

Name and its value has long been immortalized in prose, poetry, and religious ceremony. Everyone recognizes himself or herself by name. The question is: What is the meaning of my name and how does a name influence a person's character? Let us consider what a name is. It is the grouping of several letters of an alphabet, or other symbols, which represent the identification of a person or an object. The one thing which separates human beings from the animal kingdom is human mind, which has the ability to reason on a conscious level. To think consciously, one must use language. This point is not generally appreciated but it is vitally important. It is impossible to think without language. What allows language to serve in this manner? In the case of languages which have alphabets, letters are placed in a definite sequence in the alphabet, i.e., in the English alphabet, "A" is always in the first position, "B" in the second position, and so on. Any alphabet is an alphabet because symbols are recognized by their form or sound in a definite order--change the order and confusion results. There is more than just sound and alphabetical symbols to language. What is it that language expresses? Is it not intelligence? Is not intelligence a mental power? Do we not learn through education--using language--to develop intelligence, which is recognized as mental growth and the individuality of the personal mind? The link between human intelligence, mind, language, and the order of the letters in the alphabet is the key to measuring human mind and solving the major problem of mental discord and imbalance.

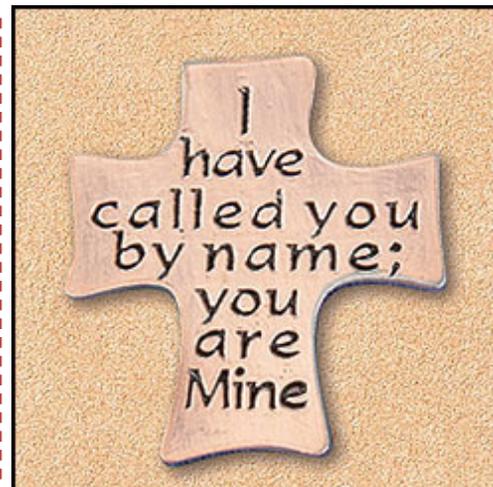


The prophet Samuel was strategically put into position by God during a time when spirituality was at its lowest. In the early morning hours, God called Samuel by name and launched him out into a prophetic ministry to the people of Israel. This was the beginning of the renovation of a nation; to return to their God. The Lord unfolds what He is about to do. God spoke Samuel's name saying, "Samuel, Samuel" and Samuel said, "Speak for your servant hears." (I Samuel 3:10). This was the beginning of the journey for Samuel who would be called prophet and later to be called judge...Samuel's life was respected among the people of Israel. He never took a bribe or perverted the offices of God. His directive was not possession-oriented power but the well-being of the people being first place. In all his actions and determination, he was accompanied by the word of the Lord. He was dedicated to God and the call within a nation of people who rebelled against God to serve other gods. He wilfully turned over the office of judge to King Saul and didn't express ungratefulness, but instead upheld the reputation of God, directing the people toward God. Samuel received Saul as the selected successor and received him as a father would receive a son.



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18<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2015 (B)

2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Sunday

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Here am I, Lord: I come to do your will.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:** 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** St John 1:35-42

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### **WEEKEND MASS TIMES:**

Sat. Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

### **WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am

Wed: 6pm

Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Hostel)

**HOLY HOUR:** Wed: 5pm

### **RECONCILIATION:**

Wed: 5:15 – 5:45pm

Sat: 4:15 – 4:45pm

### **BAPTISMS:**

Sundays 9:30am Mass

### **BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME & WEDDINGS:**

By appointment

### **ANOINTING MASS:**

Quarterly: 1<sup>st</sup> weekend

### **1<sup>ST</sup> SAT OF EACH MONTH:**

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

### **PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:**

**100%** tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

### **FAITH FORMATION:**

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm

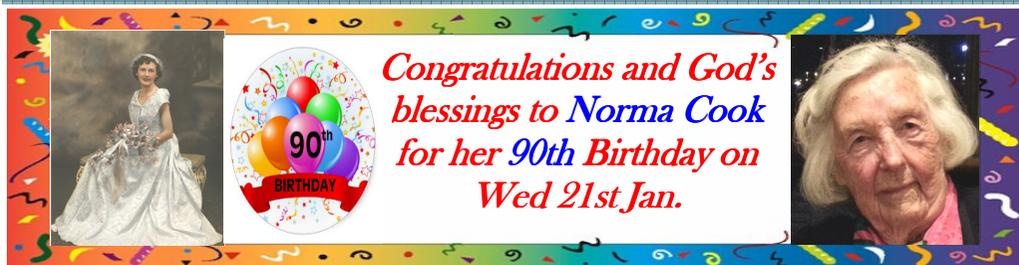
**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat Vigil:** †Yolanda & Giuseppe Pappalettera

**Tue:** †Domingo Mallion & Family

**OUR SICK:** Marie Busuttill, Pat Raby, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Moira Butler, Alan Sargeant and Minerva Alimario...

