

The Living Word

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

7 February 2021

First Reading Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'how slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) *Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.*

or

(R.) *Alleluia!*

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. (R.)
3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the

Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering Alleluia!

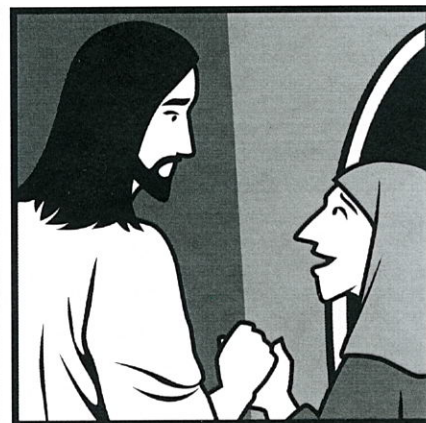
Gospel Mk 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The mother-in-law of Simon (Peter) was sick in bed with a raging fever. When Jesus learned about her distressed state, he 'took her by the hand and helped her up'. He broke the taboo about physical contact with a woman not his relative because he wanted to holistically heal her dis-ease.

Simon's mother-in-law didn't need an aspirin and a cup of tea. She felt quarantined, isolated, and needed a hand reassuring her of sociable relationships. Jesus overcame her fever and her dis-ease with the world.

At every Mass we exchange a physical gesture at the greeting of Peace. This quite often overcomes being ill-at-ease with a family member or just with the neighbour in the pew. We need to take that symbolic action into the world. For somebody, it may be the most touching thing we ever do.

We could pause for a moment to identify that person who needs us to reach out, to take their hand and help them up.

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5th Sunday Ord. Time YR B 7/2/21

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Pope Francis' Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

CHECK IN at all Churches

- ❖ You are required to scan QR NSW Services check in code before entry to the church.
- ❖ You can add others under 'dependants' as you check in if needed.
- ❖ If you don't have a mobile phone please book through the Parish office comm. 1st Feb. Please ph Gln office between 9-12.30. You can book for the month of Feb. If you do not attend that Mass please ring and leave a message, so your name can be removed from that Mass list.

This is absolutely important that we all do the 'honest' thing as we come to worship. This is the only way to help the Govt. for Contact tracing to protect the community from the spread of this virus.

NSW App Visit: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe/customer-record-keeping/qr-codes# covid-safe-check-in-with-the-service-nsw-app>

- ❖ We have an iPad available to check in- we still need you to have mobile phone with you. (Gln)
- ❖ You are welcome to call into the office if you would like some help setting it up.(Gln)

Dear woman parishioners of Goulburn, Crookwell, Taralga, Marulan, Collector, Bungonia, Tarago, Tallong, Tuena, Binda: You are all invited by Woman Task Force for an afternoon tea on Sat. 20 February at 3pm.held at MQA Parish Centre, 36 Verner St Gln.

DUE NOW! Sacramental Enrolment 2021;

Reconciliation (1st Confession)- Yr 3 +

First Holy Communion – Yr 4+

Confirmation- Yr 7 +

All details are on our web page.- forms **due by Feb.15**
cg.org.au/Crookwell/home.aspx or ph the office
Enrolment **Email:** - mqa.sacramental@gmail.com

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday - 6pm (Cathedral), 6pm (Taralga)

Sunday - 7am (OLOF), 10 am (Cathedral),
9am (Crookwell)

Binda – 10.30am (1st Sunday) **Marulan** – 8am (2nd Sunday)

Tarago –8am (3rd Sunday) **Tuena**- (5th Sunday)

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 9.30am -10am OLOF/ 5.30pm SPP

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday – 5pm, Wed & Thurs – 8am (OLOF),

Friday -12pm (Cathedral), Sat – 9am (OLOF)

Parish web page cg.org.au/Goulburn/home.aspx

Facebook: Mary Queen of Apostles Goulburn- local updates

Sacramental email: mqa.sacramental@gmail.com

Masses: Govt.- Covid restrictions.

SPP – 300, OLOF- 150, Taralga- 160, C'well-160

Seating: 1 person per 2sq metres rule!

Check in NSW App, or pre book at office, hand sanitiser, pews cleaned down after Mass- all help is greatly appreciated!

Mass Offerings: Please send to office, or central collection boxes. Masses are allocated on the Monday of each week

MISSION NOTICES: all parishes:

Ash Wednesday Masses (17 Feb 2021)

8.00am - OLOF Nth Goulburn

9.30am - (Trinity Catholic College Hall)

9.30am - OLOF (St Joseph's School)

11.00am - Cathedral (SPP School)

12.00pm - Crookwell, (St Marys)

6.00pm - Taralga, Christ the King

6.00pm - Cathedral SPP

Crookwell Notices:

* **Lenten Program** commences at St Mary's on Ash Wednesday, 17 Feb. - 7.00pm at St Mary's School Staff room.

* **St Mary's social morning tea** - on Monday, 8 Feb. at 10.30am at Leona Evans, 3224 Range Rd, Bannister.

* St Mary's will be hosting the inter church morning tea for **Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday**, 16 Feb. at 10.30 am at St Mary's School Hall, Crookwell. Contact Sr Rosemary for details

Catechist Meeting: Scripture is recommending West Gln School. We are seeking volunteers to assist. Training is available. Meeting Wed. 10 Feb. 11.30am Parish Centre Meeting Rm, Verner St. for all those interested. Please contact Sr Janet. Janet.Glass@sosi.org.au

Recently Deceased: Kathy Hogan, Elsie McLaughlin,

Anniversaries: Lesley Croker, Russell Craig,

Prayer List: Bryan Kennedy, Shirley Roberts, Pamela Heaton, Dorothy Selmes,