

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- YEAR B

7 February 2021

Healing the broken hearted

This year, Year B of the Church's three-year liturgical cycle, we focus on the gospel of Mark, the earliest and the shortest of the four gospels. Today's reading comes from the introduction to Mark's gospel. It tells of Jesus' miracles at the start of his public ministry.

Last week we had the story of the Jesus's first miracle, according to Mark: Jesus, after teaching with authority in the synagogue, heals a man who is possessed of an evil spirit, casting out the devil that afflicts the man.

Today we have the story of a second miracle, later that same day in Mark's account, this time in the home of Simon and Andrew, where Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law who was sick. Mark's story of Jesus' two miracles on that one day in Capernaum exemplify the pattern of Jesus' ministry and teaching. They throw into sharp relief the nature of his mission and the authority with which he conducts himself. In these few verses from Mark's gospel, we also see the hallmarks of Jesus' ministry. He does not confine himself to the synagogue and Temple but goes out and into the places where the people live and work. He meets them where they are and he responds to their needs.

We see his boundless compassion for those who are suffering. We also see his unfailing hospitality. Mark tells us that, later that evening on that same day, the crowds flocked to Jesus, bringing him all who were sick or possessed, and that he cured many! No one was turned away or barred from his presence.

All who would listen and believe in his preaching, teaching, and in his miracles are welcome in his presence. It is no surprise that the suffering flocked to him. Suffering is one of the great challenges of our lives. It comes to each one of us, custom-made, be it in the death of loved ones, broken or damaged relationships, the dashing of our hopes and plans, or the loss of what is precious to us.

It is never easy. In today's first reading from the Scriptures we are reminded of the suffering of Job - and of the reality of suffering in our own lives. Now Job, though a good and upright man, experienced great - and entirely undeserved - suffering, losing all that was precious to him, his children, his possessions, his health. Like us, when faced with suffering, he questioned why innocent people suffer, why bad things happen to good people, while wicked people prosper, and the injustice of it all.

By way of response, Mark's account of Jesus' miracles highlights God's steadfast love and compassion, especially for those who are suffering. And today's reading from the Psalms offers us some of the most consoling words of all: God heals the broken hearted. So, have faith! Hold on in times of trial! God does not desert us. God's delays are not God's denials.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 7 Feb 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR B
8:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Mass

Tuesday 9 Feb 5:30 pm - No Mass tonight

Wednesday 10 Feb 9:00 am - Mass - Greenhills Lodge
5:30 pm - No Mass tonight

Thursday 11 Feb 8:15 am - Mass - note change of time (see page 3)
9:15 am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room

Friday 12 Feb 12:30 pm - Mass - note change of time (see page 3)

Saturday 13 Feb 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday 14 Feb 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR B
8:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Mass
12 noon - Baptisms

SEATING IN THE CHURCH

Please remember to turn over the small 'Please Sit Here' card where you sit in the church during Mass. This tells the volunteer cleaners where someone has been sitting during Mass.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 5.30pm - 5.50pm
Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

Readings next Sunday:

6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year B
Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1;
Mk 1:40-45

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Lenore van den Broek, Barbara Sali, Archbishop Philip Wilson, Ron Grigalius, Noela Nunan, Mary McDonald, Carl Johnston.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Miles Larkin, Frances Wright, James Wallace, Donna Lee Pearson.

ASH WEDNESDAY

17 FEBRUARY

MASS TIMES:

7.30am - Sacred Heart Church

5.30pm - Sacred Heart Church

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

Our New Year commences on

Friday 19 February

with lunch at the RSL Club at 1:00 pm.

The Women's Group is an informal gathering for ladies of the parish, meeting every 2nd month for a 'cuppa' and on alternate months - lunch at a local venue.

Enquiries: Helen Larkin 0409 802 639
or Barbara Cook 6672 3377

All ladies are very welcome.

MEN'S GROUP

Next morning tea

Wednesday 17 February

9:30 am at

Crystal Creek Estate Café & Nursery
1004 Numinbah Road, Crystal Creek

Enquiries to Alex Lever 6672 1908

All men are welcome

VIEW MASS AT HOME

There are several options to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:

ONLINE:

- ◆ Bishop Greg's livestreamed Sunday Mass at 8:00 am. Follow the link from lismorediocese.org or going straight to the 'Lismore Diocese' channel on YouTube.
- ◆ Mass on Demand: <http://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

FREEVIEW TV:

- ◆ Tune in to channel 10 on Sunday mornings at 6:00 am for 'Mass for You at Home'.



For more information, visit

<https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

READINGS FOR TODAY

FIRST READING: JOB 7:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

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)

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. 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

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

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:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE MASS

A LENTEN RETREAT LED BY FR ANTHONY

24 February, 3, 10, 17 March at 6pm

Buried within the Mass is a treasure of beautiful prayers and reflections. Behind each lies a depth of faith and holy mystery. Many parts of the Mass relate directly to Scripture and the Church's tradition.

I'd like to offer four talks through Lent gently explaining the Mass from a priest's perspective and highlighting some of the beautiful prayers that we say each weekend.

Each talk will stand alone—you can come to all four or just one. I'll allow time for questions but the main focus of the talk will be my reflections and explanations.

There are many prayers that I pray quietly. I'll share these with you and explain them. We'll have a look at the Eucharistic Prayers and Prefaces. We'll spend some time on the two Creeds. I'll explain some of the more common responses and why we use them.

The talks will begin directly after the Wednesday 5:30 pm Mass. Each talk will last for 30 minutes and an optional time for Q and A afterwards.

If you have a Daily or Sunday Missal,
bring it and follow along with me.

PLEASE NOTE

CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASS TIMES FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

from Thursday 11 February

We are trialing a change in Mass times for Thursdays and Fridays. New Mass times will be:

Thursday 8:15 am

Friday 12:30 pm

Your feedback on this trial change is most welcome. Tuesday & Wednesday Mass will remain at 5:30 pm.

PEW CUSHIONS

16 cushions have been made that fit neatly into the seats in the pews in the middle of the church. These cushions are available from the back of the church and we ask that following use, they are returned to the storage space. Each cushion will need to be individually cleaned after each use.

Your comments/feedback on the cushions and their use is appreciated.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be consoled.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

- Mt 5:5-6



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2021 LENTEN PROGRAMME

'Comfort'



This year's Lenten Programme is published by the Diocese of Wollongong and designed as a six-week Lenten resource for small groups, staff reflections, families and individuals. It also includes daily reflections from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

Lenten books have arrived and are available at the Parish Office - \$10.00. Books may be purchased for individual use.

MASS - What you need to know

- ◆ all Masses will continue to be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church (*entry via main entrance only*) – country churches remain closed
- ◆ sign in on arrival using our QR code or by giving your name and contact details to one of our hospitality team
- ◆ please remember to use the hand sanitiser provided
- ◆ seats are marked where you can sit
- ◆ please observe social distancing when coming forward for communion, and communion BY HAND only
- ◆ there is still no congregational singing
- ◆ church cleaned after each Mass
- ◆ covid-19 safety plan of action in place

Queries or concerns, please contact Mary-Ann in the Parish Office.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

(APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God,

the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father

almighty;

from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting.

Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



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