

**Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
Year B**

SUNDAY February 1 2015

We can work Miracles.

Mark's Gospel reading for this weekend tells us who Jesus is, by describing a typical day in His life. In the synagogue, Jesus shows that He is a person of authority and power.

Jesus' teaching is from his own divine nature. But, the scribes only pass on what they have studied from others. Therefore, Mark wrote: "Jesus taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes."

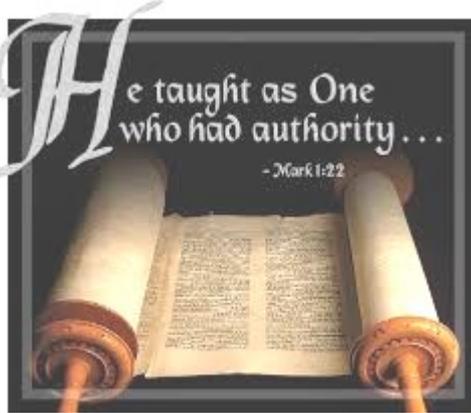
In this way, Jesus is the prophet mentioned in the book of Deuteronomy, the one who speaks and acts with authority of God. (Dt 18:15-20)

Jesus' actions followed his teaching. Indeed, the words of Jesus are powerful enough to cast out the demon and He ordered the unclean spirit to go out of sick people. As Son of God, Jesus' mission is to establish the Kingdom of God by liberating people from the power of evil, from sickness and death.

Jesus wants us to receive the same kind of authority and power as He has. Indeed, being baptized, we the sons and daughters of God receive the Holy Spirit. We have the authority as priests, prophets and kings to work for the Kingdom of God. Through the Apostles, we also receive Jesus' mission of telling others about his love and salvation, and he promised to be always present with us until the end of the world. (Mt 28:19-20)

Yes, the Holy Spirit already lives in us. Every day, the Spirit grants us strength and courage to live our calling as God's children. Parents are called to bring up children in love and strong faith, a teacher to understand and guide children and young people, carers to look after and comfort the sick and elderly, doctors and nurses to take care of patients and heal their physical and spiritual illness.

We believe that when we talk in the spirit of Christ, obedient to God, we can work miracles.



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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**

'Sign-On' Sunday 8th February 2015

On Sunday 8th February, *Children's Liturgy of the Word* will resume during the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate church.

What 'Children's Liturgy of the Word' means

'*Children's Liturgy of the Word*' refers to the practice of children leaving the Sunday assembly and gathering elsewhere to celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word that is more appropriate to their level of understanding.

Children are usually of primary school age. Some Sundays each term, all children will have the experience of celebrating all of Mass with the entire community.

Gathering together with the whole assembly.

Before children participate in the Liturgy of the Word in a separate space, they *gather with the whole assembly in the church.*

Processing to the place set aside for the celebration of the word.

After the opening prayer, the priest invites the children to come to the front of the church. The *Lectionary for Masses with Children* and a candle are given to two children. All the children and their helpers are blessed and process to the place where they will celebrate their own Liturgy of the Word.

Parents are invited to bring their children to 'Sign-On' Sunday to enrol their children in Children's Liturgy during 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate church during school terms. Children are usually of primary school age.

Please contact me if you would like to help in this important ministry in our parish. Sister Helen helenw@scp.org.au

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes



Join the sick and elderly on Wednesday, February 11, in a day of prayer at the shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians at Marian Valley, Canungra. To celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Main Mass celebrant, Most Rev. Columba Macbeth-Green, Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes. With Guest Speaker, Sean Farrell. (Executive member of the Australian Association of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta)

Bus will leave Sacred Heart Church, Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters at 8.15. Call Vivian 55 359 623 or Paula 0402 930 918 to book your seat. Also Fatima Day on Friday, February 13. Bus will leave at the same time. Call Vivian 55 359 623.

Choir Practice

Choir Practice will begin on Monday, February 9, at Mary Immaculate Church, from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.—please bring your Easter Triduum Music from last year. If anyone else would like to join us for the Easter Ceremonies you will be most welcome—please let Sister Elisabeth know at the Parish Office, 55 102 222 or lis@scp.org.au as soon as possible so the music will be ready for you.

RCIA

RCIA Sessions will begin again next Thursday, February 5, At 7.00pm in the Parish Office. This is a most important time of prayer and reflection in preparation for reception into the Church at Easter, for those that are ready, and we ask our parishioners to pray for the members of the RCIA as they discern this important decision.

