



18th January 2015 - Year B

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ALL HALLOWS' PARISH CHURCH

2 Halley Street
FIVE DOCK 2046

Parish Priest:

Fr Greg McGregor

Associate Pastors:

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS

Fr Andrew Kim SJ

Secretary: Elena Di Perna

Presbytery:

Monday: Closed

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Sacramental Life

Eucharist:

Saturday - 9.00am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday - 8.30am

Sunday - 10am Children's Liturgy

Sunday - 6.00pm Youth Mass

Monday - 9.00am

Tues - Wed - 8.00am

Thurs - Fri - 9.00am

Lauds (morning prayer) is prayed 20 minutes before morning mass daily.

All Welcome.

Reconciliation: Saturday

9.30 - 10am & 4.45 - 5.15pm

Anointing: First Friday of the month at 9am mass. (except January).

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In co-operation with Funeral Directors.

Exposition: Third Thursday of every month after Mass.

Dear Parishioners,

1. Who's 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.



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

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 neighboring 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's, 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 in the First Reading. 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 to you.

2. St Antonio da Padova

We welcome the St Antonio da Padova Association as they celebrate Mass here at 11.30am this Sunday. All Welcome



3. Parish Office

The parish staff will be on leave this coming week, and I will be heading to Berry to spend some time with my parents. Fr Salas and Fr Andrew will be taking care of business while we are away. If you do not have an urgent issue please contact the office when Elena is back on Tuesday 27th.

If you need to speak with one of the priest please leave a message and they will get back to you as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience while the staff are on leave.

God Bless

Fr. Greg



THE Little Shoe SHOP

70 Great North Road Five Dock (next to RSL Club)
9712 0071 0406 296 916

HELP !

Do you have a vacancy between 31 Jan - 16 Feb 2015?

Payment - For One Week periods
Up to 4 students per home (Single beds)
Provide 2 meals a day no lunch except on a Sunday.
\$30.00 per student per night.
\$5.00 Internet (for email only)
\$15.00 per student Pick up / Drop off
Total (4 students x 1 week) = \$920

Requirements

Pickup/ drop off by car or luggage to be taken by car and students by public transport from meeting point
Take to Town Hall station first day or before to show the way where Tour Leaders will take to and from the University or to excursion. Students to travel by themselves to meeting point which is Town Hall station after first day. Please reply for further information and the Application form.

Please contact Jenny Wilson from Homestay Australia if you can help
E : info@homestay-australia.com
W : www.homestay-australia.com

Room to Rent

23 year old female lawyer looking for room to rent for approx. 9months - Australia/Singaporean.
Please call Nancy 0414 311 883 or
Rosary 0422 428 242 if you can help

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-



Recently Deceased:

Stephen O'Connor,

Anniversaries:

Ivy Irene "Rene" Suleau, Sam & Jan Moschella, Salvatore & Giuseppina Catania, Angelo Lauricella, Giuseppe La Monica, Estelita Javier

Also for:

Peter Fiorini, Donal McGhee & Family, Tom & Ann Culkin & Family, Mary McCarthy, Terry Malcolm, Vincenzo Mangogna, Shirley & John Holdsworth

For the following ill members of our community:-

Willie Baugh, Crochetta Valenti, Brian Gallagher, Bernadette Lane, Vanessa Lane, Muriel Daly, Margaret Gleeson, Mary Johnson, Carmen Gallagher, Mary Longrell, Benilda Buenafe, Lorenzo Mioli, Frances Hennessy, Antonietta Ciaglia, Tomas Laming, Angela Colantonio, Ida Bova, Amelia Casarotto, Mirella Mercuri, Madelina Michael, Monica Moschella, Marcello Cheles, Brian Lees.

(Names will remain on list for 1 month unless notified.)



