

CATHOLIC PARISH OF APPLECROSS

St Benedict's Church

Newsletter



ISSUE 3

14 JANUARY 2018

2018

26 Jan—Australia Day—Mass @
7.30am—CHURCH
CLOSED AFTER MASS

6 FEB—MASS OF HEALING @ 9AM
FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA

11 FEB— 7.30AM PARISH MORNING
TEA

**HOLY HOUR &
BENEDICTION**
EVERY FRIDAY MORNING
@ 7.30AM

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

OFFICERS:

Karl Brown, Marina Ciccarelli,
Frances Meyerkort, Alana Coffey, Ondine
Komnick, Rodney Dowling



**WELCOME TO NEW
PARISHIONERS**

*Please fill-in a Membership Form which is available from the
turn stand in the foyer of the Church and post or hand-in to the
Parish Office. Thank you*

Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Today we consider the call to discipleship. The readings outline the various stages of this call and provide a sketch of some of the characteristics of each stage: the invitation, the discerning process and the resulting transformation. The call is an invitation from God. It might come to us as inner sensitivity, a kind of a dream or inspiration. Our interest might be captured by a person or an event that first attracts us and then beckons us to investigate further. It can come in the innocence and naivete of childhood, in the vigour of young adulthood, or in the wisdom of years. It comes when God calls.

The second stage involves discernment. Most of us need help recognising moments of religious importance and so we seek out women and men who are practiced in the ways of God, who can help us test the spirit. They might be recognised religious leaders or prophetic guides, or they could be friends or loved ones who know us well and who are also attuned to the workings of God in their own lives.

Finally, when we respond to the call, we discover that we no longer belong solely to ourselves; as disciples, we belong to the body of Christ. We belong to the reign of God; we are now part of the mission of Christ. As disciples, we are called to proclaim to the world the justice of God. What a glorious honour this is!

Living the Gospel – Vocation by Greg Sunter

These days, the word 'vocation' seems to be applied to whatever job someone happens to find themselves in. More traditionally, the word carries with it a sense of undertaking work that has a deliberate purpose about it and that is outwardly focused. Usually, there is a sense that there is 'importance' to the work and that it is linked to God's dream for the world. The Church has tended to use vocation in reference to religious life. The word comes from the Latin, vocare, meaning call or name. Realising to what it is we are called can be one of the great challenges of life.

What is a vocation? If you are looking for a simple definition of a vocation, the literal meaning of the word is a "call."

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rey Odoriso

ANNIVERSARIES: John Pickworth, Nancy Storer, Marion van Kessel, Charles Randall, Alison Oakley, Julie Walton, Ann Williams, Corrado Di Giovanni all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.

Please remember all our ill and sick parishioners in your prayers. Thank you

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MASS TIMES

Wed/Fri: 7.00am
 Tues/Thurs: 9.00am
 Sat: 7.30am
 Sat Vigil: 6.00pm
 Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm

*If Public Holiday falls on Wed/
 Fri, Mass will be celebrated at
 7.30am*

Reconciliation:

Sat: 11am—12noon
 4.30pm—5.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon: 7.30am—6pm
 Tues/Thurs: 9.30am—6pm
 Wed/Fri: 7.30am—6pm
 Sat: 8am—12noon

Rosary Groups:

For the Sick: Mon-7pm
 For Priests & Vocations: Sat-8am
 Cenacle: Thurs-9.30am

Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows:
 Holidays

Baptisms:

Sundays at 11.30am.

Marriages:

By appointment

BENEDICTCARE GROUP

During the month of January, please contact the Parish office if in need of help or assistance.

2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, 14 January 2018, YR B

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
 and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING: 1 Sm 3:3-10.19

A reading from the first book of Samuel
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

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

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.

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON—Cf. Ps 22:5

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

PARISH NOTICES

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS
 Mass will be at 7.30am, all welcome.

THE CHURCH & CHAPEL WILL BE LOCKED AFTER THE MASS.

MASS OF THE ANOINTING—Tuesday, 6 FEB

At the 9am Mass. All are welcome. If you need transport, please contact the Office. Morning tea follows the Mass.

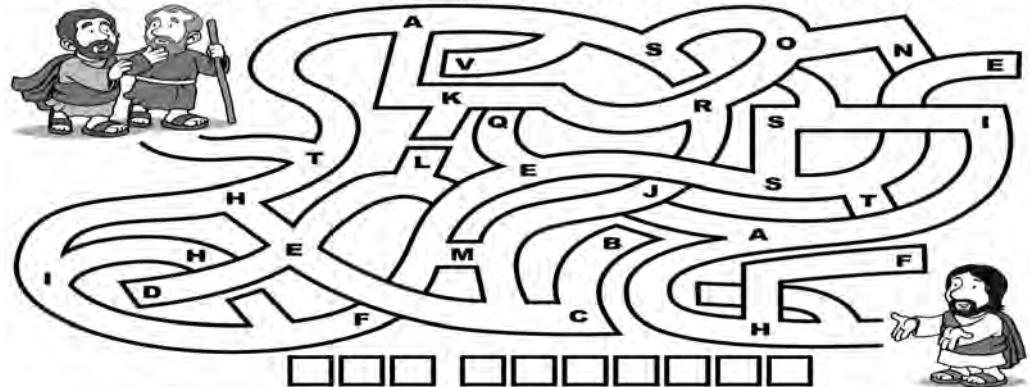
7.30AM PARISH MORNING TEA—11 FEBRUARY

All welcome to come along and join in a cuppa. Please bring a plate to share.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

As Andrew leads Simon to Jesus, enter each letter into the corresponding box below to reveal who they find.



PARISH MINISTRY ROSTERS—20/21 JANUARY 2018

	SAT: 6PM	SUN: 7.30AM	SUN: 9.30AM	SUN: 6PM
ACOLYTE	A. SUDJANA	R. DOWLING	W. VAN ALEBEEK	D. LONGO
ALTAR SERVERS	J & D SETIAWAN	T. DOWLING	S. DOUTCH A. FOLEY T. De SOUZA	C & T FIRTH
COLLECTORS	C & N SETH	T. YOUNG	M. HARRIS L. ORIFICI	C. JOSEPH M. NARDONE
COMMENTATORS	Me REGO	S. HOBDAV	M. HANDYSIDE	B. FUNGA
READERS	E. DIAS O. KOMNICK	E. MUENCHOW G. PULKER	P. CICCARELLI M. CICCARELLI	B. KERMAN J. NORTON
EMOCH	F & B MEY- ERKORT E. O'CONNOR M REGO K. PACYNA	S. ROBERTSON A. SCOTT	M. SANDFORD Jo TAN M. TARANTO R. THORN P. TRUEMAN	M. WELSH J. GARDNER P. DORAY Y VAN DER BURG M. CINANNI
ALTAR SOCIETY	MRS C. DALLA COSTA	MRS A NAN- KIVELL	MRS C VALLINI	MISS F VALLINI
COUNTERS	J & M CINANNI	N & D THOMAS	J D'CRUZ	
PILGRIM STATUE	R & E FEW			

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS PILGRIMAGE MAY 2018

The 16-day pilgrimage departing on 16th of May, 2018, for an all-inclusive New Year offer of \$5,490. To avail the early bird offer you can reserve your seats with an initial deposit of \$500—ends on 31st of January, 2018. For further details or queries call Magi Pilgrimages on 03 8562 2246 or email:

pilgrim-age@magiholidays.com.au

Readings for next week **3rd SUNDAY IN ORD TIME, YR B**

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10
 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 7: 29-31
 Gospel: Mk 1:14-20