



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year B] Sunday 24TH January, 2021

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10 – The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

Responsorial Psalm: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 – The world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! *The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News.* ALLELUIA!

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 – Repent and believe the Good News.

...And Immediately They Followed Him....

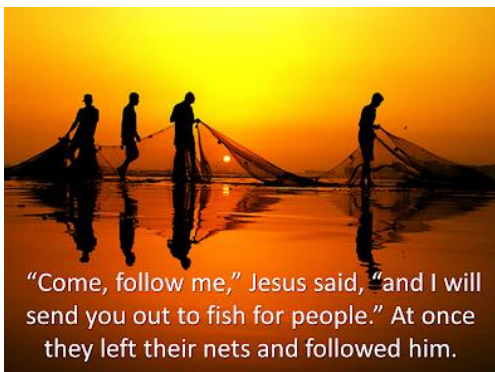
In Marks Gospel (1:14-20) Jesus begins his public ministry by proclaiming the Good News of God. The Good news comes from God and God Himself is the content. He calls four (Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John) fishermen at the sea of Galilee. Jesus sees something in them, not necessarily what they are, but what they could be. And they see something in Jesus that causes them to leave what they value and follow Him, in response to His call. In other words, God does not choose the equipped, He equips the chosen.

The word "vocation" comes from the Latin "vocare", meaning "to call". It is clear that these men did not seek to become disciples of Jesus but it was Jesus who called them, thus by their generous response becoming followers.

I grew up in a Muslim country residing in Dubai since the time of my infancy. I received my calling right after my university graduation in International Tourism and Marketing. It was a clear voice that spoke to my heart which said "leave everything, and follow me".

This was when I had decided to sell all my possessions, leave my home, family and travel into the unknown, to follow Jesus in pursuit of my vocation in a country where it is possible. This Gospel passage to this day resonates and fills my heart with joy as I continue to persevere for the priesthood in my third year at Holy Spirit Seminary in Banyo. Looking back, I have no regrets, and a sense of fulfilment in my journey is an assurance I'm living the life I was born to live.

When we read this passage, we find that the disciples were chosen and called personally by Jesus. However, His calling is not limited to clergy but to every single one of us. As baptised Christians, we are called to build up the Kingdom of God in different fields and careers in our lives by spreading and living the Gospel.



"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

To pursue our vocations in life it takes grace and courage as we respond willingly. We will find that God's call is always into an uncertain future. Even though we may not know where we are going, we can be sure that He is guiding us in accordance with His will, as we find meaning and purpose in our vocation.

I like to reflect on Mary the Mother of God as a model for bringing God's will to our lives. Her *fiat* (let it be done) or "yes" to God speaks eloquently to us.

This weekend's reflection was written by
Dominic Jayasurija, Holy Spirit Seminary

When we respond to His will, we allow Him to work within us and allow Mary to work with Him in us to build up the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth.

On Friday we celebrated the wedding of Amelia O'Brien and John Morrissey. May their life together bring much joy and faith filled trust in the Holy Spirit.



We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently and those who have died from Covid-19. May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Fr William Behm [2006], Peter Saide, Shane Rice.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially,** Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Graham McGovern, Madeline Gray, Richard Jones, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Kim Ireland, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin, and those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and those suffering from Covid-19.

THE TRYBOOKING SYSTEM FOR WEEKEND MASSES WILL NOT BE STARTING UNTIL MARCH, as we are waiting on labelling of seats. There have been a few queries from parishioners concerned about this system. **PLEASE DON'T PANIC**, our aim is to help everyone transition to this new system, there will be step by step instructions and we will be available to help over the phone where necessary. For now things will continue as they are, please be patient as you check in each week. WATCH THIS SPACE, MORE INFORMATION TO COME ...

Celebrating 50 Years of St Pat's Bingo: Wednesday 17 March – Sunday 21 March 2021

Part of our 50 year Celebrations is a **Reunion Lunch** for our current and former Bingo volunteers. If you have been involved with St Pat's Bingo over the past 50 years I would love to hear from you. Please email anthony@stpats.org.au



Sacramental Program 2021: Enrolments are now being taken for the Sacramental Program. If you would like to enrol your child, please phone or email the parish office for an information package as soon as possible admin@stpats.org.au. The program starts with a Parent Information session on **Tuesday 9th February**.

Adoration will resume each Thursday during Lent 5.00pm – 6.00pm. (18/2;25/2;4/3;11/3;18/3;25/3;1/4)

Lenten Programs: These will be made available in the coming weeks. There will be two opportunities this year. The "Little Black Book" will be available as usual. Also there will be the program from Brisbane, titled, "Look to Jesus. 52 Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter". You are encouraged to join with family and friends to form a group for discussion and reflection. You may wish to make it a neighbourly gift too!!

Sunday 24 Jan	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live stream available SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 25 Jan <small>The Conversion of Saint Paul</small>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	NO ADORATION DURING JANUARY
Tuesday 26 Jan <small>Australia Day</small>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wed 27 Jan	7am Mass SPC	NO ADORATION DURING JANUARY 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 28 Jan <small>Saint Thomas Aquinas</small>	7am Mass SPC	
Friday 29 Jan	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	NO ADORATION DURING JANUARY
Saturday 30 Jan	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	
Sunday 31 Jan	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am–Live stream available SPC	11am Baptism of Connor Joyce 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

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