GET YOUR COPY OF THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Does God suffer with us?
- Baptism—the day you were born again
- I'm a man of science, but I've seen heaven
- Archbishop offers Mass for peace in wake of Paris Terror

ONLY \$2.00 AVAILABLE FROM THE STAND

LOST

Small Italian Prayer Book with black cover, was left on the front pew at Sunday's 8.30am Mass (4th Jan)
If found please call Antonia 9713 5904 or return to parish office. Thank you

Kid's Corner

Q. Why did the boy throw the butter out the window?

A. He wanted to see the butter-fly!!



POPE FRANCIS' COLUMN

Pope's Homily at Canonization of St. Joseph Vaz

"St. Joseph Vaz continues to be an example and a teacher for many reasons, but I would like to focus on three"

"All the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God" (Is 52:10)

This is the magnificent prophecy which we heard in today's first reading. Isaiah foretells the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all the ends of the earth. This prophecy has a special meaning for us, as we celebrate the canonization of a great missionary of the Gospel, Saint Joseph Vaz. Like countless other missionaries in the history of the Church, he responded to the Risen Lord's command to make disciples of every nation (cf. Mt 28:19). By his words, but more importantly, by the example of his life, he led the people of this country to the faith which gives us "an inheritance among all God's holy ones"



In Saint Joseph we see a powerful sign of God's goodness and love for the people of Sri Lanka. But we also see in him a challenge to persevere in the paths of the Gospel, to grow in holiness ourselves, and to testify to the Gospel message of reconciliation to which he dedicated his life.

As a priest of the Oratory in his native Goa, Saint Joseph Vaz came to this country inspired by missionary zeal and a great love of its people. Because of religious persecution, he dressed as a beggar, performing his priestly duties in secret meetings of the faithful, often at night. His efforts provided spiritual and moral strength to the beleaguered Catholic population. He had a particular desire to serve the ill and suffering. His ministry to the sick was so appreciated by the king during a smallpox epidemic in Kandy that he was allowed greater freedom to minister. From Kandy, he could reach out to other parts of the island. He spent himself in missionary work and died, exhausted, at the age of forty-nine, revered for his holiness.

Saint Joseph Vaz continues to be an example and a teacher for many reasons, but I would like to focus on three. First, he was an exemplary priest. Here today with us are many priests and religious, both men and women, who, like Joseph Vaz, are consecrated to the service of God and neighbour. I encourage each of you to look to Saint Joseph as a sure guide. He teaches us how to go out to the peripheries, to make Jesus Christ everywhere known and loved. He is also an example of patient suffering in the cause of the Gospel, an example of obedience to our superiors, an example of loving care for the Church of God (cf. Acts 20:28). Like ourselves, Saint Joseph Vaz lived in a period of rapid and profound transformation; Catholics were a minority, and often divided within; there was occasional hostility, even persecution, from without. And yet, because he was constantly united with the crucified Lord in prayer, he could become for all people a living icon of God's mercy and reconciling love.

Second, Saint Joseph shows us the importance of transcending religious divisions in the service of peace. His undivided love for God opened him to love for his neighbour; he ministered to those in need, wherever and wherever they were. His example continues to inspire the Church in Sri Lanka today. She gladly and generously serves all members of society. She makes no distinction of race, creed, tribe, status or religion in the service she provides through her schools, hospitals, clinics, and many other charitable works. All she asks in return is the freedom to carry out this mission. Religious freedom is a fundamental human right. Each individual must be free, alone or in association with others, to seek the truth, and to openly express his or her religious convictions, free from intimidation and external compulsion. As the life of Saint Joseph Vaz teaches us, genuine worship of God bears fruit not in discrimination, hatred and violence, but in respect for the sacredness of life, respect for the dignity and freedom of others, and loving commitment to the welfare of all.

Finally, Saint Joseph gives us an example of missionary zeal. Though he came to Ceylon to minister to the Catholic community, in his evangelical charity he reached out to everyone. Leaving behind his home, his family, the comfort of his familiar surroundings, he responded to the call to go forth, to speak of Christ wherever he was led. Saint Joseph knew how to offer the truth and the beauty of the Gospel in a multi-religious context, with respect, dedication, perseverance and humility. This is also the way for the followers of Jesus today. We are called to go forth with the same zeal, the same courage, of Saint Joseph, but also with his sensitivity, his reverence for others, his desire to share with them that word of grace (cf. Acts 20:32) which has the power to build them up. We are called to be missionary disciples.

Dear brothers and sisters, I pray that, following the example of Saint Joseph Vaz, the Christians of this country may be confirmed in faith and make an ever greater contribution to peace, justice and reconciliation in Sri Lankan society. This is what Christ asks of you. This is what Saint Joseph teaches you. This is what the Church needs of you. I commend all of you to the prayers of our new saint, so that, in union with the Church throughout the world, you may sing a new song to the Lord and declare his glory to all the ends of the earth. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised (cf. Ps 96: 1-4)! Amen.



WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH?

