

# Getting Ready for Sunday!



# **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Christmas is now over!**

**It is time to let ourselves grow into the new season of Ordinary Time marked by the use of the colour green in the church. We have many new gifts to find and use in our lives in this new year!**

**The first Sunday after the Christmas season is a call to follow Jesus. Simon (Peter) and his brother Andrew were called to follow Jesus. Peter was called to help lead and Andrew to work along side him.**

**We have each been given hundreds of gifts and talents and these are the key to what we are called to do for Jesus and for others. All of our talents are given to be shared – what talents can you share with your parish community this year?**

**When we willingly accept and use our gifts for both ourselves and others, we take up the call to follow Jesus!**

**God has given us all that we need to live great and fulfilling lives!**

**Let us follow Jesus and see where we are led!**

# John 1:35-42



***The First Disciples of Jesus***

**The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed:**

***Look, here is the Lamb of God!***





The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following:

***What are you looking for?***



***Rabbi, where  
are you  
staying?***

**Can you see  
where Jesus is in  
your life? Do you  
know where He  
is staying?**

**Perhaps you may  
see Him in those  
who love you, in  
the beauty of the  
world, in those  
who suffer.....**

He said to them, ***Come and see.*** They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.



Jesus is calling us to follow Him!  
We choose to follow Him when we proudly say and show that:

- **we believe in Him,**
- **we wish to talk to Him in prayer,**
- **we choose to be loving people.....**

**One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him:**

***We have found the Messiah!***



**They couldn't  
wait to share  
their good news!  
Do you have  
good news to  
share today?**



**He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘**

***You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas.*** (which is translated Peter).



**Jesus didn't do everything  
Himself!  
He chose other people, like  
Peter, to do His work.  
Jesus chooses us and sends us  
to do His work every day in our  
homes, schools, parish and  
workplace!**





Simon (Peter)



Andrew



James



John



Philip



Thomas



Matthew



Thaddeus



James



Simon



Judas



Bartholomew

**Do you know the names of the twelve apostles of Jesus?**





## ***Footprints in the Sand***

***One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.***

***Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.***

***In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.***

***Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there was one only.***

***This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints, so I said to the Lord,***

***“You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always.***

***But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there has only been one set of footprints in the sand.***

***Why, when I needed you most, have you not been there for me?”***

***The Lord replied, “The years when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you.”***

Mary Stevenson, 1936

# Bible Search

Read **John 1:35-42** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.





# Consider



**How can you follow Jesus today?**

# SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

## John 1:35-42

- 1 John pointed the disciples towards Jesus as the one they should follow. Remember the people in your life who have pointed you in a new and life-giving direction? Perhaps in some cases this may have involved directing you away from your association with them, e.g., leaving home, changing jobs, etc.
- 2 Accepting an invitation to 'Come and see' may be part of exploring a new path in life. When has this been so for you? Who issued you the invitation? What benefits came to you from accepting the invitation?
- 3 Andrew did not keep the good news to himself but also invited his brother to join him in following Jesus. What is your experience of receiving, or giving, an invitation to join in some worthwhile venture?
- 4 Jesus looked at Peter and could see what he would become. Who have been the people who have been able to name for you your potential? For whom have you been able to do this?

## Matthew 21:28-32

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# Praying to Jesus



**Pray for the grace to see  
where Jesus is calling you.**

**Ask God to guide you each day of  
your life.**

