

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
First Reading Job 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.
1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving; to him our praise is due.
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.
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.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 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 Matthew 8:17

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

Gospel Mark 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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You are invited to join us to pray the Rosary via Zoom.
TO JOIN:
Meeting No: 697 896 1059
Password: 8Py80J

Every Wednesday & Friday @ 4pm
Every night @ 8.30pm



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

CHURCH EVENTS
Choir Practice
1PM Mondays

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass

ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS
after Mass Wednesday 7th
February

CUPPA WITH MARY
MACKILLOP
Tuesday Feb 5th 10am @
Marie & Greg Weatherall’s
home

Wrap With Love
Tuesday 13th February
10am @ BB Library

Mass with Anointing of
the Sick Wednesday
February 14th @ 9am

Ash Wednesday Mass
February 14th @ 6pm

Craft Group Resumes 10am
Thursdays Church Meeting
Room

ADORATION TUESDAYS @
4pm

COFFEE CLUB Resumes
Thursday 1st February after
Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove

THE PATIENCE OF JOB

I remember many years ago an English Literature teacher telling my class of fourteen year old students that we couldn’t properly appreciate Shakespeare unless we knew the Bible. Most of us thought Shakespeare’s Elizabethan english was difficult enough to decipher without requiring us to have some knowledge of Sacred Scripture. But he was right.

In Shakespeare’s play Henry IV Part 2 the buffoon, Sir John Falstaff, an impoverished spendthrift and a disreputable associate of Prince Hal, defends himself before the Lord Chief Justice by saying: **“I am as poor as Job, my lord, but not as patient.”** Most of the audience would have known the Biblical story of Job. How well do we know it?

In today’s excerpt from the Book of Job (7: 1-4, 6-7) we hear Job lamenting his lot as eloquently as the prophet Jeremiah. Job once had everything. Now he is poor, sick and abandoned. If he ever thought he was a self-made man, his experience of loss is a wake up call. He was depressed. **“My eyes again will never see joy.”**

Those of us who have read or know the whole story of Job (42 chapters in 23 pages) learn that it ends well. **“The Lord blessed the last part of Job’s life, even more than he had blessed the first.” (Job 42: 10)**

In the afterglow of the Christmas season it is good for us to be reminded that this life is a mere dot on the endless line of human existence. There will be demands made on us by God. As Paul explains there were demands on him to preach the Good News. (See First Corinthians 9: 16-23).

Likewise Mark (1: 29-39) describes how Jesus had to keep pressing on from village to village, so that he could preach the Good News throughout Palestine because that was why he became man among us.

Let Us Pray

Almighty and Everlasting God,
I am willing today
That You should have all of me, good and bad.
Grant me the strength, dear God,
As I go out into the world today
To preach the Good News
By how I live my life. Amen

Joe Quigley



MASS THIS WEEK

Monday 5th February

Sunday 11th February

Monday 5th: No Mass
Tuesday 6th: Mass 5pm
Adoration 4pm
Wednesday 7th: Mass 9am
Thursday 8th: Mass 9am
Friday 9th: Mass 9am
Saturday 10th: Mass 6pm
Reconciliation 4.30-5.30pm
Sunday 11th: Mass 9am

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am
Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The
Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha
Lodge

ROSTERS

3/4 FEBRUARY

Cleaning

5-9 M deSmet/J Maher

6.00PM MASS
Welcomer J Anderson
Commentator M
Weatherall
Reader M Bridges
Eucharistic Ministers
J Wain
Computer Screen
M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer M deSmet
Commentator . B Basevi
Reader: L Page ..
Eucharistic Ministers
K Corbin, L Stevens
Computer Screen D
May.
MORNING TEA:
Filipino Community

10/11 FEBRUARY

Cleaning

12-16 Coffey& Paine

6.00PM MASS
Welcomer B Oerder
Commentator P O'Kelly
Reader J Quigley
Eucharistic Ministers
K Lovering
Computer Screen
K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer D May
Commentator . N Beatty
Reader: B Basevi..
Eucharistic Ministers
M & C Lowe
Computer Screen T
Priest.

