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SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm

On the second Sunday of each month at 11:00am

Mass, celebrated in Filipino.

WEEKDAY MASSES Mondays 9:10am Communion service

Tuesdays - Fridays 9:10am Mass

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays between 5:00pm and 5:30pm or after any weekday Mass or by appointment. Conducted only in an open space within the clear line of sight of another adult.

HOSPITAL CALL Fairfield Parish 0488 693482

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday after the 9:10am Mass until 4:00pm.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Friday of the month during the 9:10am Mass

BAPTISMS By appointment only. Baptisms are celebrated on

the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays at 11:00am.

MARRIAGES By appointment at least 6 months notice.

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time/B 14TH JANUARY 2024

Gospel Reading John 1:35-42

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptised by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.



We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him Peter, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

There will be an hour Adoration & Benediction on Thursdays in the month of January.

For the month of January, the Parish office will only be open on Mondays & Fridays.

Fr Danai
Parish Administrator

Thought of the Week

"To say that God turns away from the sinful is like saying that the sun hides from the blind."

~ St Anthony the Great (251-356)
Father of All Monks

Celebrating Community

Congratulations to
Tino & Pining Sandoval on their
45th Wedding Anniversary!



Catholic Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? The RCIA is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members. It can also be the path to prepare for First Eucharist and/or Confirmation for baptised Catholics. RCIA is much more than a program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. To register, please contact the Parish office on 9604 8927.

We pray for...

Our sick: Alan Biag, Fr Joy, Ante, Massimo Baroni, Eddy Hrkac, Felicia Perera, Bernice Mack, Catherine Cordina, Kathleen Grogan, Cveta, Joe, Neda, Francis Agius, Roman, Marin, Josip, Ed Malapitan, Rolly Rocela, Elizabeth Mifsud, Tommy, Darko, Stiv, Gani Rael, Kate/Edwin Bachar, Rita Francis, Roque Noronha, Ana, Maria & Richard, Tony Surace, Mate, Tania, Anka, Roman, Cecilia Felipe, Marcus Batros, Vincenzo Melissari, Josipa, Gioseppina Bartone, Alex, Diosdada Penollar, Magdalena, Marcelina Isagani, Carole Robertson, Sipina family, Rita Zammit, Edwina Borg, Sam & Teresa Barbara, Bernadetta Russo (*Names will be removed from the sick list after 3 months unless Parish Office is notified otherwise*).

Please keep in your prayers the soul of the **Recently deceased:** Narciso Ignacio, Liliam Camba, Antonio Gooden Lapuz, Vincenzo DeMaio, Rita Malapitan, Thomas Kongchay Nontanovan, Rosaria Fenech, Violette Habelreeh, Joseph Francis, Amparo Juan, Giorgio Perencin, Johny Brown, Gloria Stollsteimer, Gloria O'Brien, Pasquale Albanesi, Anthony Reitano, Steven Suplat, Lorenzo Biordi, Maria Luz Labis, And those whose **Anniversaries occur at this time:** Reynaldo Morales, Bernard Gitz, Agostino & Carmela, Ivan Bonza **Other deceased including:** Mario Cutajar, Louis Borg, Agostino Ranieu, Carmela (daughter of Rita Ranieu), Milagros Gaspi, Rocco, Concetta, Francesco, Giuseppa Leuzzi, Rosario & Rosaria Papalia, Emmanuel Attard, Antonio Gooden Lapuz, Isabel & Joseph Fenech, Niel Hanna, Caterina Laria, Gaspar Vargas, Reena Redoblado, Domenico Nicola, Stefano Collu, Teresa Dinan, Conor Dinan, Emmanuel Attard, Aladar Saagy, Wendy Marshall-Ward, Margaret Bastic, Joseph Am Nontanovan, Joanna Khien, Thomas Ha, Theresa Bounlien, Luca Kat Dithavong, Anna Sue, Francis Xavier Vien, Thomas Nantha, Anna Balien, Petro Khamtu, Aladar Saaghy, Wendy Marshall-Ward, Iva & Ivan Grancic, Joseph Schembri, Vincenzo Demaio, Domenico Marando, Juana Frijas, Donna Frijas, Timoteo Lagang, Maria Nguyen, Emmanuel Ellul, Linda Caias, Ivin Lozina, Anna Cattelini, Pasquale Carbone, Sime Tomislav Bakic, Anthony Mascari, Daniel O'Connell, Clifford Fernandes, Gloria O'Brien, Peter Sanfilippo, Vincenzo Oliveri, Domenica Oliveri, Carmelo Oliveri, Maria Oliveri, Vincenzo Bugge, Vince Fedele, Giuseppa Oliveri, Francesco Leuzzi, Tom & Patrick Anderson, Larry Cruz, Nonata San Miguel, Derrick Mack, Grant Colomb, Michele, Concetta, Antonio & Giovanna Fedele, Antonino Vella, Mariantonina Pisano, Vincenzo & Anna Peci, Honorio Mercene, Guido & Bertilla Soligo, Marcello & Elsa Soligo, Domenico Soligo, Guido Pontello, Marcello & Angela Seraglio, Mary Mahony, Dulcie Soans, Giuseppe & Orazio DiMarco, Gloria & Sybil Roache, all departed souls in the families of Dimaano, Colomb & Mack & Bulner, Pontello, Smith, Sernagiotto, Soligo & Certali, Borg, Seraglio, Zammit, & Skondro families & all Souls in Purgatory. **May they rest in peace.**

Special Intentions/Blessings : Maria Bugge, Cveta, Tommy & family, Ivana family, Marina's 19th Birthday & Juan Gibran's 36th Birthday.

