



# Newsletter

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

15 January 2017

## Gospel Jn 1:29-34

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

*This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

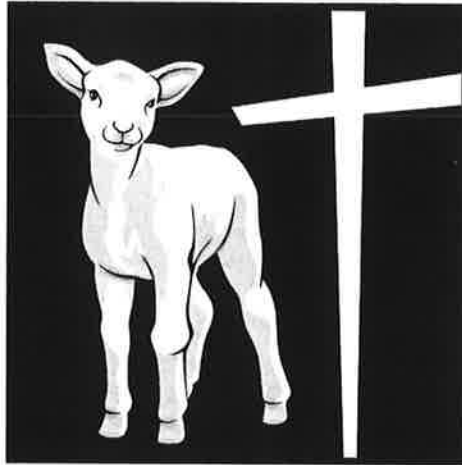
*The Gospel of the Lord.*

## Reflection

*by Michael Tate*

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of people: 'holier than thou'! It means being so close to God that God's holiness rubs off.

*We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off.*



*Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'you are my beloved son/daughter'. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God.*

*So, if St Paul were writing to us today, as he did to the Corinthians, this is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'*

*But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. How is the 'togetherness' held together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome, currently Pope Francis.*

*We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul's greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'*

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## First Reading Is 49:3, 5-6

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

*'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'*

*The word of the Lord.*

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.**

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

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (R.)

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R.)

4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

## Second Reading 1 Cor 1:1-3

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

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

*The word of the Lord.*

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:14. 12

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.*

*He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.*

*Alleluia!*

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Sun 15 Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass
Mon 16 Jan	9.15am	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
Tues 17 Jan St Anthony	8.30am 9.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
	10.30am	Mass of Christian Burial for Joe Costa
Wed 18 Jan	7.00am	Mass
Thurs 19 Jan	9.15am	Mass
Fri 20 Jan	8.30am 9.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Sat 21 Jan St Agnus	9.00am 9.30am 5.00pm	Mass Benediction & Reconciliation Mass
Sun 22 Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in OT	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

**Rosary Statue**

**Mrs F Jones**  
**5 Weston Avenue**  
**Ph: 9153 7792**

**St Vincent De Paul—Next Clothing Drive will be held on Sat 4 February 2017**

Please place bags out by 8:00am, in a position where they can be seen from the street. Bags are not to be left outside the Community Centre or at the rear of the Church.

Any person who can assist as a collector for our clothing drives would be very much appreciated.

For further information, please contact:  
**Paul Morris Mob 0438 225 120.**

**Pew Kneelers - Return to down position please**

At the conclusion of each Mass can all pew kneelers be left in the down position, for safety reasons.

Saturday 14/01	9.00am 5.00pm	Holy Souls Clare Fleeton RIP
Sunday 15/01	8.30am 10:00am	People of the Parish Vasco Rodrigues RIP
Tuesday 17/01	9.15am	Dan Hall RIP
Wednesday 18/01	7.00am	Margaret Devlin RIP
Thursday 19/01	9.15am	Lino Tlvan RIP*
Friday 20/01	9.15am	Stojan Zrno RIP
Saturday 21/01	9.00am 5.00pm	Holy Souls James Roebuck RIP
Sunday 22/01	8.30am 10:00am	People of the Parish

