

Reflections on Third Sunday of Year 23A.

Mass: Isaiah 8.23-93; Psalm: 26; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17; Matthew 4:12-21.

Today's readings continue the theme of vocation and calling. It places it firmly in the context of the People of God, the community of Israel and the covenant. The message is based firmly on the hope of Israel, despite failure and exile, that God will renew them and set them free for their mission. Mark tells us how Jesus calls his disciples who will form the new Israel. Born out of the old but with a new hope. Jesus breaks with the past, as in his relatives who come to bring him to his senses. Being a Christian should make us have the same determination to start afresh, again and again!