

## *Actions speak louder than words* *St Antony of Padua*

The man who is filled with the Holy Spirit speaks in different languages. These different languages are different ways of witnessing to Christ, such as humility, poverty, patience and obedience.

Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak. We are full of words but empty of actions.

Gregory says: "A law is laid upon the preacher to practise what he preaches." It is useless for a man to flaunt his knowledge of the law if he undermines its teaching by his actions.

But the apostles *spoke as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech*. For some men speak as their own character dictates, but steal the words of others and present them as their own and claim the credit for them. The Lord refers to such men and others like them in Jeremiah: *So, then, I have a quarrel with the prophets that steal my words from each other. I have a quarrel with the prophets, says the Lord, who have only to move their tongues to utter oracles. I have a quarrel with the prophets who make prophecies out of lying dreams, who recount them and lead my people astray with their lies and their pretensions. I certainly never sent them or commissioned them, and they serve no good purpose for this people, says the Lord.*

We should speak, then, as the Holy Spirit gives us the gift of speech. Likewise we shall request that we may be filled with a keen sense of sorrow and with fiery tongues for confessing the faith, so that our deserved reward may be to stand in the blazing splendour of the saints and to look upon the triune God.

## **Magnificent Humanity - Pope Leo's 1<sup>st</sup> Encyclical**

*A bold and beautiful meditation on AI (artificial intelligence), human dignity, technology, war, labour, truth and the future of civilization itself. It offers a powerful vision of the human person and the future of civilization as a choice between the confusion of Babel and the rebuilding of Jerusalem.* <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

### **Weekend Confession Time**

**Saturday** 4:15pm - 4:45pm

**Sunday** 10:10am - 10:40am

**Weekday Evening Confessions (Please see front page for exceptions)**

**Tuesday to Friday 8:00 - 9:00pm**