Inner Wheel Club - Balmain Group
1st Tuesday of month 6.30pm - 9pm in Hall

St Vincent de Paul Society
Meetings held each 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm in the meeting room connected to the garage.
Contact Gerry Modini on 0418 966 247

Catholic Women's League Five Dock
3rd Friday of month 12.00pm in Parish Hall
For more information please contact Josie on 9713 8610

Italian Prayer Group
Tuesday - 1 pm in Parish Hall
Messa Italiana ogni ultimo martedì del mese
Enquiries: M. Mureddu 9712 2394

Playgroup
9.30am -11.30am in Parish Hall
(not during school holidays)
Wednesday - Antonella 0417 068 323

Choir Practice
All welcome to choir practice in the Church
7.30 pm every Monday.
Ring Maria on 9713 7310

Italian Choir Group
Tuesday -12.30 pm in the Church

Family Mass Choir Practice
Wednesday 7.45pm in Church
All welcome!

Italian Prayer Group - Thursday
In Chiesa, ogni settimana dopo la messa delle nove (9).
Ogni terzo Giovedì del mese l'intenzione è per il Gruppo di Preghiera di Riparazione Eucaristica.
Siete tutti benvenuti!
Enquiries/Per informazioni: Lucia 9713 1800

All welcome!

Sunday 18 JANUARY 2015 - 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

READINGS: 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

SATURDAY 5.30pm	SUNDAY 8.30am	SUNDAY 10am	SUNDAY 6.00pm Youth Mass
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READERS

T. McCabe C. Natoli M. Zol M. Piccolo	K. Hextell R./A. Kirby H. Chow A. Casarotto	P. Gambino H. Gibson R. Salvato	Intro & P/F: Isabella M 1st: Max C Psalm: Chris M 2nd: Jill M
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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

B. Smyth A. Panuccio T. Coghlan K. Smyth M. Virtù M. Tomasello D. Grippi	E. Chesworth M. Chesworth R. Liberatore M. Mureddu R. Pietrobon M. Piccolo J. Livolsi	C. Petrucco N. Ancona S. Carbone L. Moliterno F. Mercuri A. Roberts P. Pavan	Chris M C. Modini W. Florian M. Di Bella A. Di Bella A. Zol A. Bonaccorso
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ALTAR SERVERS

Group 5	Group 2	Group 5	Group 4
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HOME VISITS: J. Livolsi, J. Livolsi, M. Chesworth, P. Pavan

NURSING HOMES:

Visit 22 Jan - **Parkview**: no visit

Visit 23 Jan - **Russell Lea**: no visit

COUNTERS: Group 2

TRANSPORT: Michael, Margaret H, Sue

PIETY STALL: Eleanor C, Mary & Matthew R, Elena

ALTAR SOCIETY: Christine, Barbara, Mary V, Helena, Catherine



NEXT WEEK

Sunday 25 JANUARY 2015 - 3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

READINGS: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

SATURDAY 5.30pm	SUNDAY 8.30am	SUNDAY 10am	SUNDAY 6.00pm Youth Mass
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READERS

F. Hume B. Gallagher M. Fitzpatrick N. Giunta	G. Favotto M. Chesworth M. Coleman N. D'Amico	B. Hayes M. Angelatos A. Kerley	Intro & P/F: Rebecca C 1st: Owen McM Psalm: Jill M 2nd: James C
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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

G. Bonaddio J. Bonaddio V. Radice A. Fabro R. Glover R. Pozzer V. Moschella	M. Hinds M. Coleman G. Favotto Ma. Chesworth C. Mylott J. Walsh B. Walsh	A. Caldareri M. Caldaderi A. Incampo V. Jacobs D. Squadrito A. McMahon E. Ferraro	K. Ommundson A. Kirby A. Biazaro N. Lazzaro L. Parisi M. Zol A. Den
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ALTAR SERVERS

Group 6	Group 1	Group 6	Group 1
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HOME VISITS: L. La Cava, M. Hinds, M. Coleman, E. Ferraro

NURSING HOMES:

Visit 29 Jan - **Parkview**: no visit

Visit 30 Jan - **Russell Lea**: no visit

COUNTERS: Group 3

TRANSPORT: Maria, Tony, Miranda, Tony

PIETY STALL: Sue P

ALTAR SOCIETY: Lorraine F, Lorraine C, Enza, Vicki, Melissa