There will be a Lenten Program at De Paul Villa Aged Care on Tuesdays during Lent at 10.30am in D Wing Lounge. Relatives welcome.

Contact Carol on 55 827 250 if you wish to attend.



Sister Elisabeth's Lenten Study group will meet on Tuesday, February 17 in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate after the 9.00am Mass and will meet for one hour. Books have been for those who contacted Sr Lis.

Your Weekly Newsletter

We recognise that the weekly newsletter is one of the most widely read documents in our parish. As such, we acknowledge that a parish newsletter has a vital role to play in the area of educating parish members about the teachings of the Church and what Catholicism actually espouses, together with news of what has happened and what events are to take place in our parish. We try to capture some of this dogma in bite-size pieces, so it can be digested easily by those attending Mass each weekend. As I commence my seventh year as your editor I pray that God will give me the grace and help that I need to be able to fulfil these requirements and that I am able to continue to do so into the future or maybe there is a need for a new approach. What do you think?

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The Francis Effect

The Gospel offers us the chance to live on a higher plane, but with no less intensity: Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others.

Pope Francis, November 2103

Eucharist—A Pledge of Future Glory

The Eucharist is a pledge of future glory because it fills us with every grace and heavenly blessing. It fortifies us for our pilgrimage in this life and makes us long for eternal life. It unites us already to Christ seated at the right hand of the Father, to the Church in heaven and to the Blessed Virgin and all the saints.

Mass on Demand

Modern technology is now bringing Mass to more Australians, through Mass on Demand. The daily service will come from the Jesuit parish of St Mary's, North Sydney where the first Mass of the day will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube. It will then be available for 24 hours until the next service is recorded, allowing people to access Mass anytime of day or night. The move will bring Mass to the broader community especially those people who are isolated by distance, age, illness or simply by busy schedules. The link to Mass on Demand is available at www.cathnews.com or by searching for Mass on Demand on YouTube.

Australia Day at Labrador

The mass at St Joseph the Worker on Australia Day was a very moving experience. Concelebrated this year by Father Vince (Australia) Father Huong (Vietnam) Father Dom (Italy). It made us realise that we are many and from all the lands on earth we come but we are Australian. More than 80 parishioners attended Mass and afterwards met in the "Annex" for a great Aussie morning tea. A Big Thank You must go to the members of the Parish Social Committee and all who helped make the day such a wonderful success.

Labrador Crochet and Craft Classes

Classes will commence again for 2015, in the "Annex" at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador on **Tuesday, February 17**, from 9.30am to 11.30am, for eight weeks. For those Parishioners interested in attending these Classes, please contact the teacher, Susannah Bishop, on 55 775 917, who will advise you of the necessary requirements needed to begin the Classes.

With Guardian Angels Church now being open daily, it has been suggested that we put flowers in the Blessed Sacrament Prayer Chapel. Any parishioner who would like to donate flowers on a regular basis and arrange them in the Prayer Chapel would be most appreciated.

Vases are supplied. Call the Parish Office if this is you.

To comply with the newly revised Privacy Act, we can no longer publish names of persons unless we have Signed written authority from that person or next of kin. This applies to Anniversaries, Baptisms, Sick and Recently Deceased. Names will only remain on the Sick list for one month. If more prayers are required please inform us in writing.

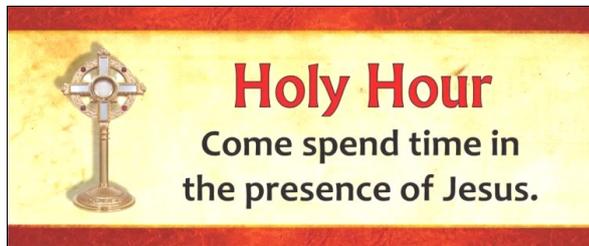
Your Prayers are Requested for those who have journeyed to the Father.

Recently Deceased: Jordan Rose (baby).

Anniversary: Marie Sheppard, Kevin Dolan, Docie Whitefield, Silas Murphy, Syd Smith

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.



**Next Thursday, February 5, 4.15pm
Mary Immaculate Church**

This Week's Saints

Monday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord
Thursday, February 5, St Agatha.

