

# Reflections on the Gospel

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

- **The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 1: 41, 17

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

## GOSPEL

Jn 1: 35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*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.'

- **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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## STAYING WITH THE LORD

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist performs his role of witness. Seeing Jesus passing by, he points him out to his disciples as 'the Lamb of God', an alternative title for the Messiah. Immediately, the two disciples begin to follow Jesus.

Sensing this, Jesus turns and asks, 'What are you looking for?' In the circumstances, the question is natural. But it is in effect the question that everyone desiring progress in the spiritual life must hear from him: 'What are you really looking for? What are your deepest desires?'

The disciples, too, ask more than they know when they respond, 'Rabbi, ... where are you staying?' At one level Jesus is presumably staying (lodging) in some makeshift shelter along with others who have come to John for baptism. But in this gospel the word 'stay' has a deeper meaning. We know from the Prologue (John 1:1-18) that Jesus 'stays' or 'dwells' eternally with the Father (1:1-4, 18). As Word incarnate he has also come to 'stay' with us (1:14); in the most literal meaning of the Greek expression, he 'has pitched his tent' among us. God's power and presence—once remotely and terrifyingly revealed to Israel at Mt Sinai—is now revealed in the human person and life of Jesus.

His response, 'Come and see', is, again, a simple invitation to spend the day with him. More deeply, it is an invitation to a following of him that will mean a continual revelation of God and a sharing in his eternal 'staying' with the Father.

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

## FIRST READING

1 Sam 3: 3-10, 19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.*

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.'

- **The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PS** Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9

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

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. / He put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our God. **R.**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, / but an open ear. / You do not ask for holocaust and victim. / Instead, here am I. **R.**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written / that I should do your will. / My God, I delight in your law / in the depth of my heart. **R.**



4. Your justice I have proclaimed / in the great assembly. / My lips I have not sealed; / you know it, O Lord. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.*

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 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

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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

*First Sunday:* 9am Mass

*Second Sunday:* 10:30 Lay-led Assembly

*Third Sunday:* 11am Mass

*Fourth Sunday:* 5pm Mass

*Fifth Sunday:* 10am Ecumenical Service

*View the whole area schedule at [bit.do/mass-times](http://bit.do/mass-times)*

**Please pray for the recently deceased**

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Janis Reader, Ken Stevens, Mary Smith, Mollie

Robbie, Eva McCarthy, Peg Murphy, Peter Dignan.

**TODAY: Sunday 14 January, 10:30am Lay-led**

Leader: A. Kealy

Reader: R. Rokebrand

Psalm/Intercessions: C. McCann

Gifts: R. & M. Burgess

Communion: C. McFarlane

Cleaning: D. & C. McCann

Linen: C. McCann

Lawns: D. McCann

Collection: A. Mahoney

**NEXT WEEK: Sunday 21 January, 11am Mass**

Leader: N/A

Reader: T. Kealy

Psalm/Intercessions: C. McFarlane

Gifts: T. & C. Heenan

Communion: A. Kealy

Cleaning: D. & C. McCann

Linen: C. McCann

Lawns: D. McCann

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**St Malachy's School**

Holidays.

Have a blessed Christmas.

See you in the new school year!



**HOLY HOUR**

**5pm, every Thursday**

Half an hour of silent adoration  
*Confession available*

5:30pm recitation of the rosary

6pm Mass

*Concludes with Solemn Benediction*

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

- Thursday 18 January: **10am Anointing Mass**, The Lakes Hostel, Edenhope

- Thursday 18 January: 5pm Holy Hour, **6pm Mass**, St Malachy's Church, Edenhope

- Friday 19 January: **6pm Mass**, Senior Citizens Club, Goroke

- Saturday 20 January: **10am Mass**, Sacred Heart Church, Casterton

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be presenting a **LITURGY FORMATION SESSION** and will be introducing the Diocesan Sacramental Program, "Let the Children Come" on **Sunday, 25 February 2018 at the Horsham Parish**. Prior to this workshop, Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 10.30am. Further information and registration is available on the diocesan website: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

Visit the Catholic Theological College in East Melbourne for an information session on a **STUDY TOUR OF THE BIBLICAL LANDS** next Saturday, 20 January 2018 from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. In 2018 we are travelling to Jordan, Israel, Turkey and Greece plus there is the opportunity to add on 3 days in Rome! If you are interested in attending this information session please advise call 9412 3314 or e-mail [jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au) by this Wednesday, 17 January, 2018.