

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.

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Breaking Open the Word

CELEBRATING THE WORD OF GOD

Today the Church in Australia celebrates 'Word of God Sunday'. In establishing this day, Pope Francis invited us "to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred scriptures" (*Aperuit Illis*. 30 Sep 2019). This celebration brings our attention to how we engage with the Word in the liturgy, and how we take the Word with us and proclaim it in our daily lives. Today let's focus on the Gospel.

Mark portrays Jesus discerning his ministry. We accompany Jesus on his journey: having left the synagogue, where he had been teaching and healing, he enters the house of Simon and Andrew, along with James and John, where he finds and heals Simon's mother-in-law. By evening as the sun is setting, the word is already out, and people are bringing the sick and possessed to him. Indeed, "the whole city was gathered at the door" (v. 33), and Jesus ministers to them. In the morning, while it is still dark, Jesus goes to pray. Simon leads a search, and when they find him, Jesus declares, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is why I came" (v. 38). What we see in this Gospel passage is the word and deed in action in Jesus, and his discernment through prayer to take his mission out further.

Nourished by the Word of God let us pray and discern our mission in our daily lives sharing the Good News beyond our doors.

Dr Rosemary Canavan



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

4 FEBRUARY 2024

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

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

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 blessing.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 8: 17

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

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MASS TIMINGS:

Monday 8:00 am; Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wednesday to Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 8:00 am and Vigil 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00am & 10:00 am

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment

DEVOTIONS

:Rosary
after weekday Masses
:Cenacle Prayers
Fridays 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday after the 8:00 am Mass.

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
Saturday from 4:15pm to 5:00 pm
First Fridays from 11.30am to 12.15pm

Archdiocese of Sydney's Child Safeguarding Office: 9290 5810 safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org

Year B: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4-02-2024

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: 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.

Prayer for the week: Heavenly Father, You sent us your son Jesus, the Word of God, to save us and be our guiding Light and Love. May we continue to grow in love and understanding of the power of Jesus, the Living Word of God in us. May we channel the power bestowed upon us (as Christian witnesses) wisely through our words, attitude and actions. We pray to you our Heavenly Father, through your son Jesus and the Holy Spirit; and our Blessed Mother Mary. Amen.

We offer special prayers for:

The sick: Lynette Drew, Jorge Azar, Milagros F. Cannistraro, Sarah Cannistraro, Sevi Zachary Claveria, Judy Chen, Marieta De Venecia, Sue Domancich, Vivian Felice, Herman Liew, Jim Lisbona, Doris Magri, Cecilia Malkun, Javier Malkun, July Malkun, Manuel Mantilla, Marija & Barclay Family, Owen McLoughlin, Felomina Moulic, Jay R. Moulic, Salvador Murillo, Yvonne Parry, Jessa Reina De Vera-Cruz, Thelma Soriano, Ann-Marie Stevens, Venus Tabayoyong, James Trehwella, Aurea Visperas, Alison Wilkinson, Jessica & Joseph Wilkinson, all our sick parishioners, sick members of our families and friends and all the sick in the world.

The deceased:

Anniversary: Edmond Sciuriaga (28/01), Milton De Silva (anniv on 29/01), Emmanuel Cruz (12th anniv on 31/01), Reynato San Miguel Aquino (4th anniv on 3/2), Ibarra Cruz (8th anniv on 4/2), Juancho Castillo

Recently: Victoria Boudeville, John Joseph Daley (Michael Daley's father), Irudaya Doss (Fr Daney's father), Bernice Ayling, Bev Kuschert, Daniel Leow, Patrick Spain

Others: Des Ebejer, Margaret Cheong, Thelma Stevens, John Wilkinson, Andrew Spiteri, Phillip & Frances Merillo, Marriana Vella, Joseph Vella, the deceased members of our families and friends and all Souls in Purgatory.

We welcome to our parish community
the infant Jax Vasile who will be baptised this weekend.
Congratulations to his parents Joseph & Madelaine and the family.



Roster Feb 10/11 5.30pm	8am	10am
Lectors: Beatriz Visperas Brennan Sharpley	Meri Hardi Joyce Francis	Bernadette Heywood Anthony Grima

Church Cleaning & Preparation: Roster 10 Feb (second Saturday of the month)

Flowers Arranging: Bernadine Lavender
Vacuuming Church Floor: Tiago Santiago
Dusting & Tidying Pews: Nicy Kolencherry

Feast Day(s) of the Week: 5 Feb – Agatha 6 Feb – St Paul Miki & companions
8 Feb – Saint Bakhita 10 – Saint Scholastica

Word of God Sunday: The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 4 in 2024 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsonday

Fr Daney is away in India. He will be back on 13th February 2024. Fr Daney's father Irudaya Doss died on 13 January 2024 in India. Eternal rest grant unto him. May perpetual light shine upon him. Thank you for your prayers for Fr Daney's late father and his family. Please continue to pray for them. Fr Allan Casquejo and Fr Rafael Silva Galicia from Holy Family Maroubra will look after your pastoral needs while Fr Daney is away. Many thanks to Fr Allan & Fr Rafael.

The First Collection taken after the Prayer of Faithful supports our Archdiocesan clergies' stipends and presbytery expenses. **The Second Collection** which will be taken immediately after The First Collection supports our church's liturgical and running expenses as well as repairs and maintenance. **Tap donations are divided equally to First & Second Collections.**

2024 Daily Mass Books for \$20 only each: There are still about 5 Daily Mass books available in the church foyer. Please place your cash or tap device receipt in the chained box.

Catholic Weekly for \$2 each, in the church foyer. Please place your cash in the wall slot.

OLA Pagewood Parish's Presbytery Refurbishment:

OLA Pagewood Parish's presbytery is in need of repairs; and the refurbishment work has already begun. The parish is asking for help (if you can) with the expenses of the refurbishment. Please use the specially allocated envelopes in the church for your contributions (not taxable). Thank you very much for your donations and support. May God bless you abundantly.

Volunteer needed: A reader is needed for the Sunday 8am masses. If you are able to help, please email the parish office. Thank you.

Jesus, Light of the World Communities Prayer Gathering at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Walz St., Rockdale, NSW 2216 on Every Saturday: 2.30pm Rosary, 3pm Praise and Worship, 3:30pm Talk, 4:30pm Prayer Ministry. Speakers: Fr Rey Sentillas, MI on 10 Feb. Marina George on 17 Feb. Parking at entrance Parker St. Enquiries : Helen : +61 433 455 114 Ida. : +61 426 953 697 Email: jlowcommunity@gmail.com Web : www.jlowcom.org