

Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time

He commands even the unclean  
spirits and they obey him.

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church  
January 31, 2021  
9:00 a.m.



We've all had to put up with boring speeches or sermons from time to time, whether it be from politicians, preachers, at school speech nights or the local service or sports club. Every now and then though we come across someone who really arrests our attention. It mightn't be only that he or she puts words together well; it's often a

combination of that and something in the content that strikes a chord. Maybe we are even envious of the obvious gift that person has.

This is surely how Jesus came across to those people in the synagogue. This was someone quite different; they had had their share of the run of the mill scribes with their tired old platitudes. Here was someone who really meant what he said and was able to back it up with fearless engagement with a power from which they shrank in ignorance and doubt.

It is not without importance that this is the first public appearance of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. Over the next few weeks we will witness the popular acceptance of Jesus as he battles with a force that takes various forms – physical sickness, opposition from entrenched mindsets, the accusation of collusion with the enemy itself. This is the 'gospel', the good news that Jesus invites the people to accept readily by changing their lives.

The same 'gospel' is offered to us for we are dealing with a power that can change our lives, not merely a set of nice, pious sayings. Too often we reduce the gospels to that and so remain relatively unmoved by the dynamic challenge they contain.

As we know, in that society possession by 'unclean spirits' was a general term that covered all kinds of conditions for which we today have medical or social explanations and sophisticated labels. We can therefore approach these stories with a type of superiority as if they either don't occur anymore or are best left to experts to deal with. Yet isn't it true that all of us are 'possessed' in different ways by forces over which we have to admit to having little or no control? Some people are enslaved by addictions to drugs, alcohol, food, gambling and so on.

Many of us suffer from more subtle addictions so that we don't even want to admit to ourselves, let alone to anyone else, that we are virtually powerless to control them. All of us know deep down that many of our habits and ways of dealing with others are so much a part of our make up that we can do little to change them.

The people who acclaimed Jesus realised that he had something special that could influence them to change their lives. The authority and healing power of Jesus is present today in his body, the Church, through the Sacraments, but also in the love, care and compassion of every community of faith. We only have to look around us when we are gathered for the Eucharist to name it and accept it. It is when the Church is able to back up teaching and doctrine with the same concern for the troubled lives of ordinary people that it is most effective in continuing the mission of Jesus. That is why in the Gospels he is always accompanied by followers learning how to be genuine 'fishers of men'.

*Father Chris Hope*

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## Parish Mass Times – (Please note change of Mass times) Bookings for Sunday Mass essential

**St. Joseph the Worker Church**  
44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

**Sunday Masses**  
7:00am & 8:30am  
**(Please book on line)**

**Weekday Masses**  
Monday & Wednesday  
7:00am  
**(No need to book for weekday  
Mass)**

**Gold Coast University Hospital**  
Friday Rosary 10.00am  
Mass Friday 10:30am

**Guardian Angels' Church**  
99 Scarborough St., Southport

**Saturday & Sunday Masses**  
**Reconciliation : 4.30pm**  
Saturday (Vigil) 5.30 pm  
Sunday 7:00am & 9:00am  
**(Please book on line)**

**Prayers & Adoration**  
Wednesday 12.00noon –1.00pm

**Weekday Mass**  
Friday 12:30pm  
**(No need to book for weekday Mass)**

**Mary Immaculate Church**  
31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

**Saturday & Sunday Masses**  
Saturday (Vigil) 4.30pm  
Sunday 9:00am & 5.30pm, including  
the Korean Mass  
**(Please book on line)**

**Weekday Masses**  
Tuesday 9:00am  
Thursday 9:00am  
**No need to book for weekday Mass**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
Guardian Angels Church 4.30pm

**CUT OFF DATE FOR REGISTERING  
14TH FEBRUARY 2021**

**ASH WEDNESDAY - VIGIL MASS**

**7pm Tuesday 16th February – Mary Immaculate**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Our Lenten journey towards Easter begins  
**on Wednesday, 17th February 2021.**

In our parish on this day there will be four Masses.

**7am - St Joseph the Worker, Labrador**

**11:30am - Mary Immaculate, Ashmore  
(Guardian Angels Primary School All are welcome)**

**9am - Guardian Angels, Southport**

**Please note it is essential to register on line  
For the Ash Wednesday Mass.  
<https://scp.org.au/>**

**YEAR of  
SAINT JOSEPH**

*"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"*

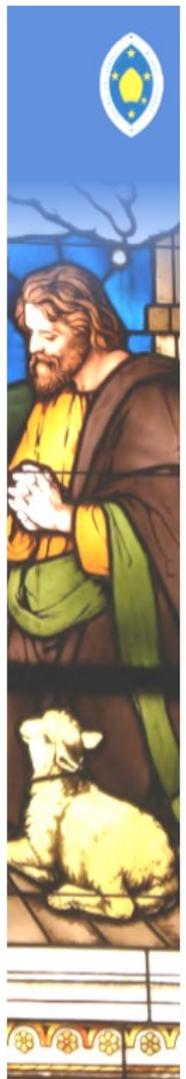
The decision to have an anointed king, a Messiah, came at the end of a slow and painful process, as we see in 1 Samuel 8-12. The theological problem was that God was supposed to be the only king of Israel; and any king on earth would seem to rival or reject the kingship of God.