Is the Patron Saint of Breast Cancer patients, she is also the patron saint of Bakers and the country of Malta. Born into a rich important family in Sicily. When she was young she dedicated her life to God. She was tortured having her breasts cut off for refusing to marry.

Friday, February 6, St Paul Miki and companions.

On February 6, the Catholic Church honours the 26 Martyrs of Nagasaki, a group of Japanese Catholics and foreign missionaries who suffered death for their faith in the year 1597. Three of the best-known martyrs of Nagasaki are Sts Paul Miki, John of Goto, and James Kisai. Though none were priests, all were associated with the Jesuits: Miki was trained for the priesthood. While Kisai was a lay brother and John of Goto was a catechist preparing to enter the order.

Worth a Smile

Adult: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

Beauty Parlour: A place where women curl up and dye.

Committee: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

Egotist: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

Handkerchief: Cold Storage.

Inflation: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

Mosquito: An insect that makes you like flies better.

Secret: Something you tell one person at a time.

Toothache: The pain that drives you to extraction.

Wrinkles: Something other people have, similar to my character lines.

Parish Social Function

The first Parish Social Function of the year will be Bare Foot Bowles at Musgrave Hill Bowls Club on Sunday, March 8. The day will commence at 12 noon with lunch, available for \$13.50, including sweets. At 1.30pm its on to the greens for an afternoon of fun. For every drink purchased from the bar you will receive a free ticket in a meat tray raffle to be drawn at 4.00pm.



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

Sunday **March 8, Bare Foot Bowls.** 1st Parish Social event of the year.

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

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

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

Year for Consecrated life

In November 2013 Pope Francis announced that 2015 would be dedicated to consecrated life. Over the next few weeks we will share some prayers from those who have helped shape communities of people living a consecrated life. *This week it is a prayer to St Francis of Assisi, the founder of the Franciscan Order.*

"O God, who, through the merits of blessed Francis didst give increase to thy Church, by enriching her with new offspring; grant us, that following his example we may despise earthly goods and ever rejoice in partaking of thy heavenly gifts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen"

Parish Craft Group

The Craft Group will re-commence next Thursday, February 5, at 9.30am in the Meeting Room Library at Mary Immaculate Church. If you would like to join this happy group for a morning of fun and chat, just come along next Thursday.

HYMNS



GATHER YOUR PEOPLE-(Bob Hurd)

Refrain:

Gather your people, O Lord. Gather your people, O Lord. One bread, one body, one spirit of love. Gather your people, O Lord.

Draw us forth to the table of life: Brothers and sisters, each of us called to walk in your light. **R.**

We are parts of the body of Christ, Needing each other, each of the gifts the Spirit provides. **R.**

No more harm on the mountain of God: swords into plow-shares. Free us, O Lord, from hardness of heart. **R.**

GLORY 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

If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (to be said)

Alleluia, Alleluia,
The people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shine son those lost in death
Alleluia.

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GIFTS PROCESSION

MICAH'S THEME

Refrain:

Hear then what God asks of you: To live justly, to love tenderly, And to walk humbly with your God.

I have come that you may have life And have it to the full.

Ask and you shall receive, Knock, and it shall be yours.

Father, your kingdom come, May your will be done.

Take up your cross and follow me, You shall share my life.

I am with you always, Till the end of time.

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

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

LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO

(Michael Herry)

Refrain:

Lord, to whom shall we go? You are our bread, broken and shared.

Lord, to whom shall we go? Yours are the words of life.

Our fathers ate, yet their hunger remained.

Their hearts were not satisfied. **R.**

O Lord, you feed us with the finest of wheat,
Our pledge of eternal life. **R.**

The bread you give is the living bread, Your flesh for the life of the world. **R.**

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my steps,
A light for my path of life. **R.**

BLEST ARE THEY (David Haas)

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill. **R.**

Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God! **R.**

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs. **R.**

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom: Shine for all to see. **R.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

TAKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH YOU

Take the word of God with you as you go.

Take the seeds of God's word and make them grow

Refrain:

Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve the world.

Take the love of God, the love of God with you as you go.

Take the peace of God with you as you go.

Take the seeds of God's peace and make them grow. **R.**

Take the joy of God with you as you go.

Take the seeds of God's joy and make them grow. **R.**

Take the love of God with you as you go.

Take the seeds of God's love and make them grow **R.**

THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR

NEXT SUNDAY

Job 7:1-4,6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Mark 1:29-39