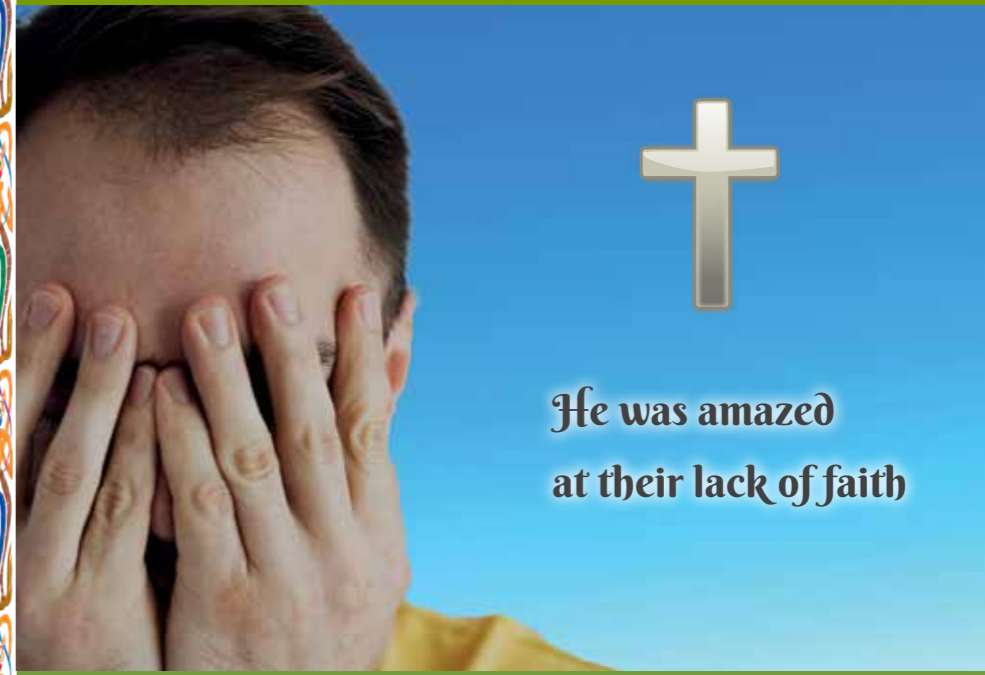


# focus on sunday

Jesus comes among us as one like us - his own people were surprised at his goodness and his powers. He comes among us today in the ordinariness of his people, in their needs and in their love.



He was amazed at their lack of faith



We label people all the time. Labels are helpful as they tell us something about the person which can be useful to know. So, someone is a Catholic, or a Jew or a Muslim. Or an ex-prisoner or a drug user or a homeless person, or a successful business woman. But the label does not define the person; it tends to put the person in a box and we can come to judge them by the size and colour of the box, which often reflects the biases and prejudices which we have developed. Labels can make it more difficult for us to see the unique, extraordinary person that lies behind the label. Everyone, every homeless person, every drug user, every prisoner, has a story to tell, a story which strips away the label and reveals the uniqueness of their lives and their vulnerability. The people that Jesus grew up with were unable to recognise the person behind the label, "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary." Certainly, they wondered where he had got his wisdom and how he worked miracles in curing people, but that only helped to define the box they had put him in. We too can sometimes put Jesus into a box, seeing him as merely a moral teacher, and so preventing us from recognising him as the unique revelation of God. Jesus was not just a good teacher. Everything He said and did was God's word to our world.

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## Jesus' Story

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Some people didn't like Jesus because he was good and fair. Sometimes we don't like others because we think they have gifts that we haven't got. Jesus had gifts of friendliness and making people feel good that others didn't have. We always have to ask God to help us to praise others for their gifts, then we begin to see all the gifts that we have ourselves.

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right and just.

### SANCTUS

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.

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.  
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, .....  
Lord, I am not worthy that you  
should enter under my roof, but only say  
the word and my soul shall be healed.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, O Lord,  
that, having been replenished by such  
great gifts,  
we may gain the prize of salvation  
and never cease to praise you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.  
May the God of all consolation order your  
days in his peace and grant you the gifts of  
his blessing. Amen.

May he free you always from every distress  
and confirm your hearts in his love. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the  
Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for  
ever. Amen.

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
Thanks be to God.

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say, "The Lord says this."

Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 122

**R. Our eyes are on the Lord  
till he show us his mercy.**

- To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords. (R)
- Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he show us his mercy. (R)
- Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain. (R)

### SECOND READING

**2 Corinthians 12 :7 - 10**

**A reading from the second letter of  
St. Paul to the Corinthians**

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness'. So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Word was made flesh and  
lived among us;  
to all who did accept him he gave  
power to become children of God.  
Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Mark 6. 1 - 6

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Mark**

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude

and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
All bow for following three lines:

and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life, who proceeds from the  
Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of  
the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters.....

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice  
at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all  
his holy Church.**

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Your merciful love, O God, we have  
received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth; your  
right hand is filled with saving justice.**

### GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.  
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

### PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have  
failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us  
forgive us our sins, and bring us to  
everlasting life. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### THE GLORIA

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..

### OPENING PRAYER

O God, who in the abasement of your Son  
have raised up a fallen world,  
fill your faithful with holy joy,  
for on those you have rescued from  
slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Ezekiel 2: 2 - 5

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**  
The spirit came into me and made me  
stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking  
to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending  
you to the Israelites, to the rebels who  
have turned against me. Till now they  
and their ancestors have been in revolt  
against me. The sons are defiant and  
obstinate; I am sending you to them, to