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SUNDAY MASSES: Livestream 10am

WEEKDAY MASSES: Livestream Mon – Sat 10am

Adoration: Livestream Mon 6pm

CONFESSIONS: Please contact Fr Ghislain

Baptisms: Speak to Fr Ghislain

Marriages: Please speak to Fr Ghislain. Please note 6 months' notice is required.

Sunday 17th January 2021 2nd Sunday Year B

First Reading: Samuel 3:3-10,19

Responsorial Psalm: *Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will*

Second Reading Corinthians 6: 13-15, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Reflection on 2nd Sunday of Liturgical B

The readings from the First Book of Samuel and the Gospel of John all involve call and response. The first reading shows what many people think the call of God is like – a booming voice telling us what to do. John's Gospel is more subtle. The earliest apostles are called in two ways and neither of them involves loud voices with grand requests. Andrew follows Jesus because of what John the Baptist says. Simon Peter comes to Jesus through his brother Andrew's recommendation.

What these readings collectively indicate is the various ways in which people are drawn into life and service of God. Sometimes because we want certainty, we hope and long for a more dramatic indication of God's will. Some people get it. But, mostly the experience of Andrew and Simon Peter is more common. We follow our desires, play our guesses and pursue that which intrigues us. As time goes on, our experience indicates the path that will lead to the most hopeful, faithful and loving choice. What is especially encouraging about the Gospel is that Andrew goes after whatever it is that Jesus has. He experiences Jesus' company for a day and then becomes his recruiting officer.

In so many ways, of course, things are different for us now. Rather than us seeking out where Jesus lives, we are given opportunities to experience his life and invite him to come and make home with us. But whatever the differences in the process, the end result is the same. Just as

Samuel, Andrew and Peter could have no idea where their response to God's call would lead them, so we cannot either. All we know is that it will cost us something, maybe everything. Responding to God's call in Christ is not for the faint-hearted and we shouldn't pretend it is. It involves loving our enemies, working for peace, forgiving those who have wronged us, and making the world a just place for all God's children. If these charges make no claim on us in our daily lives, then chances are wasted, we are listening to voices that endlessly give us the runaround, rather than being hooked up to the source of life that makes sense and gives meaning to all our connections in this world and the next.

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you
In the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Weekly Offering

Your financial support of the Parish in recent months has been appreciated and I would ask you to please continue to show your support during this latest lockdown.

If you wish to donate your weekly offering to the parish online, below are the parish bank details.

Account Name: RCDM St Monica's
Sort Code: 83 17 13
Account Number: 00163062

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Dead: Fr. Patrick (Eric) Hunter, John Graham, Mary Higgins, Archbishop Philip Tartaglia, Bishop Vincent Logan

Sick: Leigh McKennan, John Clenaghan, Jean Graham, James Carr, Linda Webb, James McLaughlin, Isabelle Marshall, Mrs Cecelia Greig, Mrs Ann & Mr John McShane, Mrs Elizabeth McKenna, Mr Jim Docherty, Mary Forsyth, Mary & Joseph Cope

Months Mind: Francis, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret, Rose & Anne McGeehan, Catherine & James McDonald, Moira Skillin, Ann Sood, Sheila Kennedy & Charlotte Costello, Michael McMurray, Colette Kelly, Margaret Reilly, Pat, Mary & Fr John McMurray, The McMurray Family, Thomas & Rose Tiernan, Denis Leonard, Robert & Anthony Clarke, James, Elizabeth, John & Isabella Docherty, Alice Rea

Anniversaries: William Reilly, Christina Duffy & Sarah Drummond, Tommy Reynolds, Rosemary O'Neill, Bridie Docherty



During the lockdown you will still be able to join us daily by following the mass live via Facebook and You Tube at 10am.

