

**Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time
YEAR A**

SUNDAY January 19 2014

Who IS this Jesus?

So many people live in large apartment buildings and intricately laid out estates that 'porch dwelling' is quickly becoming a lost art. Think what has happened to our housing in just the last decades: we have gone from mostly single-family dwellings arranged in neighbourhoods where neighbours are truly neighbours to multi-unit complexes where we remain impersonal strangers to one another. In the past, many houses had large porches – now we find 'porch' furniture has become 'deck' or 'patio' furniture. The furniture is still functional, but the venue has changed. We tend now to gather in private enclosed spaces. Do you remember sitting on the porch in the evening and watching the activities of the street? If guests were coming, we might have sat on the porch actively watching for their arrival. Sitting and waiting for someone is a kind of hospitable preparation to receive another, to open oneself to new possibilities, to empty oneself of distractions.

In today's Gospel, John is portrayed as one actively watching for the Messiah. Faithful to his mission to baptise all those who came to him, John readily recognised Jesus as the Messiah when the Spirit came down and rested upon him. John's fidelity to watching for the Messiah prepared him to recognise the Messiah. We too recognise Jesus when we actively watch for his coming into our lives and remain faithful to the mission God has given us.

We live in a society and culture that values quick results. When it comes to what is most important to us – recognising Jesus in our midst – we cannot expect quick results; learning to recognise Jesus in the many ways he comes to us requires patient waiting that opens our eyes wide to new possibilities. Watching for Jesus is a lifelong process.

In the Gospel the Lord speaks to John, telling him how he would recognise Jesus (the one on whom the Spirit descends). Our 'porch dwelling' affords us the quiet moments we need to listen to God speaking to us, to open ourselves to the message, to prepare ourselves to encounter Jesus and embrace the mission of testifying and gospel living that he asks.

Are we able to sit, reflect, and recognise the Spirit within who prompts us, guides us, opens us.

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**St Joseph the Worker
Church**

44 Imperial Parade,
Labrador

Sunday Mass

7.00 am
8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Monday -7.00am
Wednesday-7.00am

**Guardian Angels'
Church**

99 Scarborough St
Southport

Saturday

6.00pm

Sunday Mass

7.00 am
10.00 am

Weekday Mass

Friday - 12.30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday - 4.30pm

**Mary Immaculate
Church**

31 Edmund Rice Drive
Ashmore

Sunday Mass

8:30 am & 6.00pm

Korean Mass

Sunday 3.00pm

Every last Saturday of the
Month 6.00pm

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm

LIFE IS TWO SHORT

Underlying many of our lives is the feeling that there is too much to do, that we are carrying too much, that time is too short, that we've not enough energy and space to do what we would need to do. Always we feel pressure. We have, progressively through the last years, lost all sense of the third commandment: "Thou shalt keep holy the Sabbath day!" What the Sabbath does mean is that on one day a week, ideally Sunday, we must stop work, try to centre our lives, try to slow things down, try to re-appreciate why we are here in the first place, and then worship and celebrate that with God and each other through prayer, food and play. Life is too short for the way we are living.

OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH

Faith is not something you achieve. If you try to nail it down, it gets up and walks away with the nail. Faith works this way: Some days you walk on water, other days you sink like a stone. You live with a deep secret, the poet Rumi says, that sometimes you know, and then not, and then know again. Sometimes you feel the real presence, and sometimes you feel the real absence. Why? Because like love, faith is a journey, with constant ups and downs, with alternating periods of fervour and dryness, with consolation giving way to desolation and with graced moments where God feels tangibly present eclipsed by dark nights where God feels absent. It's a strange state: sometimes you feel riveted to God, steel-like, other times you feel yourself in a free-fall from everything secure, and then, just when things are at their lowest, you feel God's presence again.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Archdiocese Children's Ministry Team will facilitate a Training Day for all volunteers on **Saturday, February 1**.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers from all parishes in the Gold Coast Deanery are invited to gather from 9.30am to 3.00pm at Sacred Heart Parish, Clear Island Waters.

Please RSVP to Sister Helen helenw@scp.org.au

RECENTLY SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

Centacare is conducting a Divorce and Separation Recovery Workshop commencing on **Monday Evening, March 3**.

