

**Second Sunday
In Ordinary Time
Year B**

SUNDAY January 18 2015

According to the liturgical calendar on last Monday, after the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we began Ordinary Time. This year we journey through our liturgical seasons (including the Ordinary Time) we will be making with the Gospel of St Mark.

St Mark's text is the oldest and shortest Gospel which consists primarily of the brief accounts of events, miracles, healings performed by Jesus. Writing his Gospel, St Mark kept in mind the ancient saying that **"actions speak louder than words"**. In his Gospel the divinity of Jesus is demonstrated by pointing to his works and miracles which made such a deep impression on people. We will not find in St Mark many sayings of Jesus so extensively cited in Luke and especially Matthew. Comparing this Gospel with Luke or Matthew we can say that St Mark paints Jesus' life more directly with its human impulses and feelings; Jesus is sometimes angry, disgusted, disappointed and anxious. At the beginning of his suffering, Jesus, filled with anxiety, prays three times in the Garden of Gethsemane. In the same Gospel we hear the dramatic cry on the cross: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Pointing to Jesus' miracles St Mark emphasizes the sensitivity of Jesus to human suffering and pain. St Mark highlights in his Gospel that Jesus' work began in Galilee, in the midst of ordinary human life, including farmlands, fishing, blazing sun, dusty roads. There, day after day, he shared the hardships, joys and sorrows of his countrymen and formed a deep bond of friendship with his disciples. In St Mark, Jesus is true Emmanuel, "God is with us", the one who lives among his people.

Today the Church continues this mission, not always successfully, as we would wish. From time to time parishioners might feel that we (pastors) are not always in the middle of their lives, especially when they are lonely or sick. These situations occur, now and then, due to lack of information in regard to particular cases.

In my conclusion to this short introduction to the Gospel of St Mark I want to highlight that all pastors (Frs Dom, Huong and myself) want to be in the midst of our Parishioners lives, especially when they are lonely, sick or going through difficult times. Sometimes we are not there because we don't know about these situations, **so if you know about any situations when someone is in the hospital, nursing home or lonely at home, please let the office know so that we might visit those Parishioners.**

Commencing this week the Guardian Angels Church will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Parishioners and visitors are most welcome to call in for prayer (even short), reconciliation or simply to have a chat with one of the priests. More details can be found inside this Sunday bulletin.

The Guardian Angels Church is located in a busy part of Southport Parish and it will be good to have our church open in an area where so many things happen. It is Fr Dom's initiative and I am very thankful to him for this great idea.

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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

**Each Friday-10.30am
Mass at Gold Coast
University Hospital**

**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

The Church is open

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10.30am to 1.30pm

A Priest will be in attendance for
Private Prayer, Pastoral needs.

**Mary Immaculate
Church**

31 Edmund Rice Drive Ashmore

Sunday Mass

8:30 am & 6.00pm

Korean Mass

Sunday 3.00pm Last Saturday
of the Month 6.00pm

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am

Thursday - 5.30pm

Holy Hour. First Thursday
of the Month 4.15pm

A Fresh Start following Jesus

In today's readings we hear about how some people had a fresh start. At the start these men were the disciples of John the Baptist, but they then had a fresh start, and everything is changed for them. What is it that changed? Well, they began to follow Jesus. At the start they were standing with John the Baptist, but when Jesus walked past, then they leave John and go and follow Jesus. But you might think, well, that was easy for them—Jesus was on the earth at that time, you could actually follow him around. But what about us? How do we follow Jesus today, when we can't see him? What does it look like to be a follower of Jesus? We see three things from today's readings that helps us to know what a follower of Jesus is. First of all knowing Jesus; then spending time with Jesus, and thirdly, telling others about Jesus.

The Francis Effect

Sometimes it is a matter of hearing the cry of entire peoples, the poorest people of the earth... We must never forget that the planet belongs to all mankind and is meant for all mankind; the mere fact that some people are born in places with fewer resources or less development does not justify the fact that they are living with less dignity...We need to grow in a solidarity which would allow all peoples to become artisans of their own destiny', since every person is called to self-fulfilment.

Pope Francis 2013

Guardian Angel's Church Southport

Commencing on Tuesday next January 20 and continuing each Wednesday and Thursday from 10.30am until 1.30pm, Guardian Angels Church will be open with a priest in attendance. This is to allow parishioners the opportunity for private Prayer and Reflection, Reconciliation, and any general Pastoral needs. It is not to be seen as a second office for the priest, any parish administration matters or requests are to be directed to the Parish Office as normal.

Mass for the People

In an effort to take Mass to the patients of Nursing Homes in our Parish, who do not have the opportunity or ability to attend Mass, Father Jan, together with Frs. Dom and Hunog have decided to take Mass to the people in need.

Starting next month Mass will be celebrated each Thursday at 10.30am on,

1st Thursday of the month **De Paul Villa.**

2nd Thursday of the month **Domain Nursing Home.**

3rd Thursday of the month **Ozcare, Usher Ave, Labrador.**

Last Thursday of the month **De Paul Villa.**

Parishioners who have family or friends in any of these Nursing Homes are welcome to attend.

