are required to monitor numbers and assist parishioners who may be having registration problems. Please advise the Parish Office on greythorn@cam.org.au if you can assist.

Lectors Roster:

	Saturday @ 5.00pm	Sunday @ 10.00am	Sunday @ 5.30pm
January 23 & 24	E Kelly	R Canale	
January 30 & 31	Sr P Keogh	V Borg	

We Remember: We pray for John Salvano recently deceased; and for Pat Cullinan and Bartolo Ponza whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they rejoice forever with our Risen Lord. We pray for the sick and housebound; may they come to know the healing power of God's love.

Condolences: The Parish and parishioners sincerely offers their condolences to Fr John and his family on the death of his father this week. Our prayers and thoughts are with you in this time of sorrow.

Stewardship: Your Stewardship envelopes can now be returned when attending Mass and placed in the baskets in the narthex. For convenience you may continue to do a Direct Credit Transfer to the parish accounts directly online, details are:-

- **Church Account** – for envelopes and donations; Bank NAB, BSB 083-347; Acct. No 64 341 3829 (Please include your name and if applicable your Stewardship Envelope Number for correct recording)
- **Presbytery Account** – support of the Parish Priest; Bank NAB, BSB 083-347; Acct. No 64 341 5066

Meditation Group will continue to meet via Zoom on Wednesday morning at 9.30am - contact Susie Hii on susiehii.hc@gmail.com for connection details.

Scripture Reflection Group is in recess until Sunday 24 January, 2021.

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal: Our St Vincent de Paul conference thanks parishioners for their very generous donations to the Christmas Appeal which totalled \$7,424. This is a significant amount for a small parish and the unusual circumstances this year. Your donations will support the Conference works in the coming year. Many thanks!

Vacancy: 1 - Assistance with the arranging and changing of the flowers in the church is required. Commitment is only one Friday/Saturday morning per month. No experience necessary, training will be provided.

2 – Organist is required for the Sunday 10am Mass for the fourth Sunday of each month.

If you can help with either of the above positions, please contact the Parish Office on (9857 6395) Wednesday or Friday.

Congratulations: We congratulate Dan Tran and Duong Nguyen who this Sunday are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. May God bless them with many more happy, healthy and joyous years together.

Organ Recital: By Internationally acclaimed organ virtuoso Thomas Heywood. Held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. On Friday 5th February, 2021, 6.00pm-7.00pm. Music by Bach, Elgar, Verdi, Grieg, Tchaikovsky, Guilment, Cocker & Mulet. Tickets \$25 each. children under 15 free. Bookings at www.trybooking.com/ BNSIT

Thomas Heywood enjoys an outstanding reputation as one of the world's finest concert organists

A Thought: By the proclamation of John the Baptist (Here is the Lamb of God), the disciples encounter Jesus.

How do we encounter Jesus?. Jesus is always passing by and available to those who are looking for Him. As he invited his disciples, he also invites us "Come and see" This is not a one off call to us, but a call to a growing relationship with Him. His call is mysterious, and may come in the darkness of our faith. It is so fine and subtle that we can only hear it with the deepest silence within us. Nothing is surer or stronger, nothing is so decisive or overpowering as the call. God's call is essentially an appeal to our hearts. Is he in your heart?