The workshop will run for seven weeks from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at Centacare 50 Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters, At a cost of \$10 registration plus \$5 each week. Coffee, tea and a light snack will be provided.

This gentle non-confrontational and supportive workshop provides a wonderful opportunity for people who are struggling to overcome one of life's challenges. Registrations close on Friday, January 3. If you wish to register call Centacare on 55 277 211.

HOSPITAL CALLS AND EMERGENCIES

For Gold Coast and Allamanda Hospitals call Southport Parish on **55 102 222**.

Robina Hospital call Burleigh Heads Parish- **55 766 466**

Pindara Hospital call Surfers Paradise Parish- **55 725 433**

For John Flynn Hospital call Coolangatta-Tugun Parish on **55 982 165**.

CARE AND CONCERN

Members we hope you all had a good break and are fired up to begin your ministry for the coming year. Because your next meeting date falls on the Australia Day public holiday, it has been decided to make your next meeting on **Monday, February 24 at 10.30am** in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate. This will give all members time to begin the workload for the year.

AUSTRALIA DAY

The public holiday for Australia Day is on Monday, January 27. So Mass will be at 9.00am at Labrador. We usually have an Australian theme Morning Tea after Mass and this year Sister Elisabeth, suggests we have Damper and Billy Tea—but she needs help with the Damper. Sister has a very easy recipe and would be grateful if some parishioners attending this Mass would help her make the Dampers. If you are willing to help, please contact Sister Elisabeth, 55 102 222 at the Parish Office or lis@scp.org.au and she will send you a copy of the recipe.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION—2014



Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on **Thursday, June 12**. Children will receive their First Communion on **Sunday, June 15**. Parents are invited to an information gathering on **Tuesday, February 11**, in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate church.

During the gathering our parish-family based preparation will be explained. This information session will be at 4.00pm and repeated at 7.00pm.

Please contact Sister Helen helenw@sco.org.au to register for this gathering and the time you wish to attend.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN MEETING

'NOW I BEGIN'

Francis had a great love for Jesus and determined to follow His Way of Life. Each day his evening reflection seemed to indicate that he had fallen far short of the love, compassion and poverty of his Model. Confident of the loving mercy of his heavenly Father, his daily resolution was, 'NOW I BEGIN'. We too can confidently make this our daily prayer. The next meeting of the Secular Franciscan's will be Wednesday next January 22, in the meeting room of Infant Saviour Church, Park Road, Burleigh Heads.

12.30pm to 3.30pm. All welcome. Come and make a new beginning.

ANGELS KITCHEN

A Happy, Healthy, (dare we say) Prosperous New Year to everyone! We send a very BIG Thank You to all who gave donations for our work—especially the wonderful anonymous donors, through collection boxes and envelopes—during the Christmas Season. Your generosity is so great!

We have an **SOS** for cooks. Always we are short of help with cooking but now, with only four cooks to provide the main course and dessert for every Sunday, each cook's rostered turn comes around very quickly. So if there are any people who enjoy cooking and would like to help—say, do some vegetables, or meat, or dessert, we need to hear from you.

Please contact our Co-ordinator, Noela, on 55 745 862.

Thanking You in advance. God Bless.

THANK YOU

From Mary Immaculate St Vincent de Paul

Thank you so much to our very generous Parishioners, the students, staff and families at Aquinas College and Guardian Angels School, and many community organisations for giving their time, energy, gifts and money to assist with our Christmas fundraising and gifts. Sr Helen's Liturgy class made our Giving Tree tags and Sr Lis' ladies at Numinbah Prison made many beautiful gifts for the hampers. Our Christmas Appeal raised more than \$4,000; the Parish BarBQ Raffle raised \$777. Our fundraisers were also successful - thank you helping with these (Bunnings BarBQ \$1,548, Dan Murphy's Door and Trolley Collections \$2,512) Many of you gave food and gifts to our Giving Trees, and helped us pack and deliver 145 Hampers for families in need. We also gave toys to refugee families who had very little for the children. This year 20 Parishioners and Vinnies Youth Program volunteers "adopted" a family and shopped for them, to give them a special Christmas - these families were overcome and in tears on learning of your generosity and goodness. Thank you all for such great and good work serving Christ in the poor with love and faith. Our Conference wishes you and your families a happy, Holy and Blessed 2014.