Australia Day

Parishioners are reminded that Mass on Australia Day Monday, January 26, will be at St Joseph the Worker Labrador at 9.00am. Come along, bring your favourite Aussie fare to share after Mass to celebrate this great day.

Retreat at St Mary's Church Upper Coomera

"Inner Peace in Divine Love"

Commencing on Monday, February 2, and made over four weeks in daily life. Grounded in key Gospel texts and based on St Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises, participants are led in a simple and creative way to develop and experience a deep and intimate connection with God. Meeting on five consecutive Mondays from 7.00pm to 8.30pm for prayer and conversation.

For more information or to register your interest please contact Helen Goldsmith on 0412 894 356 or email

helengoldsmith@bigpond.com

Have your Say

Parishioners are encouraged to participate in the preparation for the next Synod on the Family, to be held in October this year. A questionnaire can be found on the Archdiocesan website brisbanecatholic.org.au/Vatican-invitation-synod Please contribute your feedback by responding to the survey. Unfortunately the time frame for response is once again brief. Responses must be received **by Tuesday February 10.** for your response to be included in the collection of responses. Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Bishop Eugene Hurley from Darwin will be the Australian Bishops Conference representatives at the synod.

Would you like to travel overseas to see the life-changing work of the Church first hand?



In 2015, you are invited to join Catholic Mission's Brisbane Director, David McGovern on an immersion trip to India. Taking place in the first part of the year, the 10

day journey will expose you to the missionary work of the Church and the lives being changed. It will show, as the first reading from Isaiah reminds us this weekend, that "the word that goes from [God's] mouth does not return empty" and that His will is indeed being carried out, with the generosity of our donors and the faithfulness of missionary nuns, brothers and priests. For details, such as exact dates, a full itinerary and costs, please contact the Brisbane office of Catholic Mission, during office hours, on (07) 3336 9239.

David McGovern, Director

Cathedral of St Stephen, Volunteer Guides and Welcomers.

Do you enjoy meeting people? Do you love your Cathedral? Do you revel in good art and juicy history? Talk with us about becoming a volunteer welcomer and guide at the Cathedral of St. Stephen. The commitment is approximately three hours per month on roster and booked tours according to your availability Monday to Friday, mornings or afternoons. The rewards are beyond measure - a wonderful opportunity to delve into the rich history, art and significance of the Cathedral and Precinct and to share it with others. Everyone you meet, greet and guide will become an ambassador for this historic architectural gem which is the mother church of the archdiocese. Volunteering is a sure-fire way to find friends that you didn't even know you had. An information session will be held on Thursday February 5 and a comprehensive five day training program will begin on February 12 and continue each Thursday until completed. Contact the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or e-mail cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au by 30 January if you'd like to share in this mission!

The Guardian Angels Southport Conference of St Vincent de Paul.

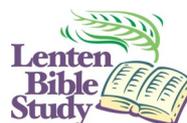
Wishes to **THANK** parishioners for their **GENEROUS** support of the 2014 Christmas Appeal. Your kindness and generosity, through donations of money, thoughtful selection of toys and food enabled the Southport Conference, with the help of some wonderful volunteers, to prepare and deliver 98 Toy and Food Hampers to those less fortunate living in the Southport and Labrador area.

The Conference members and volunteers were greeted with joy and delight by the families who were recipients of your generosity. **THANK YOU so much. Barry Litfin President.**

Lenten Studies

Ash Wednesday is on February 18.

(The beginning of Lent) Sr Elisabeth is offering to run Lenten Studies once a week. If you are interested in joining the sessions, please contact sister at the Parish Office, 55 102 222 or by email, lis@scp.org.au as soon as possible so books can be ordered and a meeting day and time arranged.



This Week's Saints

Tuesday, January 20

St Fabian, Pope and Martyr

Fabian was a Roman layman who came into the city from his farm one day as clergy and people were preparing to elect a new pope. Eusebius, a Church historian, says a dove flew in and settled on the head of Fabian. This sign united the votes of clergy and laity, and he was chosen unanimously. He led the Church for 14 years and died a martyr's death during the persecution of Decius. In the catacombs of St Callistus, the stone that covered Fabian's grave may still be seen.

Wednesday, 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 their wool is woven into the palliums (bands of white wool) which the Pope confers on archbishops as a symbol of their jurisdiction.

Worth a Smile

Eddie McGuire flies to Bagdad to watch a young Iraqi play AFL and is suitably impressed and arranges for him to come to Collingwood. He's signed to a one year contract and starts training. Two weeks later the magpies are down by 6 goals to Carlton. The coach gives the young Iraqi the nod and he goes in. The kid is a sensation—kicks 7 goals in 10 minutes and wins the game. The fans are thrilled, the players and coach are delighted, and the media is in love with the new star. When the game was over he phones his mother and tells her about his first day in AFL. Hello Mum "I played for 10 minutes today, I kicked 7 goals and we won the match. Everyone loves me." Wonderful says his mum, 'Let me tell you about my day. Your father got shot in the street and robbed, your sister and I were ambushed and beaten, and your brother has joined a gang of looters. And all while your having a great time.' The young Iraqi was upset. "What can I day mum, I'm sorry." "Sorry? You're sorry?" says his mum, 'Its your fault we moved to Collingwood in the first place.

