

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

First Reading *Jb 7:1-4, 6-7*

A reading from the book of Job
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.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

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

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving;
to him our praise is due.

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.

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. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading *1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
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.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation *Mt 8:17*

Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Mk 1:29-39*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
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.
The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Divine Touch
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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**For The
Celebration of the
Word and The
Eucharist**

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Cenacle Prayer: Tues at 4.45pm in Church
Bible Study/Faith Formation: Wednesdays after 9 am Mass
Craft Group—Thursdays 10 am
Men Alive—1st & 3rd Wed Wed 17th February
Singalong—Monday 8th 1pm
Exposition/Adoration—Every Friday at 5.30pm
Reconciliation—Saturday 9.30
Wrap With Love—Tues 9th February, 10 am

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time-YEAR B

How many times have we felt like Job in our First Reading? Even St Paul is having difficulties about what he is being called to do... but Jesus after healing Peter's mother-in-law gives us a hint of the healing power within our grasp.

Job's lament deals with the suffering of the innocent.

It is a marvel of misery, oozing with pain, anxiety and depression but today's gospel will balance this lament with **images of healing and hope.**

What is life all about? Each day seems to roll into the other without too much happening to brighten the day. Yes we can all put ourselves in Job's and Paul's shoes, but the **good news** is that we have everything in our power to be **the light** that is needed in our world!

I think the message in today's readings spreads far and wide. It takes in all manner of life's doings. We are human, we do feel at times like giving up. It's too hard being a Christian and being the one who is called on to serve, as Peter's mother-in-law did. The message here is that we are given the **means and strength** to serve, but we need to balance this with an honest appraisal of what our circumstances are!

Paul saw his reward and payment as being privileged, to be able to serve the Gospel, and Jesus in today's gospel tells us how important it is to take time to replenish our spiritual 'buckets'!

Spending time in prayer and allowing God to fill up what is wanting needs time and space. God always hears us so we can always be assured of being able to be at peace in that knowledge!

Jesus assures us that **belief and trust in Him** is the weapon we need to conquer the Evil which continues to spread throughout our world. We are those who Serve with the knowledge that the healing given to Peter's mother-in-law is ours as well – a healing that continues to give us the necessary strength to remain faithful in our Service of the Gospel.

God bless.

Sr Marie



**Pope Francis
Monthly Prayer
Intentions
February 2021**

Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 9th: 5.30 Mass
Wed 10th: 9am Mass
Thurs 11th: 9am Mass
Fri 12th: 9.15am Mass
Sat 13th: 9am Rosary/Mass
9.30am Recon 6pm Mass
Sun 14th: 9am Mass 5pm Mass

6/7 February 2021

Church Cleaning
D & L May (8-12)

Welcomers

6pm Sr Marie
9am J McClelland
5pm M deSmet

Commentator

6pm M Weatherall
9am N Beatty
5pm M Devine

Readers:

6pm J Mackay
9am C Jackson
5pm A Horsfall

Eucharistic Ministers

6pm P Billington
9am K Corbin
5pm D Gorzalka.

Computer Screen

6pm K Conway
9am T Jackson
5pm J O'Sullivan.

REGISTRARS

6pm P Billington
9am G Norris/ B Basevi
5pm D & N Gorzalka

13/14 February 2021

Church Cleaning
B Coffey/M Paine (22-26)
Welcomers

6pm B Wilson
9am C Connell
5pm M deSmet

Commentator

6pm J Quigley
9am A Brown
5pm A Horsfall

Readers

6pm P O'Kelly
9am A Skinner
5pm M O'Neill

Eucharistic Ministers

6pm M Weatherall
9am Tara Cashman
5pm M Devine

Computer Screen

6pm K Conway
9am T Priest
5pm J O'Sullivan

REGISTRARS

6pm G & M Weatherall
9am M & S Beashel
5pm N Beatty

LENT IS APPROACHING...

Lent begins in less than two weeks on Ash Wednesday, February 17. How are we preparing for this period of deep reflection, prayer, penance and almsgiving? Perhaps a short reflection on the Ashes will assist...

On Ash Wednesday ashes (from the burnt Palms of the previous Palm Sunday) will be blessed and placed on our foreheads and the invocation will be **'Repent and believe the Good News'**. The symbol of the Ashes is very real to us in our community and our Lenten Season in 2020 was endured outside our Parish Community – a real penance for us all.

Ashes are symbols of stories of suffering and sadness and of a people wanting to change our ways. As Joyce Rupp, a spirituality author reflects *'the story of the ashes begs us to change our ways, to be honest about the missing pieces of love and human kindness which are meant to be rooted in our lives. Ashes are grimy, dirty, not easily washed off...'*

What are the ashes in our own hearts that need to be washed off? As Lent approaches what is it that I can reflect on, pray about and make change in my life that will lessen suffering both near and afar? Let's take time to think and pray about this and our conversion of heart in the next 10 days.

MEET OUR NEW PARISH YOUTH MINISTER 2021

Hello, my name is Liarna and I am a first year youth minister at St Bernard's Parish, Carroll College and St Bernard's Primary School. Last year I graduated from Carroll College and after being involved in the faith life of the College as a senior student, I was looking for a fulfilling experience during my gap year. I am very excited to be able to share my faith and build pathways for young people to engage in the broader parish community. If you have any questions or would like to catch up my email is liarna.miller@cg.catholic.edu.au.

We warmly welcome Liarna to our Parish

Wanted: Parish couples interested in deepening their own relationship in order to help other couples deepen theirs.