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**Happy Birthdays to Alexandra Wojciechowski (18th) and Vince Buchan (21st)**



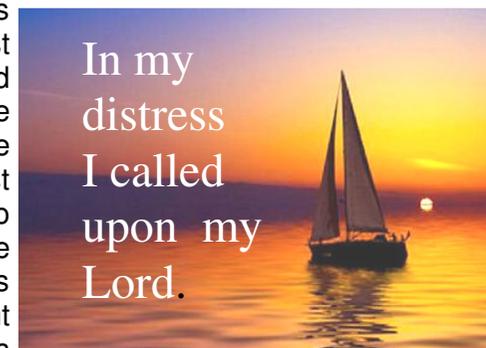
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan: Please join us in the Parish Hall for lunch from 12noon to celebrate Australia Day and Jan/Feb birthdays. (Please bring a plate to share. Coffee and tea will be provided).**

O God, powerful and gentle, you love this southern land and all its peoples, old and new. As the Cross shines in our heavens so may Christ bring light to our nation. As the waves encircle our shores so may your mercy enfold us all. O God, the wonders of our vast and rugged land reflect your beauty, ever ancient, ever new. May your blessings flow upon us as a stream in the desert, and may your spirit prompt us to use your gifts for the good of all. May God who formed our southern land be for us a rock of strength. May God who rules our southern seas keep us safe in every storm. May God who made our southern skies turn our darkness into light. Amen.

**This weekend: Vigil:** J Haggar (A) J Spora, R Williams (R) M Wong, P Tjugito (C) Thomas W (M)  
**8:00am:** G Diab (A) M Marshiella, T Long (R) Sr Betty, J Yong (C) P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** A Varghese (A) H Evening, K Wong (R) J Lie, I Lie(C) A Burton (M)  
**5:00pm:** R Yang (A) J Chandra, D Sarmiento (R) Volunteers (C) **Counters:** V Hage, G Hage

**Next weekend: Vigil:** J Haggar (A) F & G Hogan (R) M Butler, L Paquin (C) Thomas W (M)  
**8:00am:** G Diab (A) V Meyer, R Wijaya (R) M Alimario, K Jayasiri (C) P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** A Varghese (A) I Lie, J Lie (R) M Tjokrowidjaja, I Tjahjadi (C) A Burton (M)  
**5:00pm:** R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** J De Andrade (Wed 28/01)

**Gospel reading** for this Sunday is taken from the later verses of the first chapter of John, which is generally read during the Christmas season. These verses cover the early days of the ministry of Jesus. We have a last glimpse of John the Baptist, who heralds Jesus for a second time as 'the Lamb of God'. Jesus is the one who is to lay down his life like an innocent lamb 'for the sins of the world'. This is the purpose of his coming into the world, the purpose of the Son of God 'becoming flesh' and 'living among us'. Attention quickly moves away from John the Baptist to the conversation between Jesus and the two disciples. They follow Jesus, but he challenges them with the question 'what are you seeking?' This is translated here as 'what do you want?' They counter this question with another, 'where do you live?' Jesus invites them: 'Come and see!' The time they spend with Jesus makes a deep impression on them. Andrew cannot contain his enthusiasm. He is convinced that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah. He calls his brother Simon Peter. When Jesus meets Simon Peter, he does not hesitate to enlist him among the disciples and immediately gives him the new name, Cephas, which means Rock. These verses are marked by the enthusiastic response of the first disciples to Jesus and their eagerness to spread the news about him. This eagerness is an echo of the first reading, in which Samuel is called as a boy to be a prophet. When the good news of salvation comes, when the encounter with the word of God arrives, it cannot be contained or suppressed. It is imperative to let others know!



**Why is Peter the Apostle Important?**

There are two reasons why Peter is important for understanding Christianity. First, he is treated as a model for Christians to follow. In theory, Christians are expected to act much as Peter is described as acting — for better and for worse. Second, the gospels describe Jesus as calling Peter his “rock” upon which the future church would be built. After his martyrdom in Rome, traditions developed which led to the belief that the most important Christian church organization was located in Rome. This is why popes today are regarded as the successors of Peter, first leader of the Roman Church.



**“The doctrine of the primacy of Peter ...”**