



# ST JOSEPH'S MALVERN *stepping out in faith and trust*

UNDER THE CARE OF THE VINCENTIAN COMMUNITY

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## 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B 17th January 2021

### FIRST READING:

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

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

### ST JOSEPH'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

*St Joseph's Malvern is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.*

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

## **SECOND READING:**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.*

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

## **GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.*

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

## **ACCOMMODATION IN THE MALVERN AREA SOUGHT**

A mature gentleman is looking for either shared accommodation or a granny flat in the Malvern area. He is well known to me. Please contact Fr. Alan on either 0410 894 651 or email [agibson@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:agibson@stjosephsmalvern.org.au) if you can help.

# Message from Fr Alan



## WEEKEND MASSES

Weekend Masses will recommence in the Parish from this weekend 16/17 January. There will be two masses offered – Saturday at 6.00pm and Sunday at 10.00am both at St Joseph's Church Malvern. Numbers are limited to **70** people per Mass. Everyone attending is asked to be there around 20 minutes before Mass commences. Also, everyone attending will be asked to use the QR Code. Volunteers will be on hand to assist those who do not have a smartphone or just need help using it.

**THERE IS NOW NO NEED TO PRE-BOOK TO ATTEND A WEEKEND MASS DURING JANUARY. WE ARE ONLY GOING TO USE THE QR CODE FOR ALL ATTENDEES. PLEASE NOTE WE ARE STILL LIMITED TO 70 PER MASS.**

*Please note that under the latest guidelines from the Victorian Government as of 31 December 2020 (<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/face-masks>) the wearing of face masks is once again compulsory when entering the Church. This applies to attending Church on both weekdays and weekends. Children under the age of 12 and those who have medical reasons are exempt.*

## ANOINTING MASSES

At this stage due to current restrictions it is not possible to return to the monthly Anointing Masses that we were having in the Parish prior to COVID-19. This situation will be monitored to see when a return to having Mass which includes Anointing of the Sick might be possible.

## RETURN TO CABRINI HOSPITAL CHAPEL FOR MASSES

A few weeks ago I had a conversation with Pastoral Care Services at Cabrini Hospital about a possible return to the Chapel for Masses at Cabrini on both Thursday at midday and Saturday evening at 6.00pm. I mentioned that any request for a return would need to allow a minimum of 10 days' notice so that all parishioners can be informed. No date has been set at this stage. Again I will keep you updated on this situation.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION 2021

Preparation dates for the first half of 2021 are as follows:

February 18<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>  
@ 7.30pm.

For parents who are looking to have their pre-school and/or school age child/ren baptised at St Joseph's Malvern in 2021, please see the Baptism Preparation sessions for 2021 below:

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 4.00pm or  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 4.00pm**

For further details please contact the Parish Office on 9401 6390 or [info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au)



## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

### PLEASE NOTE!

The Parish Office is still closed until further notice.

Chris and Kerri Anne are both still working from home due to government restrictions.

**Chris can be reached on 0401 112 380 or  
[info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au)**

Anyone seeking assistance from the Parish Office is asked to please contact Fr Alan on 94016391 beforehand to arrange a time.



ThisDays  
**Thought**  
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Father; let me hold Your hand and like a child, walk with You down all my days,  
secure in Your love and in Your strength.

*Thomas a Kempis*

**CDF**  
**pay for Parishes**

The COVIDSafe way to pay your Stewardship contributions is with CDFpay.

Link: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMalvern>

## TAP MACHINE

Your Stewardship and loose collection contributions can be made this way if you do not have any Stewardship envelopes at the moment.

Donations to the Parish can also be made using the tap machine.