The Archdiocese is offering *The Marriage Course* – a 7-week course delivered to you in the comfort of your own home via Zoom. The course is designed to help couples build strong foundations, learn to communicate more effectively and resolve differences well. Couples will then be equipped and supported to assist in running the same course for the wider Parish community should the wish to. The Marriage Course starts Tues 9th February 2021 and costs \$70 per couple. For more details and to register visit <https://mailchi.mp/b4c3fdd09d6a/tmc21> or contact Steph Ransom steph.ransom@cg.org.au

Gathering: 'Resilience through Loss and Grief'

All Parishioners are invited to attend this Gathering on **Tues Feb 23, 2021**, 9am registration for 9-30am start – 12-30pm in St Bernard's Church. **Facilitator:** Bruce Chan BA [Psych].

Cost: Free. Funded by 'Mary MacKillop Today'

You must register to attend by Monday Feb 15 – Ring Marie Weatherall: 0405 028 057 or email: mariet51@bigpond.com or sign the sheet in the Foyer of the Church. Please bring plate if you are able. This Gathering is open to the general Community so don't miss out!

Retreat with Sr Maureen McDermott rsj. 8th -12th March

Come Away and Rest Awhile' (Mk 6:31) A 3 day silent, guided retreat with an opportunity to pause and reflect as we invite God to renew and refresh us as we continue to live with the reality of Covid 19.

Although these Retreats were originally for the Sisters I invite any parishioners to share in part or all of these days. We are in a stage of looking at the future of St Joseph's House and finding ways to keep it productive **beginning this year.**

DOT POINTS FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

- ♦ The Parish Pastoral Plan for 2021/2022 is approaching completion and will be published soon, along with the 2021 Parish Diary
 - ♦ Lent- *"Walk in the Spirit"* : an Archdiocesan program for upcoming Lenten reflection, enabling parishes, individuals or hub participation.
 - ♦ Strategies on reaching out to children and parents in public schools regarding sacramental programs/preparations is under consideration
 - ♦ Enquiries re the setting up of a *Soup kitchen* is underway
 - ♦ The Parish website, faithlife site, facebook page are up and running. Links are sent out with the weekly bulletin. Your feedback is welcome.
- Parishioners are encouraged to engage with any PPC member on Parish matters important to them.**

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY 7TH—Blessed Pius IX

MONDAY 8TH—St Jerome Emiliani, virgin, St Josephine Bakhita, virgin

WED 10TH—St Scholastica, virgin

THURSDAY 11TH—Our Lady of Lourdes



A CUPPA WITH MARY MACKILLOP

Join Sr Marie in an everyday spiritual reflection using 'The Little Brown Book'. Quotations from Mary MacKillop and the Bible.

**Where: St Joseph House When: Tuesday
16th February Time:10am – 11am All are welcome**

18 February – 25 March 7.30pm to 9.00pm "Walk in the Spirit, Lenten Renewal Experience"

Led by Archbishop Prowse via livestreaming every Thursday during Lent, *Walk in the Spirit* is open to all desiring a new Lenten renewal experience. Talks, prayer, sharing and Encounter Nights. Register and find out more at <https://cgatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit/>

WRAP WITH LOVE resumes on Tuesday 9th February 10am-12 noon in the meeting room. Newcomers are welcome. Information sheets are provided. Display of handmade wraps.

Cuppa and friendly chat as you knit. Enquiries: Jenny on 04014 664 077

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

From 1st October 2020 there will only be one collection which will be deposited in the Parish Operating Account this will include existing Credit Card transactions, Direct Debits, collection box and Tap machine. The collection will then be apportioned with a percentage forwarded to the Archdiocese for the Central Presbytery Fund each month. If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

**Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786
Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name**

Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank

If you currently have a direct debit to the Central Presbytery Fund a suggestion is that it be cancelled and combined into the St Bernard's Operating Account in order to facilitate the continuity of funds. Please contact Anne Jackson in the Parish Office on a Friday from 10am-2pm if you need any further information.

Remembering the Sick:

Antony and Andrew, Kathryn King, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Death Anniversaries: Siegfried Baoler, William Honan, Brian O'Grady, Juliet Gador, Mirko Baresic, Mary Augustine, Mary Bogue, Dorothy O'Hara, Sylvia Penberthy, Robert Burtenshaw, Brian Fitzroy, Irene Post, Patricia McLennan, Thomas Nagle, Pasquale Imbriano

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish

Community: Joan Logue, Sue-Anne Clarke, Maree Spillane, Rosemary Cooley, Malgorzata Colebrook, Te Otinga Te Kowhai Brennan, Pam O'Keefe, Maurice Connell, Susan McNamara, Dario Panes, Elizabeth Gallagher, Kenneth Torkington, Shirley Keir, Ken Bow, Steven Thomas, Maureen Kinross, Ian McAdam, Jan Schor, Pio Liberale, Glenda Gallagher, Ivy Rootsey,



COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after the 9am Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove Coffee N Chat



A photo from the first Coffee Club of the year at Corrigans featuring Fr Martins, St Marie, Sem Mark, Youth Minister, Liama enjoying coffee with parishioners.

FACING FRAILTY WITH HOPE: FINDING MEANING IN THE LAST LAP OF LIFE With Rev Dr Liz MacKinlay & Ms Sally Mordike

9.30am-4.00pm Saturday 6th March
Anglican Church, Batemans Bay.

Numbers are limited

Cost \$40 includes lunch. Registration is required for catering and Covid. Registration & Contact:

**drnewman1956@gmail.com or
Doug Newman 0428907200**

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