

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/Goulburn/home.aspx or ph the office

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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

Gln Lenten Group: Thur.18/2 7.30-9pm Parish Meeting Room, Verner St. All welcome.

Catechist Meeting: Scripture is recommencing 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@sosj.org.au

Recently Deceased: Elsie McLaughlin, Brian Wyndham, John (Jack) Price, Neil Hensley, Ronald Clancy, Debbie Schirk,

Anniversaries: Lesley Croker, Russell Craig, John Joseph Fogarty, Patrick Hopper, Noel Elliott, Kathleen O'Neill,

Prayer List: Shirley Roberts, Pamela Heaton, Monica Croke, Marianne Barling, Dulcie & Charles Millyn, Dorothy Selmes,

Intentions: Val Thurling, Sr Dawn, Sr Loretta