## JOCARE MONTHLY SOCIAL GATHERING

*Everyone is welcome*



Date: **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Place: Lawn area between Presbytery and church

Time: 10.00am-12noon

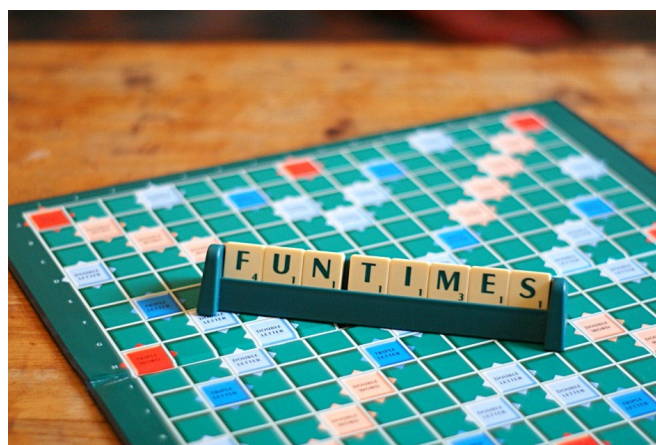
Under Government guidelines we are able to gather outside. A COVID-19 safe plan will be in place.

Welcome back to the new year. Let us hope and trust that it will be kind to us all.

I am back at work at my dining room table. Due to government restrictions I am unable to return to the office, but will be there occasionally on a as needs basis.

Thank you to everyone who supported JoCare in 2020. It was a year of reinventing ourselves and reaching out to others through different approaches.

There will be time for our usual Cuppa, chat and games, weather permitting at our gathering. Many of us haven't been able to connect for almost twelve months, it will be good to see some familiar faces and share our stories.



If you require transport please Phone: 0403 572 440.

Transport provision is limited due to government restrictions.



# Calendar of Events

## **JANUARY 2021**

17 Mass @ 10.00am	18	19	20	21	22	23 Mass @ 6.00pm
24 Mass @ 10.00am	25 Parish Office Closed	26 Parish Office Closed	27	28	29	30 Mass @ 6.00pm
31 Mass @ 10.00am						

## **FEBRUARY 2021**

	1	2 JoCare Gathering	3	4	5	6 Mass @ 6.00pm
7 Mass @ 10.00am	8	9	10	11	12	13 Mass @ 6.00pm
14 Mass @ 10.00am	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18 Baptism Preparation	19	20 Mass @ 6.00pm
21 Mass @ 10.00am	22	23	24	25	26	27 Mass @ 6.00pm
28 Mass @ 10.00am						

# Safeguarding Matters



## SAFEGUARDING CODE OF CONDUCT AND VOLUNTEERS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

If you are having trouble downloading and/or unable to print either of these forms please contact Chris on 0401 112 380 or [info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au)

Message from Fr Alan:  
I am grateful to all volunteers for all they do and acknowledge that there are volunteers in our parish community who have generously served our parish community for many years with great integrity.

The signing of these forms simply represents a commitment by our parish to effectively safeguard our children and young people.

## Climate Action Tips



Two more practical steps to consider this week for sustainability are as follows:

1. Actively work to reduce your family's carbon footprint. Use carbon tracking tools available online.
2. Time to invest in high efficiency appliances, hot water, furnace and air conditioning systems.

### THE SAPLING

Michael McGirr

*Loving God, we thank you for the gift of  
new growth.*

*For the people who never give up.  
For the ones who look after the sick.  
For those who insist that black lives  
matter.*

*For those who bring food to those who  
can't leave home.*

*They are all like saplings, small plants  
that point to a bigger future.*

*We thank you for the call to new growth  
in our own lives,*

*To new commitment, to fresh honesty, to  
deeper love.*

*Be with us as we begin to branch out.  
Make us stronger.*

*Amen.*

# ***Fr Alan's Reflection***

## **CHOICES**

In the year before I entered the seminary, I had told the Director of Vocations for the Vincentian Fathers and Brothers that I was ready. I filled out the application, obtained the required references and gave it all to him. Then I began to experience doubts as to whether I had made the right decision. I was restless for weeks. I then told this to the Director of Vocations who simply responded by saying he would hold on to the application until I was certain that this is what I really wanted. A couple of weeks after I had a friend at home, and I was sharing my struggles with him. I had not expected him to help me solve my indecision at that time. I just wanted to share honestly with someone who I trusted what was happening to me. I had not bargained on what was to subsequently take place. My friend responded by telling me about a book he had been recently given called *The Hound of Heaven*. When I asked what it was about, I was told it was about a person whom God was calling to follow him, but this person was resisting and only found peace when he surrendered to God's will. I was moved by this story and asked my friend if I could borrow the book? When I read it, I knew the story in the book was the story of my life at that time and that God, firstly through my friend, and secondly through the book, was really speaking to me. I then knew that it was only in surrendering to God that I would find peace and make the decision that was right for me.