\* Fr Paul intention

**In Loving Memory**

Joe Costa, Vasco Rodrigues, Stojan Zrno, Margaret Devlin, Clare Fleeton, James Roebuck, Joseph Ovens, Carl John Sollazzo, Marc David Sollazzo, Josephine Agius, Peter Pezzutti, Carmelo Algozinno, Maria Addolorata Tesoriero, Nicolino Poreu, Madeddu Filomena Gonario, Sam Xerri, Sidney Falson, Valerie Zacka, Dea Mattiussi, George & Linda Darrell-Edwards, Maria Cristofaro, Dominico Cristofaro, Tim Mitchell, Alfia Laspina, Giuseppe Leotta, Giovanni Battiato, Giuseppe & Giuseppa Leotta, Fr Peter Phibbs, Donato Carnevale, Tom Fenwick, Brian Phibbs, Mary McGregor, Assya Dagher, Gloria Vieira, Manuel Vieira, Damia Dagher, Rose Cooney, Louis Goveia, Elizabeth Tesoriero, Maria Nguyen, Desmond Francis Connop, Donato Tozzi, Maria Mandich, Odette Sarah, Theresa May Cantwell, Lambert Glaudemans, Vicky Brown, Anna Maria Cicuto, John Brogan, Christina Salim, Agnes Arifin, Alexander Arifin, Paulina Elias, Buyung Elias, Frederika Streiff, Frank Meaney, Maria Serravalle, Loretto Davenport, Pat Smith, Roberto and Filomena Garfano, Judith Farrell, Pasquale Raglini, Christopher Pezzutti, Dan Hall, Nancy Mitchell, Nim Greenwood, Reg Benson, Patricia Atkins, Joseph Lin Kee Choo, Graham Daniel, Mildred May Mitchell, Mark Byrne, Carl El-Khoury, Maria Mansour, Joseph Mealing, Maria Giuseppa Mascolo, Cono Reale, Stephen Xuereb, Bartolo Tesoriero, Peter Repole, Caterina Tesoriero, Leonardo Battiato, Imelda Garcia, Fulvia Maria Tonitto, Myriam Barbe, Maureen Whelan, Joseph & Anna Pham, Jelena Bevanda, Roy Vincent McGregor, Mildred Formosa, Harry Host, Joan Byrne, Norm Coleman, Hugh Sadler, Francesca, & Salvatore Cocilovo, Pio Gonano, Gail Moore, Alex Xuereb, Clarissa Susantio, Peter Johnson Snr., Rosa Ferlito, Ugo Buracchi, Rita Lillian Cole, Pauline Elias, Jim Campisi, Rosaria & Giovanni Franchella, Margherita Falsone, Louis Goveia,

*Please note: if you would like the name of a deceased person to remain on this list please email the parish office. Fr Paul*

Please remember those who are in ill health especially: Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Nicolas Reale, (aged 4), Paul Camelotti, June Roebuck, Anne Thompson, Anne Maree Michels, Jeanette Cardoz, Chris Byrne, Dr Antonio Braga, Anne Courtney, Erihli Vorias, Audrey English, David Shannon, Ann McDowell, Alice Nelson, Terry Wall, Paul Kensey, Mary Emery, Micaela & Theresa Trujillo, Aileen Host.



**THE CATHOLIC GUY MISSION  
 EVENT COMING TO REGINA COELI  
 CATHOLIC PARISH  
 FOUR INSPIRING AND LIFE  
 CHANGING SESSIONS  
 4TH -7TH APRIL 2017**

Bruce Downes and the Catholic Guy team present a Catholic TV program that is screened around the world. Some people have heard of a Parish Mission, but this event is one that you just have to experience.

Experience the power of God in real and relevant way through scripture, music and the arts. Expect to laugh, learn, reflect and be changed by this truly powerful Catholic experience. No matter your age or background this event is for you. Come and have an amazing experience without being asked to do anything.

- SESSION 1: Either Tuesday 4 April 10.00am or 7.00pm**
- SESSION 2: Either Wednesday 5 April 10.00am or 7.00pm**
- SESSION 3: Either Thursday 6 April 10.00am or 7.00pm**
- SESSION 4: Either Friday 7 April 10.00am or 7.00pm**

All sessions will be the church building, are free, will run for approximately 1 ½ hours and we will share a cup of tea or coffee together afterwards.

More information available at [www.TheCatholicGuy.com](http://www.TheCatholicGuy.com)

Saint Augustine

A Christian is: a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, and a hand through which Christ helps.

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