Today we welcome into God's Family

Jamie David Millen, son of David Millen and Leanne Kennedy

Beau Adam Allison, son of Adam and Annika Allison

Ruby Ann Gaddes, daughter of
Maxwell and Josephine Gaddes

Eva Amelie Majorel, daughter of
Thomas Majorel and Santinne Miano

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THOSE WHO HAVE JOURNEYED TO THE FATHER.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARY: Noel Jensen, Angelo Bressan, Rosina Ziliani, Bill Miller, Christina Harkins, Ken Hunter.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Kobi Pescud, Christine Wheldon, Lynn Rann, Bernadette Fagan, Bong, Tanie and Gie Ubaldo, Babes Valenzuela, Vicky Smith, Lee Henry, Mary Porrill, Sheila Galvin, Dean Lewis, Kitty McIntosh, Susanne Howarth, Patrick Guillon, Phyllis Miller, Julie Rowen, Janine Wharton, John Stowers, Ross McAlpine, Gary O'Connell, Carter Family, Jack McAlpine, Joe Buttigieg, Phillis Elshaug, Peter Platell, Cal Zinkel, Marie Hancock, Natasha Byrne, Ron and Evelyn Martinac, Laurie, Emelita and Adam Woodley, Mathew Byrne, Caroline Pember, Michael Skinner, Tim, Tracy and Vicki Howard, Angela Taylor, Gary Burdett, Christopher Lewis, Zenaida Irisary.

Lord Grant your people protection and grace. Give them health of mind and body. Amen

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 21, St Agnes

St Agnes, a Roman girl, was thirteen years old when she suffered martyrdom for her faith. She had consecrated herself to God saying, "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse." On her feast day, two lambs are blessed at her church in Rome, and then their wool is woven into the palliums (bands of white wool) which the Pope confers on archbishops as a symbol of their jurisdiction.

Friday, January 24, St Francis de Sales

Born into a family of means, Francis studied law before hearing the message to 'Leave all and follow me.' which he took as a call to the priesthood. Bishop of Geneva at age 35. He spent time with children whenever he could. A friend of Saint Vincent de Paul, he helped found the *Order of the Visitation* with Saint Jeanne de Chantal. The value of his writings led to his being declared Doctor of the Church by Pope Blessed Pius IX in 1877, and a patron of writers and journalists by Pope Pius XI in 1923. *The Salesians of Don Bosco*, the *Oblate of Saint Francis de Sales*, and the *Missionaries of Saint Francis de Sales* are named in his honour.

Saturday, January 25, The Conversion of St Paul

Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience—his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. From being a persecutor of the Church he became a slave of Christ, helping others to come to know Jesus as their Saviour. He could say of himself: 'I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me.'

WORTH A SMILE

A little guy is sitting at the bar just staring at his drink when this big mean-looking bkie steps up next to him, grabs his drink, gulps it down in one swig and then turns to the guy with a menacing stare as to say, "what'cha gonna do about it, punk? The poor little guy starts crying. 'Come on man I just gave you a hard time' the bkie said 'I can't stand to see a man cry.' "This is the worst day of my life' says the little guy between sobs. 'I can't do anything right. I overslept and was late for an important meeting, so the boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife had left me. And my dog bit me. So I came to this bar trying to work up the courage to put an end to my life, and then you show up and drink the arsenic.

Love one another and bear with one another and let love guide you in all your life

Saint Mary of the Cross McKillop

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2014

First Sunday of each month, Morning Tea at the "Annex" after 8.30am Mass at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador.

Each First and Third Sunday of the Month, 11.30am Charismatic prayer Meeting, Guardian Angels Church.

Bridge, every Wednesday 10.00am to 1.00pm Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate. Beginners welcome.

Southport Parish Book Club. Meet in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate on the 1st Monday of the month from 10.00am to 12 noon.



