



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Members of the Western Highway Deanery
14th January 2018

In the Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples of John, "What are you looking for?" Today, Jesus is also asking us, "What are you looking for?" The answer to this question depends on how we understand the truth about God and us. Are we looking for accumulation of wealth, honour, or power, or are we looking for a deep relationship with Jesus?

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

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

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

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

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Prayer: Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Identifying mentors in our lives...

MaryLee Brock

The readings today feature many powerful mentors.

The first reading from Samuel tells of the Lord calling out to Samuel but Samuel does not understand who was calling to him. Each time the Lord calls out, Samuel runs to Eli to answer. Eli finally pieces everything together and as a mentor to Samuel he helps Samuel understand how he should answer by instructing Samuel to say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." Eli's encouragement helped the young Samuel to be open to the word of God that guided Samuel throughout his life.

Another spiritual mentor, Paul, speaks to the Corinthians in the second reading. Paul says: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body." Hearing these words through a lens of mentorship brings new meaning to the phrase "your body is a temple" which sadly has become a bit of a cliché. Excuses to not eat certain foods or to exercise a particular way can be framed in the "my body is a temple" phrase, but somehow the call to glorify God gets lost in the translation. Paul is challenging the Corinthians to consider their attitudes and practices about sexuality. Hearing Paul challenge the Corinthians breathes new life into this phrase and invites me to explore what attitudes about my life I need to pray about.

John the Baptist is a model of a spiritual mentor into today's Gospel from John. Just as a mentor can help someone find a life changing path, he declares to two of his disciples to "Behold the Lamb of God" when he sees Jesus. Trust is essential to a relationship between a mentor and the person being mentored and it is obvious John's disciples had great trust in him as they were open to his guidance and willingly followed Jesus as the Messiah they had been waiting for. The trust also extended among family as Andrew brings his brother to follow Jesus. The Gospel response says it so clearly, "We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace."

Today I am inspired to look for opportunities to be a spiritual mentor to others. When can I invite someone to hear God's call? How can I challenge someone who might be making a choice that does not glorify God? What are some ways I can support those who appreciate the truth and grace of our Messiah? And how can I be open to the mentors in my life who urge me to behold the Lamb of God?





Mass Schedule

SUNDAY

St. John's	8:00 am
Christ the King	9:30 am
Our Lady's	10:00 am
Vietnamese Mass	3:00 pm ¹
Filipino Mass	3:00 pm ²
Christ the King	5:00 pm
Our Lady's	6:30 pm

MONDAY

Christ the King	8:00 am
Our Lady's	8:00 am

TUESDAY to SATURDAY

Christ the King	8:00 am
Our Lady's	9:00 am

WEDNESDAY

Our Lady's	7:00 pm ³
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SATURDAY (Vigil Mass)

Our Lady's	5:00 pm
Christ the King	6:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday after the morning Masses and 30 mins. before the evening Masses.

BAPTISMS

3rd Sunday of the month

MARRIAGE

3 months-notice required.

¹ Sunday Masses in Vietnamese are held at Our Lady's Church every 2nd and 4th Sundays and at Christ the King Church every 1st and 3rd Sundays.

² Sunday Mass in Filipino is held at Our Lady's Church every third Sunday of the month.

³ The Wednesday evening Mass incorporates the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Next Week's Readings

Jonah 3:1-5,10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

Vocation View

"We have found the Messiah!" After his encounter with Jesus, St. Andrew goes first to find his brother Peter to also bring him to Christ. Do not be afraid to bring others to Christ as well!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

BIRTHDAYS: Ivan Olenkovic, Benjie Redoble, Eric Tan Raveza III

Comfort & Healing

Cesare Bettoni, Eric Raveza, Nip Frogosa, Jack Considine, Rutillo Llovito, Sabrina Janz, Roselyn David, Corazon Robles, Remedios Laplana, Patricia Shires, Jose Mastruzzo, Glad Trevillian, Tony Rabusin, Nell Monagle, Fortunata Scalzo, Leone Morganti, Jamie Dumapias, Richard Brown, Cesar Banzon, Sydonia Maslanyk, Margaret Horley, Marie Henwood, Benjamin Raj, Maria Ta Thi Hue, Leonie Drayton, Pauline Drayton, Allan Arias, Lawrie Green, Pablo Escaño, Mila Dropulic, Rosalba Mastoriani, Ben Jose.

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Norberto Enriquez, Anna Maria Ferrara, Francesco Farfalla

ANNIVERSARIES: Antonietta Mercaldi, Anne Orlinski.



