



14 JANUARY 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



INTRODUCTION:

The readings today speak of people, who at different stages of their life, come to understand the meaning and purpose of their existence, because they listened! Samuel listened and grew up to be the voice of God to his people. The Corinthians listened to Paul remind them of their new vocation – as temples of God’s Holy Spirit. The disciples of John the Baptist listened as He pointed them to Jesus; and again in following Jesus, listened to His invitation and discovered their new mission. We pray that we too may learn to listen and with faith in the Lord’s calling respond: Here I come Lord, to do Your will.

First Reading: 1Sam 3: 3b -10, 19
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 40: 2 & 4ab, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
Second Reading: 1Cor 6: 13c – 15a, 17 - 20
Gospel: Jn 1: 35 - 42

CELEBRANT:

With faith in the loving providence of God, our Father almighty, we place our petitions praying for our needs and those of the whole world. Our response is: *In Your great love, hear us O Lord.*

For Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Religious – that they may lead the faithful to the knowledge of the truth, in the light of the Sacred Scriptures and the Teachings of the Church... *(brief silent pause)*... We pray to the Lord. **R/**

For the nations of the world – that those in governance may endeavour to put an end to all conflict and ensure that their citizens are treated justly and experience peace and well-being... *(brief silent pause)*... We pray to the Lord. **R/**

For those who have strayed away from the faith – that they may find God as they listen to the promptings of His Spirit, leading them to discover the true meaning and purpose of their lives... *(brief silent pause)*... We pray to the Lord. **R/**

For all baptised – that as temples of the Holy Spirit, we may bear witness to God’s love through our words and deeds... *(brief silent pause)*... We pray to the Lord. **R/**

In silence we place before the Lord our own intentions, remembering also the needs of those who have asked us to pray for them... *(longer silent pause)*... We pray to the Lord. **R/**

CELEBRANT:

Gracious Father, in You we live and move and have our being. Grant, we pray, what we ask in faith, through Christ our Lord... Amen.