SPY. Southport Parish Youth. Meet in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate on the last Friday of each month. 6.30pm

Tuesday, **January 28**, School Resumes

Thursday, **June 12, 2014**. Confirmation

Sunday, **June 15, 2014**. First Eucharist

Sunday, **In July**, ARTICO Concert.

PILGRIMS ON A JOURNEY

EASTERN EUROPE AND THE HOLY LAND

What an opportunity it would be to walk the land where Jesus preached and taught us to pray. Or imagine being able to sit and meditate on the Sea of Galilee!

Your 24 Day Pilgrimage begins from Australia on **August 22** travelling to Prague then by road into Poland, for 7 nights.

A flight into Israel then into Jordan and your flight home from Amman. The whole time travelling over lands once walked by Jesus. Mass will be celebrated each day in a special way you will remember forever.

Our very own Parish Priest **Father Jan** will be your Spiritual Chaplain and is looking forward to sharing his homeland with you.

For more details, contact Marguerite McMahon on mobile 0408 765 954

Seats are limited...call now to secure your reservation.

NAME BADGES

Are you wearing your Parish Name Badge? If not, why not?

Name Badges are very important when meeting new parishioners or greeting old ones, you can call them by name. If you have lost yours or have never had one, there are sheets on the table at the entrance to all three churches. Just add your name to the list and one will be ordered for you. Cost \$10.

HYMNS

HERE I AM LORD

I the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send? **R**

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.***

I the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **R**

GLORY TO GOD: (Mass of St Francis)
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God,
almighty Father.

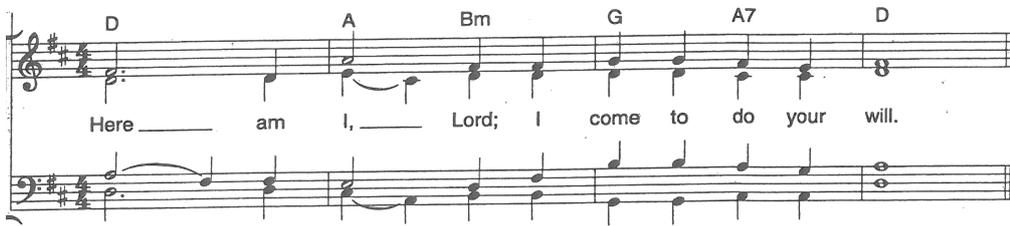
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father.
Amen, Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Here am I Lord I come to do your will.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
You have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GIFTS PROCESSION

PREPARE THE WAY

There was a man of God
whose name was John.
He came to speak for the light.
The voice of one in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the lord"

Refrain:

***Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.***

He's the lamb of God
and you must follow him
who takes the sin of the world,
for he has come to give you life.
Prepare the way of the Lord. **R**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, saviour of the world,
For by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.

AMEN

Amen, Amen, Amen

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

OUR SUPPER INVITATION

(Kevin Bates)

Take of my bread and eat,
drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live,
branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now;
eat, take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream;
love has its will.

Take up your burden now,
walk 'til you find
Just what the journey means;
walk while there's time.
Food for the journey
will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love,
my love will lead.

Take of my bread and eat,
drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment
to good friends of mine.
Let me befriend you now;
eat, take your fill.
Share with your people,
that love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat,
drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live,
branch of my vine.

TAKE AND EAT (No 2) (Maggie Russell)

Take and eat, this is my body.
Take and drink, this is my life blood.
Whenever you share this meal with others
Do so in memory of me.

RECESSIONAL

GO NOW YOU ARE SENT FORTH

Go now, you are sent forth
To live what you proclaim;
To show the world you follow Christ
in fact not just in name.

Go now, you are sent forth
To walk this troubled earth,
To share your faith with all you meet,
And prove your real worth.

Go now, you are sent forth
As God's ambassador;
By serving him in those we meet,
we love him more and more.

Go now, you are sent forth
And Christ goes with you, too.
Today you help his kingdom come
In everything you do.

THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT
SUNDAY
Isaiah 8:23-9:3
1Corinthians 1:10-1,17
Matthew 4:12-23or 1:29-34