

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

2nd Sunday of the Year
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Every time Tom ate his favourite meal, his wife's dumpling stew, he got a pain in his foot later that night. He went to the doctor and found out that the stew was causing him to have gout. When he returned home his wife asked what the doctor had said, Tom replied, "I'm going to have gout three times a week."

Sometimes we only hear what we want to hear. Eli and his family had long since stopped listening to what God was telling them. In today's reading God decides to bypass Eli and turn his attention to Samuel, the young boy. At least Samuel was alert: Speak, Lord; your servant is listening.

This week and next week we're going to see in the gospels how Jesus began calling people to be his disciples and inviting them to come and see what he wanted of them. And what he wanted of them was that they should change and embrace his teaching. Today we see that change reflected in a change of name for Simon: he is from now on to be known as Cephas (Peter) which means a rock.



If we're not careful we can miss the point of these biblical stories about the calling of Samuel and the calling of the disciples. We can end up thinking that it's all about events that happened long ago. But it's not.

The truth is that God never stops calling. Not only is God calling people to serve him today, but he's still calling you and me. God doesn't pick us out to become Christians when we are young and then simply put our names in the book. God calls us every single day to go beyond where we were yesterday in serving him.

God uses people and events around us to speak to our hearts, to call out to us, to dare us to give more of ourselves that we might hitherto have been prepared to give. God's call is not static but dynamic. He's always looking for more from us and his call is fresh every morning. Taking part in worship is an outward sign that we are prepared to be spoken to by God and are ready to listen to what is asked of us.

To be a disciple of Jesus means to be continually listening out for God's voice (like Samuel) in the sights and sounds that are woven through our lives. Otherwise, we may end up just hearing what we want to hear. And that's the road that leads to gout!

UNCLAIMED RAFFLE PRIZES

2nd Prize £50 No. 1582, **5th Prize** Bells No. 2332, **6th Prize** Cava No. 2781, **10th Prize** Roses No. 3242.

BAPTISM THIS WEEK

Sunday 25th January at 1.30pm – Sean McDonagh

SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Annual Service of Prayer for Christian Unity will be on Sunday 25th January at 3.00pm here in St Joseph's. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

THE ST. JOSEPH'S 100 (OR MORE) CLUB 2009

We would like to thank everyone who supported the 100+ Club during 2008. It is a great way to both support the Parish Centre Building Fund and have the chance to win cash prizes every month. Last year the 100+ Club raised £920 for the Parish Centre Fund and £920 was given out in prizes. You will find more details on the application forms available at the entrances to the Church. Building on this success, the Club will continue in 2009 with an unchanged subscription of £12 per number per year. Again, one half of the total contributions will go to the New Parish Centre fund and the other half will be paid out in prizes in the monthly draw. There is no limit to the number of members – the more members, the greater the Prize Fund, and the greater the amount raised for the New Parish Centre.



Many thanks to everyone who volunteered their help on the recent events and activities questionnaire. Two brief meetings are planned for Sunday 25th January 2009 after 10.45am Mass and Tuesday 27th January at 8.00pm. It would be most helpful if you could attend either one of these meetings.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation will be celebrated here on Thursday 2nd July. There will be a Meeting for the Candidates who have signed up for the Preparation and for their Parents on Thursday 12th February at 8.00pm in the Church.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS: NEXT WEEKS' READINGS:

1 Samuel 3:3-10.19 John 3:1-5.10
Ps 39:2.4.7-10 Psalm 24
1 Cor 6:13-15.17-20 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
John 1:35-42 Mark 1:15
Mass Times

SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	8.30am 10.45am 12.15pm & 6.30pm
Monday	Wulstan	10.00am
Tuesday	Fabian	10.00am
Wednesday	Agnes	10.00am
Thursday	Vincent	10.00am
Friday		10.00am
Saturday	Francis de Sales	6.30pm
SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	8.30am 10.45am 12.15pm & 6.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation –

Saturday 10.30 - 11.00am & 5.45 – 6.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church each Friday morning from 9.15 to 9.45.

Offertory Last Week: £1790.57

Crib: £53.2

plus the regular Standing Orders. Thank You!

ST PAUL'S SUNDAY MISSAL

St Paul's 2009 Sunday Missal is now on sale in the shop, price £4.50. Please note that the Missals are free to those who are on the Reader's Rota.

SVP

The SVP Group meets on Monday evenings at 8.00pm in the Sacristy.

Father John is away on Retreat this week, he will be back on Friday evening.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets in the Sacristy at 10.45 on Tuesday mornings.

RCIA

The RCIA Group will meet on Tuesday evening at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

A Baptism Preparation Course will begin on Sunday 1st February at 2.30pm at the Convent in Longlands Close. If you wish your child to be baptised in the near future, please contact Father John.

FRENCH CLUB

The French Club has now restarted in Eleanor Hall on Wednesday for age 5-7 and Thursday Age 8-11 both from 3.45 – 4.45pm. Encourage your children's language skills in a fun way through songs, games and the interactive website. Please contact Pauline on 07983 045050.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

To become one of the Altar Servers in the Parish, you must have received your First Communion, and be attending Mass here. If you celebrated your First Communion last year or have recently moved into the Parish, and would like to join the Altar Servers, please see Fr John.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION MEETING

The First Communion children will meet on Saturday 24th January at 10.00am in Eleanor Hall.

ARCHBISHOP'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Cardinal will be inviting all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 50th and 60th + wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2009, to a thanksgiving Mass. This will be held on Saturday 30th May 2009 at 3.00 pm at Westminster Cathedral. If you qualify, please don't delay in telling the parish clergy. He will need: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email if you have one (or if not, a phone no.). The address is Dept for Pastoral Affairs, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN, email cathmacgillivray@rcdow.org.uk or phone 020 7931 6064.

3RD WALTHAM CROSS CUBS NEEDS YOU!

Calling all 8-10 year olds, we need you! We do lots of cool stuff like fun and games, we work towards badges and also go camping. It's on a Friday night and runs from 6.15 pm – 7.45 pm, in St. Joseph's Hall. For more information, please call Ian on 07984 401159 or Sarah on 01992 627895.

ME... A PRIEST

Have you ever considered becoming a priest? If so you're welcome to come to St. Paul the Apostle Church, Bradley Road, Wood Green N22, for a cup of tea, a tour of the church, and some prayer. Please contact for more information, Fr. Philip 020 8886 9568, Fr. John 020 8888 2390, and Fr. Chris (Vocations Director) 0207 7798 9083.