A compromise was eventually reached to satisfy everyone militarily, politically and theologically. There would be a king – but a different kind of king. He would be as much subject to God's law as anyone else in the community. Unlike the rulers of Egypt or Mesopotamia, he would be one of his brothers and sisters, like them a slave set free.

The first king, Saul, was deposed by the prophet Samuel because he had disobeyed God. He was succeeded by David, chosen by Samuel at a young age. David came to the throne in about 1000 BC and reigned for something like 40 years. It was a time when, unusually, both the Egyptian and Mesopotamian empires were weak at the same time. Usually one was strong and the other weak, with the strong becoming the dominant power in the region.

David took advantage of the situation to carve out a mini-empire. His military success was seen as a potent sign of God's blessing upon him and the people, as was his success in uniting the 12 tribes in a single kingdom with its united capital in Jerusalem. Eventually there came through the prophet Nathan a divine promise that the House of David would last forever. In other words, the Abrahamic blessing would be mediated eternally through the Davidic dynasty. This was fine until the Babylonian Exile in 587 BC, when the Davidic dynasty disappeared into the black hole of history because – the prophets said – the kings had disobeyed God's law. What then of God's promise of an eternal dynasty? Was God perhaps powerless or unreliable?

In order to save their faith in God's absolute fidelity to the promise, ancient Israel gave the promise to David and his descendants an eschatological twist. In the End-Time, they said, an ideal Davidic king, a Messiah, would appear to usher in the reign of God. He would finally mediate to the People of God the fullness of the blessing promised to Abraham and his descendants. This is what Judaism meant when it said that the Messiah would come from the House of David. *To be continued...*



**CALL TO ALL CATHOLICS**

In February and March 2021, the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be **inviting all Baptised Catholics to consider their baptismal call to mission** through an advertising campaign, the **Call To All Catholics**. The advertising will particularly be reaching out to those who are disconnected from the Church and their faith. We are being invited to get involved by:

1. Giving fliers to loved ones who have become disconnected from the Church (fliers will be delivered in January)
2. Signing up for the prayer campaign to pray for those who will witness the advertising
3. Volunteer to accompany those who respond to the call to go on the journey
4. Be a welcoming presence to new faces in the pews

**The campaign will officially launch on Word of God Sunday (Sunday, 7th February), marked by a video homily given by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.**

**Please visit or go to <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic/>**

**ANGELS ON SCARBOROUGH**

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SHOP 2/115 SCARBOROUGH ST. SOUTHPORT – 5510 2222 (EXT. 4)  
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Jesus speaks as one having authority. As we follow God's call we remember the same authority passed down to the Church that she might guide us closer to Christ and help us discern our vocation.

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year B/1  
1st Reading – Job 7:1-4, 6-7 - 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23  
Gospel - Mark 1:29-39**

**STOPLINE RECEIVES INFORMATION ABOUT SUSPECTED ABUSE,  
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**Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)**

**Guardian Angels Church**  
Rebecca - 0414 994 928

**Mary Immaculate Church**  
Raphaelle - 0414 915 047

**St Joseph the Worker Church**  
Cathy - 0414 982 749 (Chinese)

*Our Parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy.  
We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all our employees and volunteers  
and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.*

### **Recently Deceased:**

**Leonie Jackson, Krystyna Wasylak  
June Smales, Terry Ross,  
Myrna Schrader**



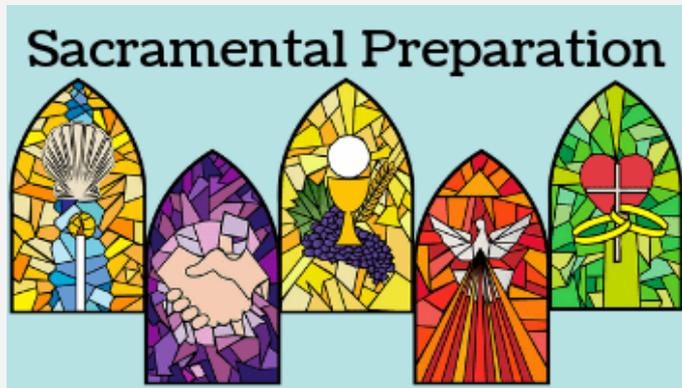
*The names of our sick and  
deceased family & friends*

### **A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER**

*Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages  
“curing every disease and illness.” At your command,  
the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the  
midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we  
may experience your healing love.*

*Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they  
regain their strength and health through quality  
medical care.*

- *Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours helping one another.*
  - *Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.*
- Amen*



### **AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THE PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE 2021 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR RECONCILIATION**

The Sacramental programs for 2021, begin with **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**. Through this Sacrament children who are at least 10 years of age in 2021 (School Year 5) will experience God's merciful love which heals wounds of our sins and wrong choices.