This Sunday's Readings are all about call and response. We are all called by God and our primary vocation as Christians is to seek out the voice of God in our lives. As I share part of my story, I am sure that many of you could also relate a story when you felt that God was really speaking to you too. It does not necessarily have to relate to the question of what am I to do with my life? It could be more immediate concerns that are also of importance like family relationships, handling finances, changing jobs, exercising current responsibilities or reconciling with someone.

In the First Reading we are told that it was through the help of his father Eli that Samuel recognized the voice of the Lord in his life. He gladly surrenders to God by expressing that beautiful prayer which hopefully is our prayer too, 'Speak Lord your servant is listening.'

My story is about a vocation to the priesthood, but it is not the most important thing. What is most vital is contained in the words of St Paul in our Second Reading today where he tells us that we are called to spend our lives giving glory to God. Samuel grew to become a great prophet not because he was better than anyone else but simply because he was in tune with God. We find out how to do that when we respond to Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See.' When Jesus spoke those words to John and Andrew in the Gospel, he was not trying to show them a standard of accommodation but instead was inviting them to dwell and remain in his presence. If we approach prayer with that disposition and really try to listen, then God's will for our lives will become known to us and we will discover the happiness and peace that we seek.



**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Readings: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22**

**Fasting**

Today we hear how the disciples of John the Baptist in today's Gospel and the Pharisees are upset with the disciples of Jesus because they did not fast. Fasting was one of the three most important religious duties in the time of Jesus. The others were prayer and almsgiving. Fasting is traditionally a part of Jewish observance. It is seen as a means to subdue the flesh, humble oneself and implore God's mercy. For some, as with many practices imposed out of fear and strict social code, it has become a show and lost its meaning. Fasting is done for the sake of conversion and penance.

What is at stake here is more a question of why one should fast. Jesus told John's disciples and the Pharisees that the standard for fasting must have God at their centre rather than a mere code of piety and this is the newness of His message.

Fasting should lead towards greater generosity and love of others. This in turn informs the way we should pray. This is the new wineskin that Jesus talks about.



**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Readings: Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28**

**What takes precedence**



The Pharisees in today's Gospel confronted Jesus on the issue of keeping the Sabbath day holy. It is said that Sabbath rest is meant to be a time to remember and celebrate God's goodness and the goodness of His work both in creation and redemption; a day set apart for the praise of God, His work of creation and saving actions on our behalf. It is to bring everyday work to a halt and to provide needed rest and refreshment. Jesus' disciples are scolded by the scribes for plucking and eating corn from the fields on the day of Sabbath. Jesus responds by arguing from the Scriptures. He points out that human need has precedence over ritual custom. He says: "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. That is why the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Today's Gospel reminds us not to get so caught in rituals and customs that we overlook what is most essential. Having God at the centre of our lives must take precedence over all that we do.

**Wednesday 20th January 2021**

**Readings: Hebrews 7:1-3,15-17; Mark 3:1-6**

**Doing the good**

In today's Gospel we find Jesus entering the synagogue once again to attend a synagogue service during the Sabbath. Whilst there he performed a miracle of healing the man with a withered hand. The man probably was not only physically unwell but also poor as his

withered hand would have stopped him from working to support his family.

The Pharisees were uncharitable both towards Jesus and the man who needed healing. They attempted to intimidate Jesus by accusing him of wilfully breaking the Sabbath. However, as we heard their intimidation did not stop Jesus from doing good work and to help the man restore to his health.

We are called live life to the fullest by doing good work and devoting it to Christ. This is what matters most now. Once again, we are reminded that having God at the centre of our lives should take precedence over anything else. Where doing the good and winning the approval of others conflict, then doing the good must win out because this is what Jesus always did.



