



OUR LADY OF THE PINES - 13TH AND 14TH JANUARY 2024 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Embracing the Call - A Reflection on John 1:35-42

In this week's Gospel, we encounter the poignant moment when John the Baptist points to Jesus, declaring, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" Two of John's disciples, Andrew and an unnamed companion, respond to this divine invitation by following Jesus.

As we reflect on this scripture, we are reminded that God's call is ever-present in our lives. Andrew and his companion recognized the significance of encountering Jesus and chose to embrace their calling. In doing so, they not only found a teacher but discovered the Messiah.

Likewise, we are called to recognize and respond to the divine invitations in our own lives. What moments, what encounters, what whispers of the Spirit are beckoning us to follow Christ more closely?

In the busyness of our daily routines, it's easy to overlook these subtle calls. Yet, this Gospel challenges us to pause and listen, to open our hearts to the transformative power of encountering Jesus.

Let us take a moment this week to reflect on our own journeys of discipleship. How can we actively respond to God's call in our lives? Are there areas where we can deepen our commitment to following Christ and sharing His love with others? May the example of Andrew and his companion inspire us to be attentive to the divine invitations that surround us. In answering the call, we, too, can experience the profound joy of walking alongside the Lamb of God.

Communion Assistance Needed at BaptCare Aged Care Facility

We are reaching out to seek your support over the next 4-6 weeks to help provide communion to our Catholic residents at the BaptCare Aged Care facility. The commitment involves assisting every Thursday fortnight at 2 pm.

If you are available and willing to lend a helping hand, please email us at donvale@cam.org.au. Your contribution will make a meaningful difference in the lives of our community members.

Thank you for your generosity and willingness to serve.



A Helping Hand: Making a Difference for Nursing Home Resident through Shopping Companionship

Could you dedicate a couple of hours every one to two weeks to assist a nursing home resident in going shopping? This resident relies on a wheelchair and would appreciate your help navigating the shopping centre. Transportation to and from the aged care facility will be arranged for your convenience.

If you are able to assist, please contact Maria Carey on 0473873479 or donvale@cam.org.au



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Gospel

John 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.

20th and 21st January 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

Payne, Delzoppo, Keating and Yang

READERS & COMMENTATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Mary Ann Payne & Jeanelle Mendonca

Sun 9.30 am: Anna Basa and Leonard Healy

ALTAR SERVERS:

5.00pm: Jeanelle, Andre and Lynette

9.30am: Maya, Ryan and Alden

CHILDRENS LITURGY: Holidays

MASS DRIVER: Jill Howell

PROJECTOR OPERATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Carlos Cordeiro

Sun 9.30am: Leonard Healy

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

5.00 pm: Christine and Geoff Lowry

9.30 am: Mirella Drago & Sue Separovic

MONEY COUNTING: GROUP 7

Mirella Drago, Buford Ng and Jack Deady

PIETY STALL:

5.00pm : Vanessa White 9.30am: Janet Goodwin

20th and 21st Readings: Year B - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: [Jonah 3:1-5. 10](#)

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 7:29-31](#)

Gospel: [Mark 1:14-20](#)

Repent, and believe the Good News.

MASS TIMES FOR THE PARTNERED PARISHES OF OUR LADY OF THE PINES & Ss PETER & PAUL'S, DONCASTER EAST

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| Monday | No Mass | 9.00 am Mass— Communion Service |
| Tuesday | No Mass | 9.00am Mass |
| Wednesday | 9.00 am Mass followed by Rosary at 9.30am | 9.00 am Communion Service |
| Thursday | No Mass | 9.00 am Mass |
| Friday | 9.00 am Mass followed by Rosary at 9.30am | 9.00 am Communion Service followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 5.00pm Mass | 9.00am Morning Mass 6.00pm Mass |
| Sunday | 9.30 am Mass | 8.00am and 11.15am Mass |