**The online registration for the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
is now available and will close  
on Friday, 12th February 2021**

**<https://scp.org.au/reconciliation-2020/>**

**At the completion of this program, children will celebrate  
the Sacrament of Reconciliation (1st Rite)  
between the 15th - 19th of March 2021 in the afternoon.**

The Candidates for this Sacrament must be a Baptised Catholic, and **at least one parent must be a Baptised Catholic**. Those candidates who are unsure if they qualify. Please contact Maria Blanca on 5510 2222.

**HEALING MASS.** Are you in need of healing? Register to attend the first Friday of the month Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's, Cecil Road, Bardon, **Friday, 5th February, 2021, at 7.30pm.** Fr. Thomas Varkey, PP, will be the celebrant. Personal healing prayer will be available. COVID restrictions will be followed. Register attendance by contacting Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email, [lenpatairey@gmail.com](mailto:lenpatairey@gmail.com)

**ACCOMMODATION NEEDED.** Medical student at Griffith University Gold Coast seeking accommodation in the area or with easy access to public transport during semesters. Student is also a practising Catholic at a Brisbane parish. Please contact Kim: 0405 967 192.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION,** is on every **Wednesday** at **Guardian Angels Church**. Commencing 12 noon sharp and finishing at 1:00pm. No need to book, please drop in for some time praying with Our Eucharistic Lord.

**CHURCH FLORAL DISPLAY.** If you have a love of flowers and would like to help with this rewarding ministry we are seeking regular volunteers to assist with floral arrangements (weekdays) for our churches. Please contact Paula on 0412 007 648 for more information or the parish office on 5510 2222.

**WALKING GROUP.** At **St Joseph the Worker, Imperial Parade, Labrador. Saturday at 6am.** Interested persons wishing to join us should ring **Janece on 0408 763 772.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### We Are Called

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy  
and the love of the Lord!  
We are called  
to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom  
of the city of God!

### **Refrain:**

***We are called to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly,  
we are called  
to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God!***

Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy  
to all those in fear!  
We are called  
to be hope for the hopeless,  
so hatred and blindness  
will be no more! R.  
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## 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- SUNG

### Seek, O Seek the Lord

### **Refrain:**

***Seek, O seek the Lord,  
while he is near,  
trust him,  
speak to him in prayer,  
and he will hear.***

God, be with us in our lives,  
direct us in our calling.  
Break the snares  
the world contrives,  
keep us from falling. R

God, increase in us the life  
that Christ by dying gave us.  
Though we faint with mortal strife His  
blood will save us. R

Strengthen in our hearts the love  
we owe to one another.  
How can we love God above  
and not our brother? R

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia!***

“The sheep of my flock”,  
says the Lord,  
“hearing my voice they will listen,  
they will follow me, for I know them,  
they are mine”.

***Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia!***

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## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim Your death, O Lord, and  
profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

## COMMUNION PROCESSION

### I Am the Bread of Life

I am the bread of life,  
you who come to me  
shall not hunger  
and who believe in me  
shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me,  
unless the Father beckons.

### **Refrain**

***And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise, you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
on the last day.***

The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live forever,  
you shall live forever. R

Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of His blood,  
and drink of His blood,  
you shall not have life within you. R

I am the Resurrection,  
I am the Life.  
If you believe in me,  
even though you die,  
you shall live forever. R

Yes, Lord, I believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
Who has come into the world. R  
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## REFLECTION HYMN

### Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?

### **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.***

The manna we ate,  
yet our hunger remained,  
our hearts left unsatisfied. 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.  
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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### Shine, Jesus, Shine!

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining,  
Jesus,  
Light of the World, shine upon us.  
Set us free by the truth  
you now bring us.  
Shine on me! Shine on me!

### **Refrain:**

***Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land  
with the Father's glory,  
blaze, Spirit blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations  
with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your Word, Lord,  
and let there be light.***

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance.  
By the blood  
I may enter your brightness.  
Search me, try me,  
consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me! Shine on me! R.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here  
may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me! Shine on me! R  
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## APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord,**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**(all bow)**

**born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the  
dead;**

**He ascended into heaven;  
and is seated at the right hand of  
God the Father almighty;  
From there he shall come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And life everlasting.  
Amen**