**Thursday 21st January 2021**

**Feast of St Agnes, Martyr**

**Readings: Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Mark 3:7-12**

**On whose terms?**

In the last part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus strongly warning the unclean spirits not to make him known. In declaring him to be the Son of God these unclean spirits were not seeking to praise Jesus but rather to undermine him.

They wanted God but on their terms. Sometimes we can do that too, not necessarily in the same willful way as we have just heard today but do we do it in other ways? Faith can be ok but what happens to our faith if it conflicts with either our socio-political or moral agendas? The temptation can be to paint a picture of God to our liking rather than allowing God to challenge us when these things come up.

There are three groups in today's Gospel. Firstly, there are the committed disciples who are genuinely struggling to accept God on God's terms by accepting Jesus' invitation to follow him. Secondly, there are the crowds who follow Jesus out of curiosity perhaps staying around solely because they hope to see another miracle. Thirdly there are the condemned unclean spirits. The Gospel asks us where do we stand within these three groups? How well do we approach our relationship with God? Do we allow God to be God and seek to live our lives on his terms?

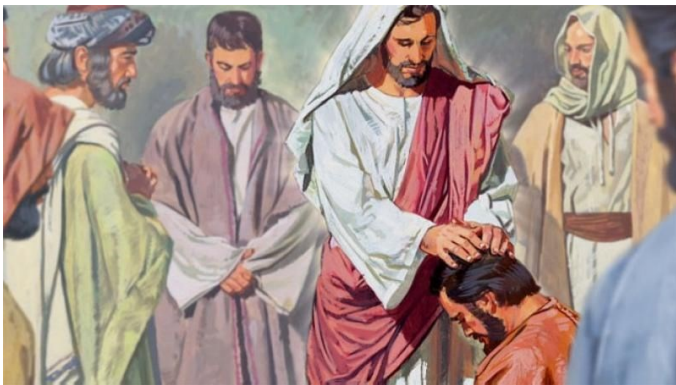




**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021**

**Readings: Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19**

**Decisions**



Today's Gospel tell us that Jesus went up the mountain to pray before choosing the twelve. The twelve alludes to the twelve tribes of Israel and points to the eschatological people of God's Kingdom. The mountain represented Jesus' preferred place of prayer and on this occasion, Jesus spent time there before making the significant decision of who would share in his ministry of preaching and healing.

Where do we go when faced with having to make a significant decision? Is spending time in prayer part of this? In choosing disciples to share his life and mission Jesus chose to be in need of us. Therefore, we can pray with confidence as we come before a God who always wishes to be in relationship with us. If we hand over our will to his, God will always help us in making good decisions at the significant moments in our lives.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021**

**Readings: Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14;**

**Mark 3:20-21**

**Understanding change in others**

Today's Gospel reading is the shortest in the whole liturgical calendar. Jesus had returned to Nazareth where he had grown up. It tells that the relatives of Jesus thought that he was out of his mind. Perhaps they could not reconcile the Jesus who they had grown up with, who had lived a quiet life in Nazareth, with the Jesus they were seeing at that point. In wanting to take charge of him it seems that they could not accept the fact that he had changed.

Witnessing others change can be quite confronting particularly when it also represents a change in our relationship with them. Sometimes we don't like what we see, and we can just want the person concerned to go back to the way they were before. However, that is not possible just as it was not possible for Jesus once he had left his hometown of Nazareth to begin his public ministry. Rather than seeking to control others when this happens, I believe all we can do is wish them well and offering whatever support we can whether we end up remaining a part of their lives or not.



