



13/14 January 2018-Year B The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5.30pm Vigil (Includes
Children's Liturgy during School
Term)

Sunday - 7.30am

Sunday - 9am (Includes Children's
Liturgy during School Term)

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 9am

Wednesday - 9am

Thursday - 9am

Friday - 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday

4.30 - 5.15pm

Baptisms & Marriages:

By appointment at Presbytery

Anointing: Every 2 months -
check bulletin for dates

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In co-operation
with Funeral Directors.

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!

Responsorial Psalm: Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.
Alleluia!

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

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Whose Calling?

In the First Reading, Samuel, who was still young, was waked up by hearing his name called in the night. He thought that the person calling him was Eli, the old priest whom Samuel served. But Samuel was wrong in thinking this. It was the Lord calling.

It took three times of God calling before the experienced old priest Eli tumbled to the fact that it was God who was calling Samuel. It took four times of God calling before Samuel finally answered by saying, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

But if God's voice can be confused with some ordinary voice, how does Eli know, how does Samuel know, how does anyone know that it is God calling? Who would believe this story? Wouldn't you suppose that if God called you, you would know something very special had happened? Who would believe that God could call you and you wouldn't recognize that you were having a wild, spooky, religious experience? Who would believe that you could get the voice of God confused with the voice of the old guy in the neighbouring room?

The answer is 'Eli.' That is, in the story, it is the wise old priest who believes these things. It is Eli who understands that you can be in direct contact with God and still not know that it is God who is talking to you. But if God's voice can be confused with some ordinary voice, how does Eli know, how does Samuel know, how does anyone know that it is God calling? The answer is that you can't know until you are willing to listen. God doesn't force monologues on the unwilling. He invites to conversation. When Samuel is ready to tell God that he is willing to listen, then the real connection between God and Samuel begins.

The connection that starts with that willingness of Samuel grows into a friendship that is rightly described this way: the Lord was with Samuel. At that point, no one at all could miss the fact that it was God who had called Samuel. And so here is one moral of the story. The voice of God can be anywhere, in any guise. It isn't thunder and lightening or extraordinary psychic happenings that connect a person to God. Rather, it is the willingness to listen, to trust and obey, that makes the Lord known.

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

15-20 January 2018

V Laferla, L Pecotich,
M Gimellaro, M DeVries



22-27 January

Volunteers

READERS ROSTER

13/14 January

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Sarah Casha

Readers:

Sarah Casha: 1st Reading

David Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: James Gill

Readers:

James Gill: 1st Reading

Catherine Emery: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: John-William Fisher

Readers:

John-William Fisher: 1st Reading

Maria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

20/21 January 2018 (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Vanessa Casha

Readers:

Vanessa Casha: 1st Reading

Veronica Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Chris Pisani

Readers:

Chris Pisani: 1st Reading

Margaret Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

13/14 January

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Faye Palamara



20/21 January 2018

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Pam Ajkay

ACOLYTES ROSTER

13/14 January 2018

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

20/21 January

Saturday Vigil

Eric Hockings

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

13 January 2018

Saturday Vigil

Joey Grima

Lucas & Jayden Laferla

20 January

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina and

Leo Steimbesser

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

13 January 2018

School Holidays

20 January 2018

School Holidays

9am Sunday

School Holidays



NURSING HOME ROSTER

21 January

Lina & Faye

4 February

Sister Rosa &
Jayann