



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

2-3 February 2019

A Shared Mission

In this astonishing incident in Luke's gospel, those listening to Jesus suddenly turn from praising him to rage against him. So intense was their anger that they attempt to kill him. And these are people from Jesus' home town of Nazareth, who knew his family and had grown up with him. How do we explain this?

Today's gospel follows on from Jesus in the synagogue reading from Isaiah about bringing Good News to the poor, proclaiming new sight to the blind, liberty to captives and setting free the downtrodden. He then stuns everyone by claiming he was fulfilling this text; he is the prophet they had been longing for.

His listeners were astonished, and greatly approved of what Jesus was saying. But then they struggled to take this in. They had heard about his miracles and teaching elsewhere, and demanded he do the same in their town. Perhaps that would really put Nazareth 'on the map', bringing them honour and prestige.

What a shock when Jesus suddenly pulls the rug from under their feet. Far from healing the blind, Jesus in effect accuses them of being blind to the message of God. He highlights how God ignored the plight of Israel when Elijah only helped the Sidonian widow and when in Elisha's time no lepers in Israel were cured except a Syrian foreigner.

Jesus' listeners were in no doubt about the significance of what Jesus was saying, that God's message of love and solidarity was not just for the

Jewish people alone, but for everyone. Jesus was not original in saying this, since it is a theme in the Jewish prophets. But these people in Nazareth did not want to accept this and their initial admiration for Jesus turned to absolute fury.

Pope Francis repeatedly insists that Jesus' words are powerfully relevant for us in our very different world. Francis urges us to see with the eyes of Jesus those on the margins, those excluded and hard done by. The pope points to the 'leftover people', those considered insignificant or a burden on society.

These are the ones for whom God's heart especially aches.

Pope Francis says the Christian community is not meant to be a museum or a cocoon keeping us safe from the problems of the world, but rather a 'field hospital', bringing healing and seeking out the wounded. His catchy phrases, like getting mud on our boots, or smelling like the sheep, remind us that each of us, in our own way, shares this mission.



We know God loves everyone without exception, but in Jesus' eyes those who are most 'special' to God are the outsiders, including those in trouble or distress, like refugees and asylum seekers, the unemployed, or the homeless. As Pope Francis spells out in his document 'Laudato Si', God is calling us to transform our world by protecting the wellbeing of everyone and preserving our glorious planet for future generations.

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OUR VISION

"Everything is to be oriented towards the praise and glory of God".

OUR MISSION

The St Agnes' Parish Community strives to make our Vision a reality by a commitment to:

- holiness in the image of Christ.
- minister within the faith community.
- proclaim the good news of salvation.
- the service of all, particularly those in need.

Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...





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Remember in Prayer

Recently Deceased:

Fr Leo Francis Donnelly, PP,
Leone Johnston, Paula
Tamblyn, Jan Lonski, June
Bremner, Joan Skinner O'Reilly,
Patrick Monahan,

Anniversaries: Mary Adams,
Paul Adams, Molly Ginman,
Nene Azurin, Robert Saunders,
Beverley Rowan.

Other Mass Intentions: Cyril
Bennett, Eileen Bennet
Ella Norrish, Noel Clarke,
Marija Miller, Kathleen
Connors, Leonie Cleary, Tony
and Trudy Baker, Kathleen
Haxell, Peggy, John Carroll,
Kathleen Carroll, Beryl
Thomas, Helen Woolford,
Kathleen Haxell,
Veronica Collins donor
intentions & masses of
thanksgiving.

FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 5 February
St Agatha

Wednesday 6 February
St Paul Miki & Companions

Friday 8 February
St Jerome Emiliani

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE
WORD ROSTER
5.00PM SUNDAY
10 February 2019**

PARISH MASSES

ST AGNES' CHURCH | Hay Street, Port Macquarie

Tuesday & Wednesday: 5.15pm

Friday: 12.05pm

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am, 5.00pm

Please note: Weekday Masses at 9.00am on Public Holidays

Reconciliation: Friday 11.30am -12 noon, Saturday 11.30am - 12.30pm

ST FRANCIS CHAPEL | Lochinvar Place, Port Macquarie

Contact: Sr Anne Hannigan

Ph 6589 9814 or 0419 243 259.

Communion Service or Mass: 9.30am Monday - Thursday

Sunday Mass: 9.30am

CHRIST THE KING CHAPEL | Boronia St, Port Macquarie

Contact: Sr Anne Hannigan

Ph: 6589 9814 or 0419 243 259

Communion Service or Mass: 8.00am Thursday

Mass: Saturday Vigil - 4.30pm

Rosary: 1st Saturday of the month 4.00pm.

ST BERNARD'S, TELEGRAPH POINT | Rollands Plain Rd, Telegraph Point

Thursday: 6.00pm.

STAR OF THE SEA, LAKE CATHIE | Ocean Drive, Lake Cathie

Sunday: 8.00am.

ROSTERS

9-10 February 2019

READERS AND COMMENTATORS

6pm Vigil: Thelma McFarlane

Charlie Peoples

Sue Williams

7.30am: Damian Bennie

Kevin Lewis

Brian Tierney

9.00am: Narelle Panneman

Josephine Mockford

Joan Lancaster

5.00pm: Kate Field

Miah Redfern

Marraki Kilpatrick

Daniel Ward

GIFT BEARERS ROSTER

6pm Vigil: W VanKerckhof & B Kenny

7.30am: S Balel

9.00am: L Fuller & J Howle

THE STATUE OF OUR LADY

Bill Coghlan

Villa 1, 10 Braemer Drive,

Port Macquarie

Ph 6584 2470

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OF THE EUCHARIST**

6pm Vigil: Jason Gill

Barry Johnson

Lisa Toomey

Des Grissell

7.30am: David Hogan

Sandy Luschwitz

Kay Farrawell

Geoff Leary

9.00am: Mike Hawtin

Cathy Hawtin

Pat Daley

Michelle Baird

5.00pm: Jim Dempsey

Ginaya Yarnold

Jacky McCarron

Chris McCarron

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
5th Sunday in OT of Year C**

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalms 137:1-5, 7-8

I Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

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