Thanksgiving to : St Anthony, St Jude, St Rita.



Parish Diary



Monday 15th January	9:10am Communion Service
Tuesday 16th January	9:10am Mass
Wednesday 17th January	St Anthony 9:10am Mass
Thursday 18th January	9:10am Mass One hour adoration after the Mass for the month of January.
Friday 19th January	9:10am Mass 7:30pm Praise & Worship –JHPC
Saturday 20th January	5:00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 21st January	3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 11:00am Baptism 6:00pm Mass

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	1 Samuel 3:3-10,19
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20
Responsorial Psalm	Here am I, Lord; I came to do your will.
Gospel	John 1:35-42
Next Weekend:	Jonah 3:1-5,10
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20



Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays of the month at 11am. The next **baptismal info** is on the 15th February, 7:30pm at the Parish centre.

The Parent's information evening for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on the 7th March at 6pm in the church. Children must be 8 years old (Year3) at the time of preparation.

Striving to be a “Loving, Caring, Christian Community”

From the Liturgy Office...

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

This weekend, the Church enters into the first period of Ordinary Time in Year B. The readings we will hear invite us to hear God calling and to respond. In the first reading, God calls to Samuel and he replies. The psalm speaks of waiting for the Lord and answering and the Gospel tells of the call of the first apostles. The main themes which emerge include:

- **Discipleship and Following:** This is evident as John the Baptist's disciples choose to follow Jesus after his testimony. This highlights the transformative power of encountering Jesus.
- **Messiah and Recognition:** The recognition of Jesus as the Messiah is a central theme and emphasizes the pivotal moment when individuals recognize Jesus' divine identity.
- **Invitation and Relationship:** Jesus' invitation to "come and see" underscores the theme of forming a personal relationship. This highlights the importance of encountering Jesus firsthand and developing a personal connection.
- **Name Change and Identity:** These themes emerge as Jesus renames Simon to Cephas (Peter), which means "rock", symbolising Peter's future role. It also underscores the transformative impact of encountering Jesus.
- **Personal Testimony:** This theme is introduced with Andrew's excited testimony to his brother Simon. This highlights the significance of sharing one's personal experiences with Jesus to invite others into a relationship with Him.
- **Response to Jesus' Call:** Simon's immediate response to Jesus' call showcases the theme of obedience. His willingness to leave his nets and follow Jesus reflects the radical nature of responding to Jesus' call.
(Sourced from *Young Catholics*)

God bless,

Rita Cordina (Liturgy & Music Coordinator)

Upcoming Feasts and Memorials

17 January—St Anthony the Great

20 January—St Fabian, Pope & St Sebastian

Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024

JANUARY: For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time 20/21 January 2024

	Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 6pm
Commentator	J Haddad	A Amores	S Andrijic	E Russo
Minister of the Word	E Sadsad	R Williams	N Redoblado	N Tomic
EMHC	F Di Marco Volunteer	A Froio R Wright G Kruk	P Redoblado V Pante	T Corpus L Bykowski S Seychell
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Altar Servers	C Debono J Bahbah K Liang	Volunteer	J Batros	E&A Fleita
Piety Stall	N Haddad	S Wilkins	V&M Pante	R Rossi
Counter: Group 3 M&E Frijas J&S Cruz	Altar Linen : B Juan	Cleaners : Group 3 Adorers of the Holy Eucharist c/o W Bacucang	Flowers : T Seraglio G O'Connell	



Catholic Recipe:

St Anthony and the Desert Soup

On the 17 January, we will celebrate the feast of Saint Anthony the Great. He lived in Egypt between A.D. 251 and 356. At age 18, he was so moved by the gospel text *"If you wish to be perfect, go and sell all that you have and then follow me"*, that he left everything behind and retired to an inaccessible place in the wilderness, dedicating his life to God in manual work and continual prayer. In his old age, he encouraged his disciples to lead a monastic life. Because he was the first Christian to retire to a monastic life, he is considered to be the first monk and also the father of all monks. Here is a simple, healthy recipe in honour of Saint Anthony the hermit.

INGREDIENTS

3 tablespoons oil of choice
1 cup barley
carrot, finely grated
2 leeks, sliced
1 bay leaf
1/3 cup fresh parsley, minced
salt to taste
7 cups water
1 bouillon cube,
if desired
Chopped mushrooms,
if desired

DETAILS

Serves: 4
Prep Time: 1 hour,
30 minutes

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat the oil in a soup pot and add the barley, stirring continuously for one minute. Immediately add the carrot, leeks, bay leaf, parsley, salt, and water.
2. Cook the soup over low to medium heat, covered, for 40 to 45 minutes, until the barley is tender. Add more water if needed. For extra taste, add the bouillon and the mushrooms during the last 20 minutes of simmering. Remove the bay leaf. Serve hot.

Recipe Source: From a Monastery Kitchen: The Classic Natural Foods Cookbook by Brother Victor-Antoine d'Avila-Latourrette, Gramercy Books, 1997



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