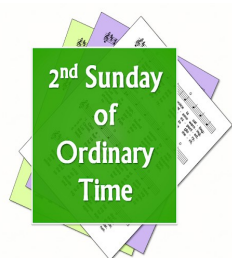


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Second Sunday in  
Ordinary time  
Year B

16th/17th  
January, 2021

### In a nutshell

John points out to two of his disciples that Jesus is passing by, and they follow Jesus.

It is late afternoon, and by evening they are sure they have found the Messiah.

Andrew tells his brother, Simon, and takes him to meet Jesus. Just being with Jesus confirms their desire to stay with him. We too can stay with Jesus, and our love and our faith will be strengthened.

### Today's Readings

*1 Samuel 3:3-10.19* The Lord called  
*1 Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20* Body of Christ  
*John 1:35-42* Come and see



Following the anticipation and excitement of Advent and Christmas, we find ourselves in Ordinary Time. This liturgical year, the majority of the gospel readings in Ordinary Time will come from Mark. One of the exceptions is the gospel for this Sunday, where we read from the first chapter of John. Two disciples of John the Baptist, hearing John's proclamation "Behold, the Lamb of God" as Jesus walked by are intrigued. They approach Jesus and ask him, "Where are you staying?" Instead of answering directly, Jesus responds, "Come, and you will see."

As readers of this story, we do not learn where Jesus is staying, but we are told that the men follow Jesus there and then stay with him that day. In each of the gospels, Jesus' closest followers share his days, moving throughout the land of Israel preaching healing the sick, and eating with sinners and outcasts. They came to know Jesus not only through his words but more importantly through his actions. In his book *Into His Likeness*, Edward Sri writes that in Jesus' time "disciples were known for walking behind their rabbi, following him so closely that they would be covered with the dust kicked up from his sandals...Disciples were expected to follow their rabbi so closely that they would be covered with their master's whole way of thinking, living, and acting."

As we enter into the season of Ordinary Time, we are also invited to live deeper into our relationship with Jesus by sharing our days with him. And we're welcomed to live the gospel once again along with Jesus' closest disciples as they follow in his footsteps and answer his invitation to "come, and you will see."

**Entrance antiphon:** May all the earth give you worship and praise, and break into song to your name, O God, Most High.

**Response to the psalm:** Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and Grace.

<b>Readers</b>		<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	
<b>Saturday Vigil January</b>	Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator) Sr Jan O'Neil & John Betros	<b>Vigil 5pm January</b>	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) Michael Zador & others
<b>Sunday 7.00 am January:</b>	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost	<b>Sunday 7.00 am January</b>	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Gary Keating
<b>Sunday 9.30 am January 17th</b>	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Adele Cornale	<b>Sunday 9.30 am January:</b>	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.
<b>Church Cleaners</b> Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.		<b>Sunday 6pm</b>	Andrew Poidevin Paula O'Connor.
<b>Money Counters—Parish Office</b>		<b>Sacristy &amp; Altar</b> Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller	
<b>January 17th:</b> Group 1	<b>January 24th:</b> Group 2	<b>Altar Flowers</b> Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
<b>January 31st:</b> Group 3	<b>February 7th:</b> Group 4	<b>Piety Stall</b> (5pm Vigil Mass) Carol Miller	

<b>Mass Offerings:</b>	<b><i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i></b>
<b>Recently Deceased:</b>	<b>Frank Bowman( Fr Terry's brother), Brother Kevin Guthrie msc, John Stirrat, Marcus Manning, Amicca Samkara,Tony Giuffre.</b>
<b>Other Deceased:</b>	<b>Barbara McCormack,</b> Eileen and Paul McMahon, Kit and Bill Fitzpatrick, the Fitzpatrick family, Muriel and Bill Knight, Toni Barry, John Vonwiller.
<b>Sick:</b>	John Cavanagh, Janet Neenan, Goretti McMonagle Anna Zabourek, Hayley Connery ( <i>Ireland</i> ), Rob Williams, June Ferguson, Fay Wilcox, Chris Simpson, Alex Campbell, Paula Hudson, Anne Stirling, Neil Thornton, Marian Moreno, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Chris Schneider, Therese Warfield, Paul Evans, Owen O'Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick, Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood, Joan Edwards, Judy Chock, Fay Mather.

<b>Where can I watch Mass, if I am still unable to attend in person because of the COVID-19 restrictions?</b>
St Mary's Cathedral will continue to live-stream the 10:30am Solemn Mass every Sunday while the restrictions continue as well as various other services throughout the week. Check the website for regular updates. <a href="https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/">https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/</a> Mass For You at Home is broadcast on Channel 10 each Sunday from 6am. There are several live-streaming services for daily Mass both locally and from around the English-speaking world.

