



Welcome to

## Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

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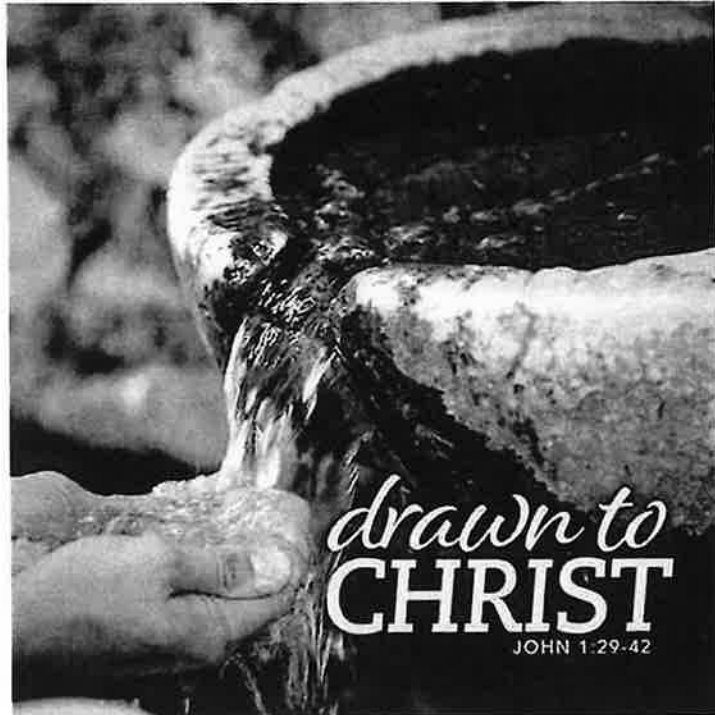
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### FIRST READING

*1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19*

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

*Psalm 39: 2, 4, 7-10*

*Here I am, Lord;  
I come to do your will.*

### SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20*

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

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**EXPLORING THE WORD**

The movement in today's text is interesting. The Baptist and his disciples are standing still while Jesus is passing. John gives witness to Jesus as the Lamb of God, a term not normally used of a person. The disciples exhibit an interest in this man based on John's witness about him. They move away from John and towards Jesus. It is a movement of faith, although at this point they do not really understand who Jesus is. Jesus asks them a momentous question: 'What do you want?' It was normal for a teacher to gather students around him, so these two want to know where he lives so that they might come to hear his teachings. Instead they are invited, not just to listen to the teachings, but to share the life of Jesus.

Having entered into this, they recognise that Jesus is more than a teacher and give witness to him themselves: 'We have found the Messiah'. They draw others to Jesus, including Simon Peter, who is to become especially important as the story unfolds.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Part of the celebration of the Passover festival was the ritual sacrifice of many lambs so that the Jews could eat the Passover meal. In the story of Exodus, the blood of the lamb was shed so that it could be daubed on doorposts and thus enable the people to escape the angel of death. John recognises that Jesus will be the one to give his life for the sake of all.
- 'Messiah' is a Hebrew word which means 'anointed one'. 'Christ' is the Greek word meaning the same thing.

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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 bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Jn1:41, 17*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

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

**GOSPEL**

*John 1:35-42*

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.

**SHARING THE TRADITION**

There are many Scriptural texts which give wonderful descriptions of being 'called' by God (see Isaiah 6; Jeremiah 1; Ezekiel 2; Amos 3:3 - 8; 7:14 -15; Jonah). This could be an appropriate time to look at the concept of vocation in all its richness. Some people are called to the vocation of priesthood or to religious life; others to marriage or to remain single. Whatever vocation one takes on in

life, one is called to live the gospel as Jesus invited the disciples to experience his life.

**THE MAGI OR WISEMEN**

In ancient Iran - also known as Persia - a priest was called a "magus." The plural is "magi". The word "magic" comes from the same root. Magi were experts in astronomy. This was useful in determining the calendar and the end of winter and the spring planting season. They believed that stars and other celestial objects actually influenced, rather than merely coincided with, earthly events. One, or possibly a series of omens, led them to believe that a royal prince had been born in Israel. They were sent as ambassadors to provide tribute to the newborn. The bible does not say how many Magi visited. It is assumed that there were three because of the number of gifts.

