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	Weeko	day			Saturday	20 th January
CIS	16 th	Jan	Tues	9.00am Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation
R	17 th	Jan	Wed	9.00am Mass – St Anthony	5.00pm	Mass
DLIC				6.30pm Rosary	Sunday 7.00am	21st January Mass
	18 th	Jan	Thurs	9.00am Mass	9.00am	Mass
H	19 th	Jan	Fri	9.00am Mass	9.00am	171022

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Staying' with Jesus transforms disciples John 1:35-42

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One of the many ways in which John's gospel is distinctive is in its deliberate and repetitive use of a select vocabulary. One of the key terms John uses is the Greek word 'menein' which is translated variously as 'to remain, abide, stay,

dwell.' It appears forty times in John; three of those times occur in this Sunday's gospel passage as 'staying' and 'stayed.' John uses 'menein' to describe the relationship between Jesus and the Father: 'The Father who dwells in me is doing his works' (14:10); and to describe the relationship between Jesus and Christians: 'Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit' (15:5; also 6:56). As these and other texts indicate, to 'dwell' or 'remain' connotes an intimate union between two individuals. Further, the verb 'menein' indicates that someone or something has permanence: 'For he is the living God, enduring [menon] forever' (Greek Daniel 6:27; see also John 8:35; 12:34; 15:6). Even when John uses this verb in a rather mundane way (v. 38: 'where are you staying?') it can take on a spiritual dimension.

This Sunday's passage has three scenes: before staying with Jesus (vv. 35-38); staying with Jesus (v. 39); after

staying with Jesus (vv. 40-42). Before staying with Jesus, the characters are twice described namelessly -'two of his disciples.' And though John the Baptist had identified Jesus as the 'Lamb of God,' these disciples call him 'Rabbi/Teacher' - accurate as far as it goes but hardly showing any insight into who Jesus really is. But after 'staying' with Jesus, one of the disciples is named (Andrew); and in Jesus' presence another disciple is given a new name (Simon = Peter). It is almost as if entering into a deep and mutual relationship with Jesus discloses one's identity. Similarly, after staying with Jesus, Andrew is now able to identify Jesus as the 'Messiah.'

'Staying with' (living with, remaining with, dwelling in) Jesus transforms an individual. Christians come to understand both who they are and who Jesus is by entering into a personal and permanent relationship with him. Hearing and responding to God's call utterly transforms the ones who are called: Samuel, the servant of Eli, becomes the servant of the Lord; the followers of John become disciples of Jesus. Whenever we hear God's call and respond we can expect nothing less than a 'translation' of our own identity.

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14th January 2024

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Lent Resource: A Resurrected Life



A Resurrected Life is a new 6-week reflection resource from Evangelisation Brisbane, that can be used during Lent by individuals and groups during the 2024 liturgical year. Each day's reflection is inspired by a text of Scripture from the day's Gospel reading, followed by

Contemplating the Word, a thought or two on how to put the Word into Practice and concludes with a Prayer. The daily reflections will only require a few minutes for a person to read, reflect and pray. This Lenten practice will lead the reader into a deeper reflection on their daily life. As they reflect on the extraordinary hope that the Gospel bears - in their families, workplaces, and the community - they will be empowered to raise others, to hear and see the Risen Lord so that they may rise with him. Purchase now at www.lentprogram.com.au.

You are invited to attend Discere — a free, one-day retreat to start the new year with prayer and discernment about where God is calling you in 2024 and beyond. Discere is an opportunity for young single Catholic men and women (18-35 years) to intentionally pause and ask the question "where is God calling me?" in a peaceful, supportive, and safe environment. There will be time for prayer, reflection, and group sharing, as well as opportunities to hear from priests, religious and married spouses about their discernment journeys. The team from Vocation Brisbane will also provide information about the different Catholic vocations (Ordained, Religious/Consecrated, Single &

Married Life), plus help shed light on what 'discernment' actually

Discere 2024: A Vocational Discernment Retreat

means and give practical tips about how to discern in your everyday life. If you have any questions about Discere 2024, please reach our out to Vocation Brisbane team on 3324 3003 or email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au.



If you are experiencing any symptoms such as cough, fever, shortness of breath, please stay home and contact your health care provider for advice

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