<b>St Brigid's Parish Information</b>	
<b>Mass Times</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm</b>
<b>Morning Tea Weekday Masses</b>	Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass (NOT during Covid19) <b>Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9.30 am</b>
<b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sacrament of Anointing</b>	During 9.30am Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month
<b>Baptisms</b>	By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month, <b><i>after 9.30am Family Mass.</i></b>
<b>Marriages</b>	<b>Saturdays</b> , by appointment, arranged at least six months in advance.
<b>Parish Office:</b>	<b>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; Thursday: 9am to 3pm.</b> <b>Phone 9315 7562.</b> <b>(For pastoral emergencies, contact Fr Phil 0420 329 731)</b>

### St Brigid's This Week & Beyond

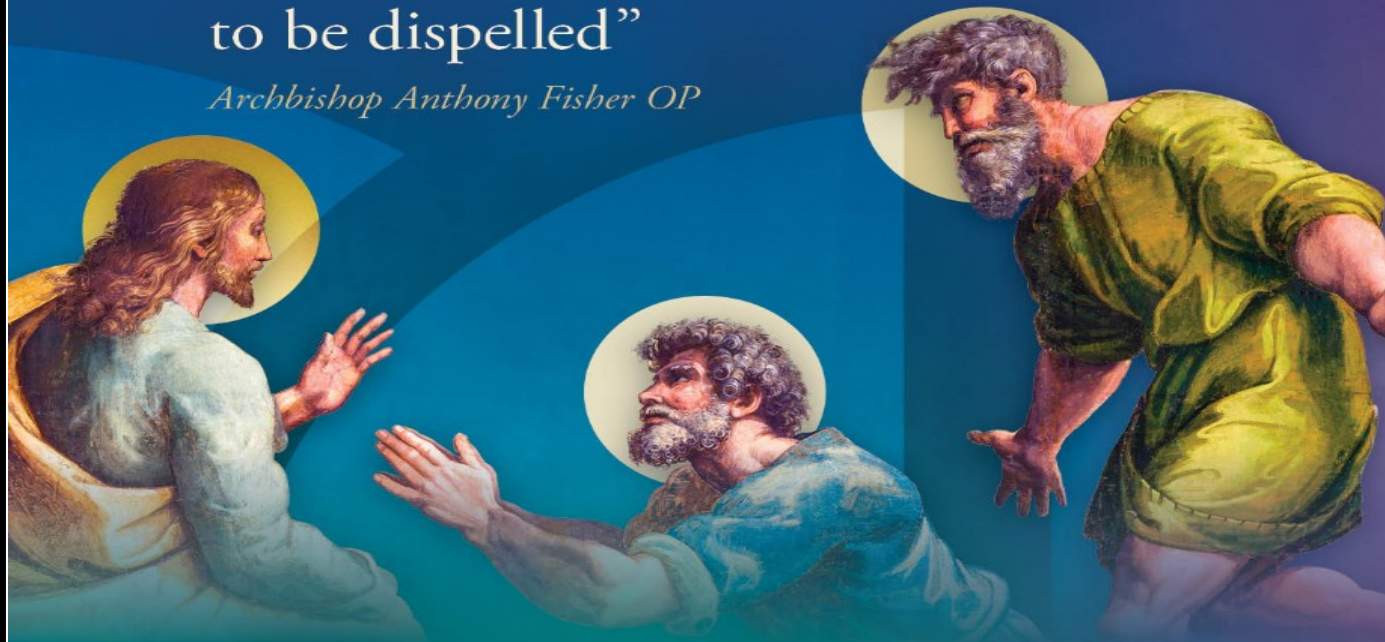
Last Sunday St Brigid's held the solemn Mass of the Baptism of the Lord on the anniversary of the Centenary of the Death of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady. Due to Covid restrictions, attendance at this Mass was limited to 100 people. We are grateful to all those involved in preparing this special mass. A full recording of the Mass is available to watch on the recently launched Eileen O'Connor website at this address: [www.eileenconnor.com.au](http://www.eileenconnor.com.au)

I hope you are all enjoying the sunshine and the students and teachers are enjoying the holidays. To those visiting Sydney, welcome to our community. If you wish to make a donation we have a tap donation machine in our church foyer. The parish office is now open with the exception of Wednesdays ( for January only) should you have any enquires please feel free to call 9315 7562.

Thank you to you all for adhering to the new Covid restrictions, I appreciate wearing a mask during mass is not comfortable for everyone but we will continue to support and pray for those effected by this pandemic.

“ Like the first disciples, some of us are worshippers, some doubters, some a bit of both. Like them, we need to draw close to Jesus if our doubts are to be dispelled”

*Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP*



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All attendees must sanitise their hands when entering and leaving the church with sanitiser provided. Please sit only with those in your household and leave at least 2 spaces between yourself and other families. Congregational singing is no longer allowed and masks are compulsory. Children under the age of 12 are exempt from this rule, but are encouraged to wear face masks where practicable.





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**St Brigid's Parish Coogee Safeguarding Officer is Sharon Waller.**