St Patrick's Cathedral Concert

# THOMAS HEYWOOD, organ

Friday 5 February 2021 6pm - 7pm

Works by

Bach, Elgar, Verdi, Grieg, Tchaikovsky, Guilmant, Cocker & Mulet



Tickets \$25.00

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## SENIOR WORDSEARCH

# Here I am Lord

1 Sm 3:4-10, 19  
Ps 40:1 & 3ab, 8 & 11, R, 8a & 9a  
Jn 1:35-42

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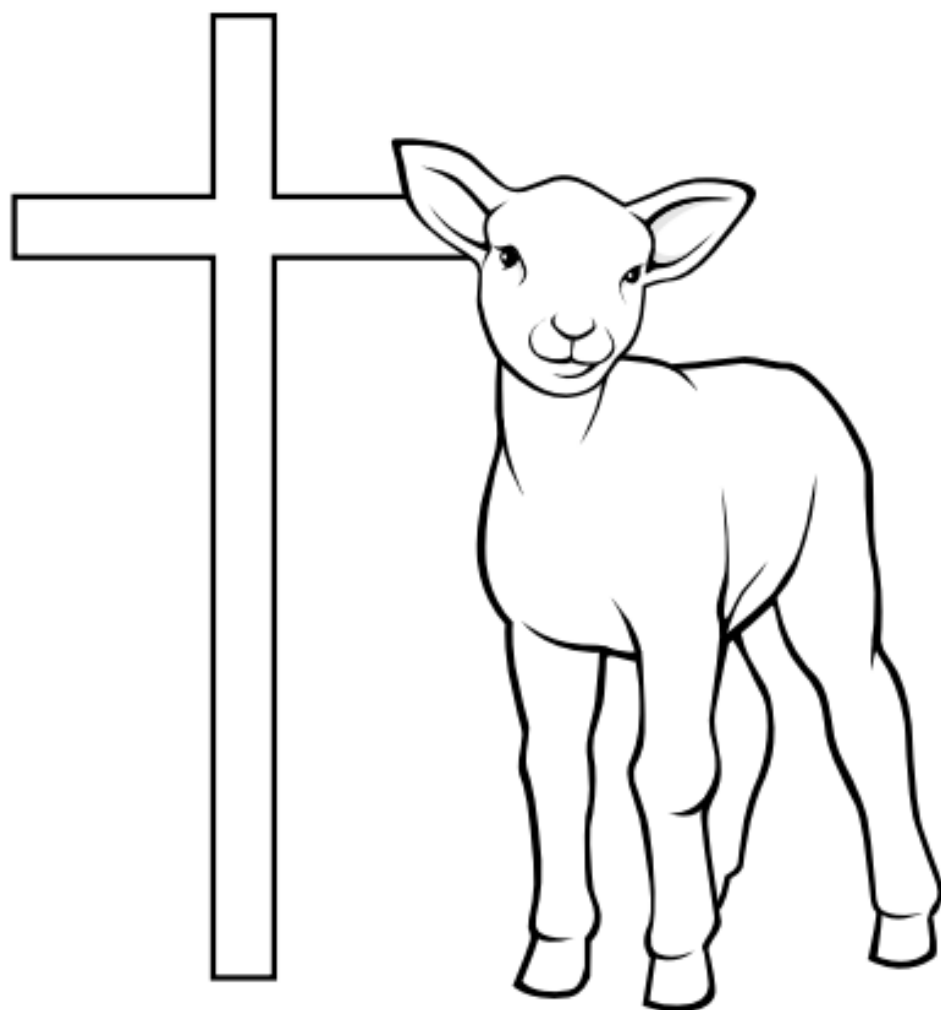
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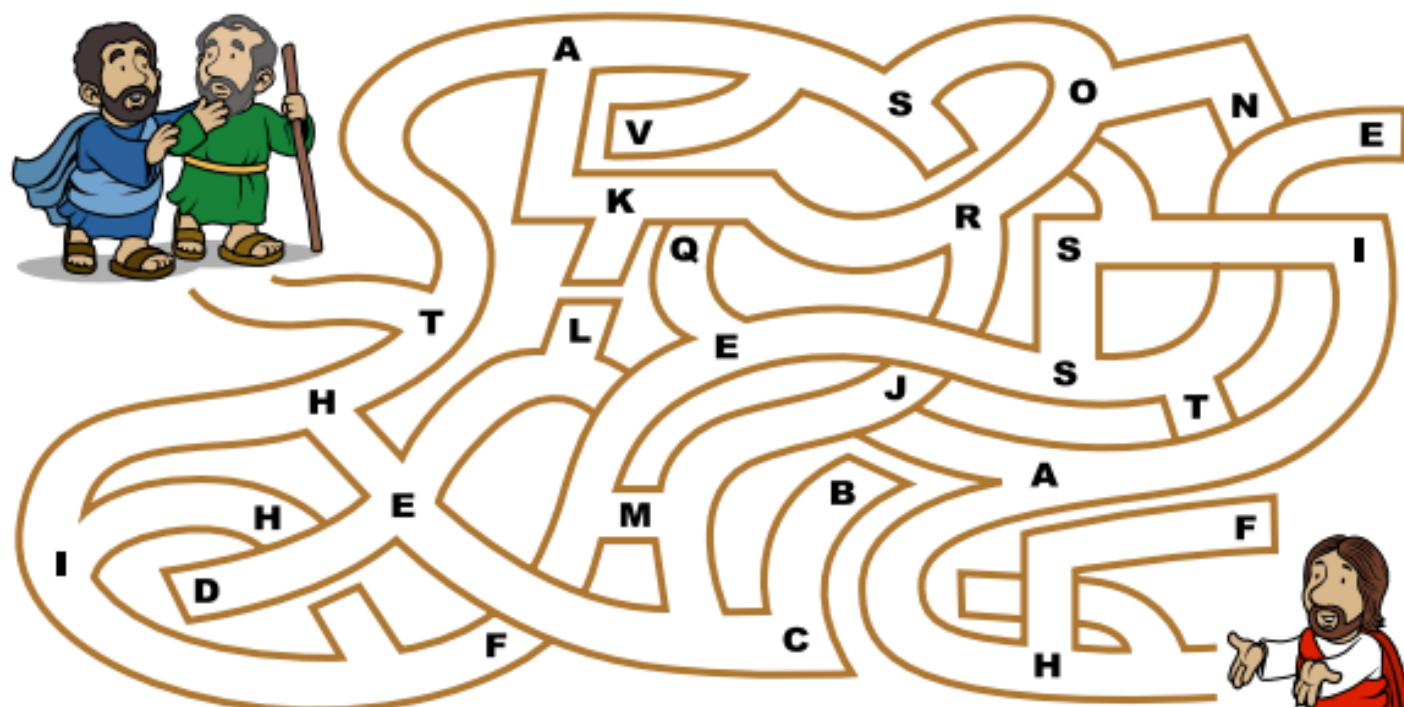
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# Here is the Lamb of God