MORNING TEA:
T van den Broek/J
Barroman

Gathering: Grief, loss and living with Dementia – a Pastoral Response: Invitation to attend this workshop on *Tuesday February 13, 2024*

From 9-15am for 9-30am start – 12 noon at St Bernard's Church
Facilitated by Nicole Gorzalka,
Hammond Care and two other Guest speakers
Cost: Free. BYO shared morning tea. **Open to:** Pastoral Carers, Family
members, Carers, Volunteers or
anyone wanting to learn more.

Bookings essential – RSVP by Monday Feb 5, 2024
Marie Weatherall [m] 0405 028 057

ANointing of the Sick MASS

Beginning on Wednesday
14th February and then
every second Wednesday of each month there will be a 9am
Mass with Anointing of the Sick

ADDITIONAL MASS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY
On Ash Wednesday 14th February there will be an additional
Mass @ 6pm

Please add to your diaries

THE PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM will be run each
Wednesday until Easter beginning on Wednesday 14th February
in the Church Meeting Room @ 9.30 – 11am AFTER MASS

WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY
WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH
WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH
WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH

Visitation and HC at the Manor

We Urgently need one person to visit and take HC to four
of our Parishioners once a month after 9am Mass on a
Sunday.

You would be on a roster with others. Beginning in
February 2024.

All resources and guidance provided.

Enquiries: Marie Weatherall [m] 0405 028 057

February | Marriage Preparation Course

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged
couples: **FOCCUS** - Tues 13th Feb 5-9pm plus a pri-
vate follow up session at CatholicCare. *Evenings for
the Engaged* - Sat 10th & 17th Feb 9-3pm. *Engaged
Encounter*- Sydney, Sat 24 & Sun 25. *SmartLoving* –
online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits
you. For more information contact

marriage.preparation@cq.org.au To register go to
www.marriagefamily.org.au
Enquiries: Contact Lara Kirk on la-kirk@cq.org.au or Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

Working with Children Check renewals go digital

A Working with Children Check (WWCC)
lasts for five years and then needs to be
renewed.

- You can now skip the queue and
- digitally renew your WWCC in as
little as 10 minutes.

Online renewals remove the need to visit
a Service NSW Centre. The new process
is streamlined, efficient and
secure.

Instead of going into a Service NSW Cen-
tre to present your identity
documents, you renew online and use
your device to scan your face. The scan is
matched with the photo used on your
NSW Driver Licence or NSW Photo Card.

This service is available but should you
have difficulty using
technology, you can still access
Service NSW for assistance.

The Parish Office can assist you as well.

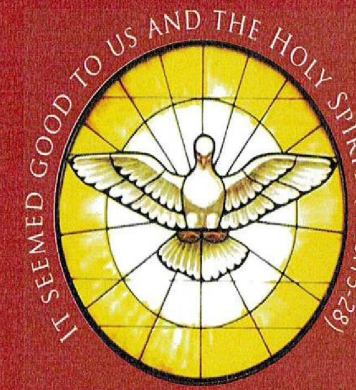
1ST RECONCILIATION ENROLMENT WILL BE HELD AT THE SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY @ 5PM

Remembering the Sick:

Karen Nixon, John de Smet, Lynette Arundel, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson,
Maria de Rocco, Laurence Foran, Julie Morgan, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann
Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony
Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter
O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon,
Ben Copland, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks,
Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith,
Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts,
Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing
homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and
names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: : Ivan Trojkovic,
Gerard Carew, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scieluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan,
Barbara Fogerty rsj, Carmen Morphet, Anne Dryden, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Shirley
House, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele
(Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits,
Del Bateman, Kayleen Mortlock, M aree O'Brien, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan
Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, Christopher
Horsfall, Dawn Miillman



YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light
of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts
of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in his
consolations.
Through the same
Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

February: For the Terminally Ill

The Holy Father
encourages prayers
"so that terminally ill
patients and their
families always
receive necessary
medical and human
care and support."

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