

St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Bulletin

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: [1 Samuel 3:3-10,19](#)

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Second Reading: [1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20](#)

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

Gospel: [John 1:35-42](#)

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.



[Readings and Commentaries](#)

PRAYING WITH CHILDREN
SUNDAY LITURGY

Two-Minute Homily

Second
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Dcn Andrew O'Brien



Watch Now

[Two-Minute Homily](#) As we step into the second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Deacon Andrew says, "When we come to the assembly to hear God's Word, he does stoop down to us for he hears our cry. He gives us his Word and his Life."

Recently Deceased

Sonia Morato Fernanoles, Peter Duell, Valentin Lycho

Anniversary

Lesley Parsonage, Peter Tan

Sick

Father Terry, Juliana Ryman, Lorna McConnachie, Philomena Jasoda (Nellie's Mum), Margaret Sullivan, Bernie Knapp, Mary Davidson, Val Bonney, Peter Maher, Ryan Ferguson, Linda Pisano, Jane McMahon, Estelle Frenay, Irene Dards, Toni Bennett, Patricia McClafferty, Kim Murphy

WCCM (Christian Meditation)

Will resume early February. We will be in touch!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mater Dei: Monday & Friday 6 - 7pm

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:

LISTENING TO THE LORD

What are we looking for? What is it we want? They're good questions to ask ourselves occasionally, or indeed, have put to us. It's what Jesus asks Andrew and his friend in the gospel. They respond with another question: 'where do you live?'

It seems they want to learn from him, but implicit in their question are other questions like, who are you and what are you on about, and where do you abide? Jesus responds saying, 'come and see'. They're pretty much the first words spoken by Jesus in John's gospel and it's an invitation: we're invited to do the same.

We might invite those looking for some meaning in their lives to come and see us. Come and see how we relate to one another and welcome newcomers into our church. Are we able to see him in how we relate to one another? Does Jesus abide with us, because this is his promise, if only we are open to it.

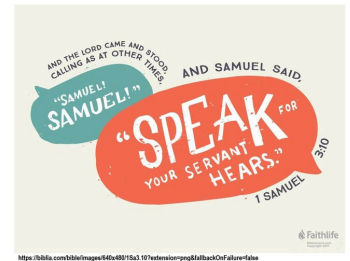
The next day Andrew goes to tell his bother Simon that he has met the Messiah. The day before he had addressed Jesus as Rabbi, now he unexpectedly discovers the truth in what John the Baptist has said, that Jesus is the anointed one, the one on whom the Spirit rests. It's not Peter who calls Jesus the Messiah but Andrew. He's the one who brings people to Jesus; he has the gift of inviting us to come and see. Indeed, the only time he's mentioned in the gospels is in the company of others. We might recognise him in the life of the parish.

Then, when Andrew brings Simon to Jesus he gives him a new name! It indicates a real change in his life, a new relationship with God, a new purpose. However, the 'rock' doesn't emerge till much later because he's as impetuous as ever throughout the gospels, but Jesus sees in him a steadfastness, and similarly, in each one of us. It's the transforming power of God at work in our lives.

In the first reading the Lord comes to the young Samuel who, aided by Eli, is enabled to hear him and take to heart his word. He doesn't dismiss what he hears, but listens to the Lord. Like Jesus, he is the one who listens. As ever, it's the Lord who takes the initiative in coming to us and we have only to respond to his call, wherever we hear it, however unexpectedly.

Finally, in the second reading, Paul lays great store by the body. Our bodies matter to him. Indeed, they're the temple of the Holy Spirit he says, for where else could we experience the Spirit but, in the body, which means not just our own bodies but together in the Church, the body of Christ, we are enabled to do the will of the Lord and, in doing so, to follow him and abide with him. In this is our promise of glory.

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Saint of the Day—Felix was the son of Hermias, a Syrian who had been a Roman soldier.



He was born on his father's estate at Nola near Naples, Italy. On the death of his father, Felix distributed his inheritance to the poor, was ordained by Bishop St. Maximus of Nola, and became his assistant. When Maximus fled to the desert at the beginning of Decius' persecution of the Christians in 250, Felix was seized in his stead and imprisoned. He was reputedly released from prison by an angel, who directed him to the ailing Maximus, whom he brought back to Nola. Even after Decius' death in 251, Felix was a hunted man but kept well hidden until the persecution ended. When Maximus died, the people unanimously selected Felix as their Bishop, but he declined the honor in favor of Quintus, a senior priest. Felix spent the rest of his life on a small piece of land sharing what he had with the poor, and died there on January 14. His tomb soon became famous for the miracles reported there, and when St. Paulinus became bishop of Nola almost a century later (410), he wrote about his predecessor, the source of our information about him, adding legendary material that had grown up about Felix in the intervening century. His feast day is January 14th.

Day/Date	Liturgy	Activity	Venue
Tuesday 16/01/2024	Weekday, Ord Time 2	NO MASS	Mater Dei
Wednesday 17/01/2024	St Anthony, abbot	9am - Mass	SPC
Thursday 18/01/2024	Weekday, Ord Time 2	9am-Mass	SPC
Friday 19/01/2024	Weekday, Ord Time 2	9am - Mass	Mater Dei
Saturday 20/01/2024	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30pm – Mass	Mater Dei
Sunday 21/01/2024		8.00am - Mass	SPC
		9.30 am - Mass	Mater Dei
		5.00pm - Mass	SPC

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FUNERAL SERVICE

A funeral service will be held on Monday 15th January for Peter Duell at St Peter Chanel Church commencing at 10.30am. Please keep the family in your prayers.



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT PARISH RETREAT TO BE HELD ON Saturday 24th February, 2024.

The theme will be 'My stories and callings – the beginning of our Lenten Journey' to be hosted by Paul Jensen (Deacon) and part-time Pastoral Director of the Seminary. Read more on Paul Jensen here—

[https://www.vocationbrisbane.com/](https://www.vocationbrisbane.com/deacons-in-formation-profiles) deacons-in-formation-profiles

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Gentlemen, we are delighted to advise that Deacon Dr Peter Pellicaan will lead the half-day Gathering on 2 March this year. The theme is, 'What does it mean to follow Jesus?'

Two elements will be covered: what does it mean to follow Jesus as a husband, father, uncle and son? and what does it mean to follow the example of Jesus in the workplace, church and the community? There will be plenty of time for discussion and personal reflection.

Peter is Executive Director at Evangelisation Brisbane and a convert to Catholicism. He is passionate about getting Catholics excited about their faith, so that they can live it more fully.

The morning starts at 7am with the traditional cooked breakfast and coffee and concludes at 1pm. The location of the Gathering is the Saint Peter Chanel School (library room), 41 Chaprowe Rd, The Gap. The cost is \$25 and please RSVP Mike on 0459 992 228 before 27 February for catering purposes.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Thank You!

We have just received another bin and this is thanks to all parishioners who have donated the bottles, cans etc. You can also donate wine and spirit bottles and you will find the blue bins situated at the back of the office opposite the hall.



HOME ROSARY

This week's rosary will be said at the home of Pushpa on Monday 15th January. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

FOUND

A ladies silver watch has been found in the carpark at St Peter Chanel. If you are the owner please contact the Parish Office.

LENT 2024/EASTER 2024

Begins on Wednesday February 14, 2024 Ends on Thursday March 28, 2024

'So it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead' Luke 24:46



2024 Columban Catholic Art Calendar

Buy a Catholic calendar from Columban to help support our missionary work. They are available at the back of each church or in the parish office for \$10.