*Excerpt from a commentary  
by Fr Richard Lonsdale*

**SYMBOLS AND IMAGES**

*Gifts establish a special relationship between the giver and receiver. We sometimes call them 'presents' because they somehow make the giver present to the one who receives. Often it is the simplest of gifts which are treasured because they recall to us someone we love.*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(15 - 21 January)

- **Monday, 15:** Weekday, Ord Time 2 (1 Sam 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22)
- **Tuesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 2 (1 Sam 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28)
- **Wednesday, 17:** St Anthony (1 Sam 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6)
- **Thursday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 2 (1 Sam 18:6-9, 1-7; Mk 3:7-12)
- **Friday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 2 (1 Sam 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19)
- **Saturday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 2 (2 Sam 1:1-14, 11-12, 17, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21)
- **Sunday 21:** THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20)

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*Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 24:4-9*

*Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

### SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those

who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 1:15*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The kingdom of God is near:  
believe the Good News.*

*Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

*Mark 1:14-20*

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.'

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

- John the Baptist was arrested and ultimately killed by Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, who ruled over the region of Galilee. John had been highly critical of the behaviour of Antipas in marrying Herodias who was his niece and the former wife of his brother.
- The Sea of Galilee is also known as Lake Tiberias and Lake of Gennesaret. It is the largest freshwater lake in Israel, and is approximately 53 km in circumference, 21 km long and 13 km wide.
- Simon and Andrew, James and John lived in the town of Capernaum on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. Look at a map of Palestine. Most Bibles include one.

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

This week we return to the Gospel of Mark which will be the main source of readings through the weeks of Ordinary Time this year.

Mark's Gospel was the first of the accounts of Jesus' ministry to be written down. It is widely accepted that it was written about 65-70AD for a community in Rome where Christians were undergoing persecution because of their faith. Because of this setting, Mark often recalls stories which give great hope to people and encourage them to stay firm in their faith in the face of opposition. In this gospel, the disciples do not make excuses or delay. They simply leave everything to follow Jesus. They are immediately drawn to the words and person of Jesus; nothing else is as important as the Kingdom of God

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And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

**ABANDONING OUR  
NETS CAN HELP US  
LAND A BETTER GIG'**

Readers almost always gravitate to the same question. Why do Simon and Andrew, then James and John after them, abandon everything to follow Jesus? Mark leaves no doubt as to the immediacy of their response. Seeing Simon and Andrew casting for fish, Jesus says, 'Follow after me, and I will make you to be fishers for people.'

Ancient philosophies often built their ranks from those persons who found ordinary life unsatisfying. According to Diogenes Laertius, Socrates encountered a young man named Xenophon in a narrow passageway. Blocking the path with his stick, the philosopher asked where he might find various kinds of food. Then Socrates asked, "And where do people become good and honourable?" With Xenophon looking perplexed, Socrates called him: "Then follow me, and learn' (Lives 2.48).

And some people abandon their nets because they hear good news worthy of our lives. If things were just fine in the world, perhaps they'd stay with their nets. But sensing God's kingdom drawing near, they reshape their lives in response to God's call. They drop everything and go another way. Far too few churches ask this question, this vocational question, of their members: to what life is God calling you? And far too many of us domesticate the question, as if Simon and his colleagues were just volunteering for a single night at the

winter shelter. The realities of our world press us with questions greater than how we'll spend a given night. Meanwhile, the kingdom of God lies right at hand. And what about those nets?"  
*Greg Carey*

**SHARING THE TRADITION**

The first disciples to be called by Jesus offer us a model of how we are expected to be followers of Christ. A disciple is one who takes another as teacher and model. As disciples, we must not only believe in the teachings of Jesus but allow them to influence how we live our lives. We are called to 'profess our faith, bear witness to it and spread it'

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- **Tuesday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 3 (2 Sam 6:12-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35)
- **Wednesday, 24:** St Francis de Sales (2 Sam 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20)
- **Thursday, 25:** The Conversion of St Paul (Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18)
- **Friday, 26:** Australia Day (Is 32:15-18; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Mt 5:2-12)
- **Saturday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 3 (2 Sam 12:1-7, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41)
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