MINISTRIES & SERVICES

ST. JOHN'S & OUR LADY'S

20th & 21st January 2018

Mass Time	5.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.30pm
Readers:	C Dulanga Tissera R Lynette Heasley	Lang Phan Charles Budiman	Albert Agbamey Guillermo Narsilio	Hung Trinh Kim Vu
E Ministers:	1 Remy Libang 2 Agnes Attard 3	Robert Brennan	Guisseppina Genovesi Christine Mullan	Benedict Alvares
Music:	Our Lady's Choir	Recorded Music	Parish Choir	Lavang Choir
Counters Team:	1 C. Lawson	L. Phan		
Cleaners Team:	1 K. Nguyen	D. Pham		

CHRIST THE KING

Mass Time	6.30pm	9.30am	5.00pm
Readers:	C Lucy Inocencio R Rose Thomas 1 Bich Hoa 2 3	Anne Maria Baluaca William Chu Lan-Anh Tuyet Jim Proctor Rosaline Raymundo	Kathe Casas Kelly Maglalang Dudley Rodrigues
Music:	St Cecilia's Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir
Data Projector:	Radley Cardente	Sophie Nguyen	Tom Luu
Parish Bus:	21-Jan	Joselito	
Counters Team:			
Cleaners Team:			

Blessed Ordinairiness

The wise men arrived, the crib is packed away, deconstructed Christmas trees litter the occasional nature strip and the last carol has been sung. In the midst of the Christmas period we celebrated New Year and it may feel as though the cycle of death and tragedy continued. The burdens that we put down for a few days over Christmas need to be picked up, although they may feel a little lighter, and life continues.

For some, Christmas joy is stored away with the baubles and wrapping paper. For others, a sense of joy, peace and goodwill continues in the midst of the credit card bills arriving and as the house returns to its pre-Christmas state. For many people thoughts may be turning to what the New Year will bring. There can be a sense of hope about the thought of all the unwritten days ahead; perhaps a change in life circumstance is on the horizon, perhaps we have little people starting school, or older people experiencing a new life stage. I've always appreciated that story about a person who doesn't want to go to school and the mother who says 'well, you have too because you're the principal'! I wonder if there is a little of that person in all of us too, sometimes we may feel as though we just don't want to ...

Thomas Moore in *A Life At Work* (2008) writes about the experience of work as being a mixture of vision, intention and care. 'Monks around the world,' he observes, 'spend their precious time growing crops and cleaning toilets. The difference is that through their intention they turn their toil into a form of human prayer. They are participating in the unfolding of humanity as they fix a squeaky door and milk the cows'. Perhaps thinking about our work – in whatever shape that

takes – as a form of human prayer might help bring a sparkle of light and energy with us into this beginning year.

I suspect this is one of the challenges of adulthood – to accept the ongoing invitation of walking with joy. As our understanding of the complexity of life deepens we realise that there can be no birth without pain, no growth without struggle, no achievement without work, no grief without happiness. And perhaps that's why we can't keep thinking of a little helpless babe in the crib. We need to allow that baby to grow into the Lord and saviour that we believe him to be. Just as we have the invitation to grow into the joy-filled people we could be – people who, because of Jesus, truly believe that God is working in the world and that God's presence makes a difference.

On a liturgical level, we have moved into a short period of 'Ordinary' time – offering an opportunity for us to walk with Jesus and his disciples as a pattern for our daily lives as we engage in an ordered account of the life work of Jesus through the lens of Mark's gospel. There is a grace in knowing that Jesus is present to us in the complications, the order or routine of our daily lives.

So, blessed with the knowledge that our Ordinary Time is graced by God – may we move joyfully into 2018 proclaiming with confidence the good news of great joy that a saviour has been born to us and he is, Christ, the Lord.

– Cathy Jenkins
Director, Archbishop's Office
for Evangelisation Melbourne

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'"

- John 1:38

What are you looking for?
Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

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St. John's Church

Presbytery	\$120.10
Church	\$269.25

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery	\$923.65
Church	\$1,156.45

Christ the King Church

Presbytery	\$721.90
Church	\$1,122.60

The first collection (Presbytery) supports the Parish Priest, his Assistant, the sick and retired Priests and the Archbishop

The second collection (Thanksgiving Envelopes) supports the Parish and the expenses of the Archdiocese.

SCHOOLS

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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

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*Effective 15 January 2018,
we shall be one!*

A cuppa with Fr. Frank Buhagiar

From 1985 to 2000, Fr. Frank Buhagiar has been the parish priest of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. On the 24th of January, Fr. Frank will officially retire from active ministry. He is currently the Parish Priest of St Andrew's Parish in Werribee. Fr. Frank will celebrate a Thanks giving Mass on the 28th of January to greet us and thank the parishioners for all their love and support. A pot-luck cuppa will follow after the Mass to give ample time for people to have a chat with Fr. Frank Buhagiar.

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, 4 February 2018

@ Our Lady's Church,
46 Ballarat Road, Maidstone

2:30pm—Rosary

3:00pm—Holy Mass followed by a
procession & Benediction
cuppa—Our Lady's Small Hall

Triduum Prayers &

Rosary at Our Lady's Church

7.00pm Thursday 1st February

7.00pm Friday 2nd February

6.10pm Saturday 3rd February



Preparation for CONFIRMATION



Preparation classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation will commence on **22 February 2018 at 5.00 pm**. Children are expected to be accompanied by an adult. Venue will be at the Parish Presbytery Pavilion in Maidstone. Please contact the Parish Office to enlist your child. Your child must be in year 6 or at least 11 years old.





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Contact: Christine at chslkj@ychoo.com
Our Lady's Large Hall 7.00-9.00pm



Child Safety is our Priority

Parish Office Hours
Tuesday-Saturday
9:00am to 12:00noon

To find out more ways on how you can help improve our Parochial Community please contact Huong or Tram at **9317-9298** from **Tuesdays to Saturdays between 9:00am to 12:00 noon** with email: maidstone@cam.org.au or visit our website at www.ckol.org.au



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