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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading:

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

Gospel:

John 1:35-42

"Look, there is
the Lamb of God"



Ottavio Vannini (1585-c. 1643). Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

Hear

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries, you can find the text [here](#).

The Sunday Gospel readings outside of various seasons (Lent, Easter, Advent, Christmas) typically celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus or one of the mysteries of Christ. In a three-year cycle the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are read on a yearly basis. Occasionally the sequence is interrupted as it is today, for instance, when the Gospel proclaimed is from John.

Family Challenge!

Create a designated sacred space in your home. Include a Crucifix, a Bible as well as statues of Jesus, Mary and the saints!

Pray

When we find something special, we want to share it with everyone! Remember you are called by Jesus to be His disciple and to "Come and See".

Listen to the song "[Who You Say I Am](#)" by Hillsong Worship.

What word or phrase caught your attention? Reflect on that word or phrase.

Talk

Gather as a family and share your responses to these two questions:

- 1) What can we do for one another to continue to grow and lead each other to Jesus?
- 2) How can we share the love and message of Jesus to those outside our home?

LEARN A NEW SONG:
"COME FOLLOW ME!"

Kids' Corner

Check out page 3 for a picture from today's Gospel to print and colour!

MISSION! What one thing can you do this week to show Jesus that you want to follow Him? Decide to do it!

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EVENTS

Watch this short Alpha promo!

Alpha

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The Diocese of Waterford & Lismore invites parish groups to participate in an online Alpha series beginning on February 10th 2021 for 11 weeks. Email events@waterfordlismore.ie or call 085 8623705 for more information.

Family Prayer

Lord Jesus, every day we have so many things to think about. Help us this week to remember the most important thing: You and your love for us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, help us to seek You and find You everyday in our lives, and to decide to follow You. Amen.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

'What do you want?' – This is the challenging question which Jesus put to the two disciples who were following him. Imagine a situation where the same question was put to you and me. *'What do you want?'* And suppose that we were given the opportunity to answer this question only once in our life? Surely we would think very deeply, and consult whatever wise people we knew, before answering.

Let's take it that we are not talking here about some fleeting choice between apples and oranges or tea and coffee! We are talking about our deepest yearning and hope for our lives. We are talking about what would make us truly happy. We are talking about that which would bring about our deepest fulfilment. It would be so easy to stand bewildered before an impossible range of choices and stay in a state of indecision, 'keeping all options open'.

The good news about all of this is that we are not left to our own devices. We need only give the response which Samuel learned to give: *'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'* We need only say with today's psalm: *'Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.'*

'What do you want?' – There is a world of difference between working this out by ourselves alone, or placing ourselves freely at the service of God. Jesus sought always to know and do the will of the Father. He taught us to pray: *'Thy will be done.'* He said: *'My food is to do the will of him who sent me.'*

It is just as well that Jesus followed up his question with an invitation: *'Come and see'*, he said. And they followed him and stayed with him the rest of that day – and forever.

Fr Pat Fitzgerald

Carlo's Corner

Blessed Carlo Acutis
– Pray for us!

COME AND SEE!

"Seek a relationship when you pray, not answers." – Fr Mike Schmitz

In today's Gospel, Jesus turns and asks John's disciples what they are looking for. What would you say if He asked you? Would you have a list of things? Would you know what it is that you long for most in your heart? Bl. Carlo was always very clear on his goals in life, but also on the need for a relationship with Jesus. Sometimes we pray, expecting quick answers and solutions, or we feel our prayers aren't heard. Jesus invites us to come and see what He has planned for each of us. He wants us to actually get to know Him, in a very real and personal way, so He can show us the amazing things He has planned for us! The ball is in our court. He has invited us and now He waits patiently.

Listen to "I will follow"
(Chris Tomlin)



CHECK IT OUT: BIBLE IN A YEAR



The Bible in a Year Podcast guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. This podcast has been number one in the US since the beginning of the New Year! 1) Read the ENTIRE Bible; 2) Feel more confident about your understanding of Scripture; 3) Experience the transformative power of God's Word in your daily life; 4) Start seeing the world through the lens of Scripture. Note that some readings contain adult themes and may not be suitable for children.