John the Baptist called Jesus the Lamb of God. In Jesus' time, lambs were often used as sacrifices to please God. Jesus would eventually sacrifice his life for us. Colour in the picture.



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



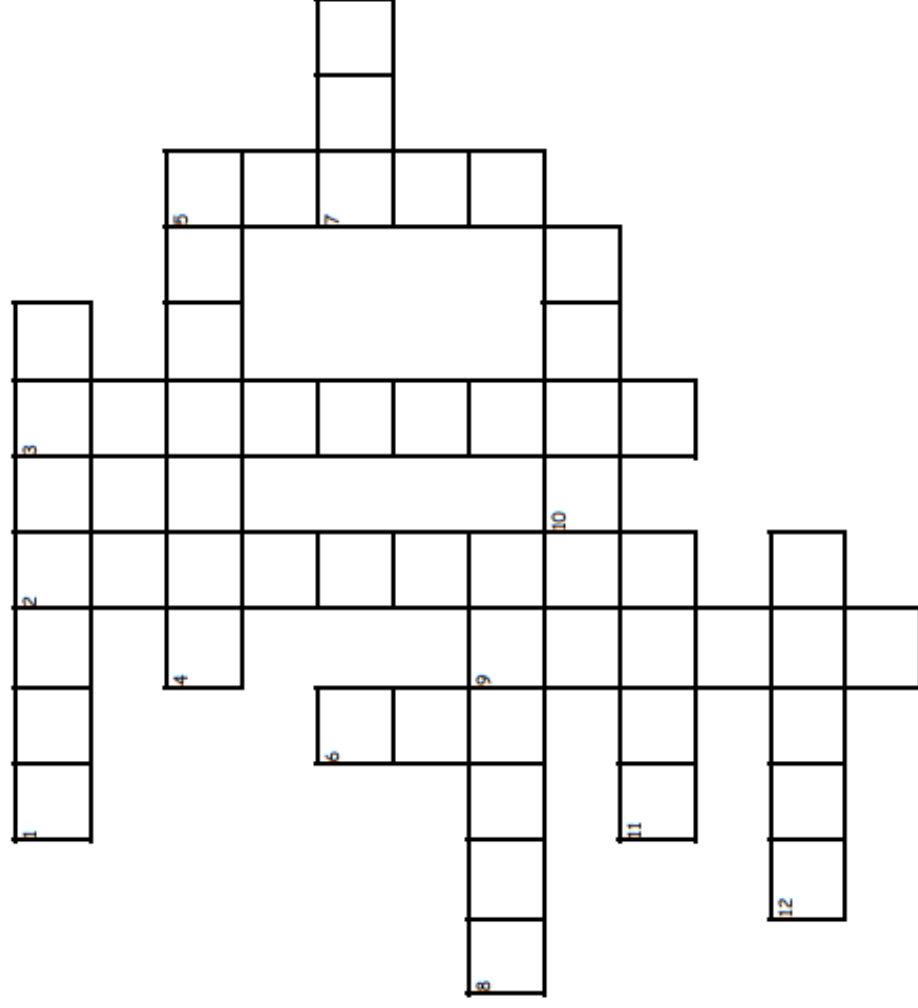
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# CROSSWORD

## Here I am Lord

1 Sm 3:4-10, 19  
Ps 40:1 & 3ab, 8 & 11, R, 8a & 9a  
Jn 1:35-42



### Across

- 1: the Saviour, God's chosen one
- 4: Andrew was Simon Peter's \_\_\_\_\_
- 7: where you sleep
- 8: this word means 'Messiah'
- 10: Samuel did not realise that the \_\_\_\_\_ was speaking to him
- 11: what we are called or known by
- 12: Jesus told Simon he would be known by this name

### Down

- 2: one who serves
- 3: the time of day between noon and evening
- 5: this Hebrew word means 'teacher'
- 6: Samuel thought that this person was calling him
- 9: the Lord spoke to this person

## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH—Mass Times



### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil—6.00pm (St Joseph's)

Sunday—10.00am (St Joseph's)

### Weekday Masses

Monday—NO MASS

Tuesday—MASS ONLINE

Wednesday—MASS ONLINE

Thursday—MASS ONLINE

Friday—MASS ONLINE

### Reconciliation

by appointment only

## PLEASE NOTE!!

All Mass Intentions are being said by Fr Alan each morning at a private Mass.



Parish Office is closed until further notice.

Please ring, 9401 6390 before you stop by to make sure there is someone in attendance.

## CHURCH OPEN

The Church is NOW OPEN for weekend Masses at 6.00pm Saturday and 10.00am Sunday.

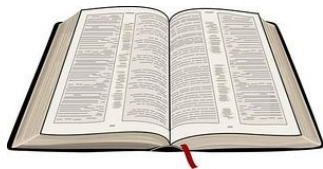
Unfortunately, personal visits to the Church are still not permitted until further notice.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:3-10.19

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20

GOSPEL: John 1:35-42



### Next Sunday's Readings

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jonah 3:1-5.10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20



## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### BAPTISM:

THE SICK: Fiona Egan, Frances Cushing, Barbara Westcott, Janet Murphy

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Kath Egan, Darcy O'Bree, Nicola Bufalo



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 16 January Kath Egan (an)

Sunday 17 January Darcy O'Bree (an)

Tuesday 19 January

Wednesday 20 January

Thursday 21 January

Friday 22 January

Saturday 23 January Nicola Bufalo (an)

If you are wanting to book a Mass Intention, please call the Parish Office on 9401 6390 or [info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au)

## Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional land of the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people and offer our respects to the elders past, present and future. We recognise and respect the cultural heritage of this land.