New Year Resolutions!

Have you made all your New Year Resolutions yet?

Please consider joining the wonderful team of parishioners who prepare and present Children's Liturgy each Sunday during school term.

Children are organized into three groups depending on their ages. New team members will be provided with a Blue Card and receive training and could join an experienced facilitator with a group of children early in the new term.

Our first Children's Liturgy for 2015 will be **Sunday**

February 8, so please contact me before then to join our team and share this important ministry in our parish.

Thanks Sister Helen helenw@scp.org.au

Your Prayers are Requested for those who have journeyed to the Father.

Recently Deceased: Joan Parsons, Zdzislaw Rucinski (Fr Rafael's Father)

Anniversary: Ken Hunter, Danzil Chapman, Mary Harris, Angelo Bressan, Rosina Ziliani, Les Fletcher, Shelagh Mc Callion (Rater), Alberto Montoya.

All Parishioners and Friends who are sick and in Need: Pat Wehmeier, Rita Tessari, Trudi de Vries, Tim Howard, Gary O'Connell, Merv Pfiffer, Juilio Ribeiro, Angela Taylor, Sophia Nueva (Fr Teri's Mother).

Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercessions those we love and those who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us Holy Mother to bear our burdens in this life until we share eternal life with God.



Today we welcome into God's Family

Hudson Phoenix Glen Pryke son of
Glen Pryke and Shirley Thomas.
Elizabeth Anne Brackin daughter of
Benjamin and Emma Brackin

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2015

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 9.30am to 12 noon in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate. Beginners welcome.

Rosary and Novena at 6.00pm every Wednesday, followed by Mass at 7.00pm on the First Wednesday of the month at St Joseph the Worker.

Catholic Women's League, Meeting Second Friday of each Month, 11.00am Guardian Angels Church, Meeting Room, followed by Mass

Care and Concern, Meet Fourth Monday of each month, Mary Immaculate Meeting Room, 10.30am

Young Adults Group, Meet in the Parish Resource Centre every second Wednesday at 7.00pm

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

Wednesday **January 28**, School Resumes at Guardian Angels. Prep Students: **Girls** on Wednesday 28. **Boys** Thursday January 29.

Wednesday, **February 18**, Ash Wednesday, Beginning of Lent

Sunday, **March 22**, Archbishops Pastoral Visit to Parish Sunday, **April 5**, Easter Sunday.

Thursday, **June 4 2015**, Confirmation.

Sunday, **June 7 2015**, First Eucharist



**You are invited to celebrate
World Marriage Day
At St Benedict's Church, Mudgeeraba
on Sunday February 8, 2015 at
11.00am**

**Mass, including renewal of vows, will
be followed by a shared lunch.**

**Please bring a plate, and feel free to
invite your family and friends.**

**For more information call Sue and Bren Milsom:
55 224 880 or milsoms@outlook.com**

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**

GLORLY TO GOD

**Refrain:
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. **R**

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. **R**

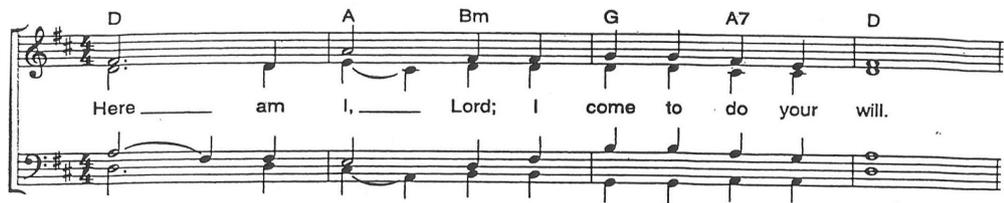
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most High, Jesus
Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father. **R Amen**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Here am I Lord I come to do your will

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (to be said)

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



GIFTS PROCESSION

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, stoop
down, and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank of that
life giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul
revived,
And now I live in him.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
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

When we eat this Bread and drink
this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O
Lord, until you come again

AMEN

Amen, Amen, Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

(Shalom)
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

THE SUMMONS

Will you come and follow me if I but
call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and
never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will
you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?
Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you
and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but
call your name?

Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you
and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

COME AS YOU ARE

Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart loved and forgiven;
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits,
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
Why do you think I'd love you the less?

RECESSIONAL HYMN

WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE

Refrain:

**We are called to serve,
we are called by grace
to cherish Christ in every face.
We are called to serve,
we are called by name and in all we are
God's love proclaim.**

Called beyond our human understanding,
Called before the world came in to view.
Within your mother's womb,
your name was known to me,
For you did not choose me, no, I chose you **R**

Called to be a light amid the darkness,
Called to help a doubting world believe.
"Empowered by my Spirit, anointed with my
love,
You are called to give and share what you
believe." **R**

<p>THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY Jonah 3:1-5,10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20</p>
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