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Today's Readings

Job 7:1-4.6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23 Mark 1:29-39 Job gives free rein to express the suffering in his life.

Paul sees it as his duty to preach the Gospel, and to offer it free of charge.

Jesus cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

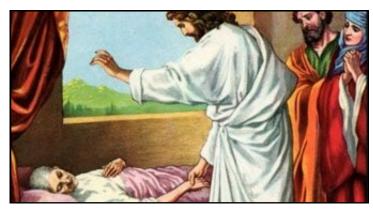
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time Year B 6th / 7th February, 2021

In a nutshell

Jesus' preaching and cures make such a deep impression on the people of Capernaum that everybody is looking for him. In the midst of all the acclaim, he withdraws so he can be alone with his Father in prayer.

There Jesus discerns that he must continue his preaching elsewhere, because that is why he came.

We, too, need prayer to enable us to discern what really matters.



Mark's gospel is the shortest of the four gospels. Although at times we are given passages where Jesus speaks, often we can infer what he is about by his actions. After proclaiming the kingdom of God is at hand and then calling his first four disciples to follow him, Jesus devotes himself to making whole those who have been broken by spiritual or physical illness. He does not shy away from the dark places within humanity, but instead seems to seek out those who are most in need of his light.

His works of healing proves to be the best possible way of spreading the good news that God's reign has drawn near. By the end of just one day in Capernaum the entire town is gathered at Jesus's doorstep, eager to listen to his words and come close to the power of his healing. As Christians we, too, are called to be healers and to bring Jesus's mercy to the broken places in our society. May we proclaim in our actions that Jesus is "Emmanuel," God who desires to be with us always, not only or even primarily in places of joy and peace, but also where we find the deepest pain and suffering.

Living Word, 2021

Entrance antiphon: Save us

Save us, Lord our God, and gather us together from the nations, that we may proclaim your holy name, and glory in your praise.

Response to the psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light:

a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

Readers

Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator) Saturday Vigil **February** Sr Jan O'Neil & John Betros

Sunday 7.00 am Peter Frost (Coordinator)

February:

George & Nicholas Attard

February

Sunday 9.30 am Adele Cornale (Coordinator)

John Rouen

Sunday 6pm

Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.

Money Counters—Parish Office

February 7th Group 4 **February 14th:** Group 1 **February 21st:** Group 2 **February 28th:** Group 3

Ministers of Communion

Vigil 5pm Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) Michael Zador & others **February**

Sunday 7.00 am Peter Frost (Coordinator)

February Gary Keating

Sunday 9.30 am Adele Cornale (Coordinator) February: Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.

Sunday 6pm Andrew Poidevin Paula O'Connor.

> Sacristy & Altar Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller

Altar Flowers

Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros

Piety Stall (5pm Vigil Mass)

Carol Miller

Mass Offerings: Your prayers are requested for the following:

Recently Deceased: Ken Paterson, John Stirrat, Anna Zabourek

Other Deceased: Nell, Tom, Ken Warren Lynch, Roy & Ella McDonald,

Barbara Joy McCormack, Brenda Dore, Corbett Family, Toni Barry.

Anniversary: Mable Rodden, Peter Byrnes, Anne Flaherty, Desmond and Alice Ryan

Sick: Michael Sweeney, Bernice Ralston, Genevieve Gilbert (Paris),

> John Cavanagh, Janet Neenan, Hayley Connery (Ireland), Rob Williams, June Ferguson, Fay Wilcox, Chris Simpson, Alex Campbell, Paula Hudson, Anne Stirling, Neil Thornton,

Marian Moreno, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Chris Schneider,

Therese Warfield, Owen O'Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick,

Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood, Joan Edwards, Judy Chock.

Where can I watch Mass, if I am still unable to attend in person because of the COVID-19 restrictions?

St Mary's Cathedral will continue to live-stream the 10:30am Solemn Mass every Sunday while the restrictions continue as well as various other services throughout the week. Check the website for regular updates. https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/ Mass For You at Home is broadcast on Channel 10 each Sunday from 6am. There are several live-streaming services for daily Mass both locally and from around the English-speaking world.

St Brigid's Parish Information

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm

Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass (NOT during Covid19) **Morning Tea**

Weekday Masses Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9.30 am

Reconciliation 20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass

Sacrament of Anointing During 9.30am Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month

Baptisms By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month

after 9.30am Family Mass.

Marriages Saturdays, by appointment, arranged at least six months in advance.

Parish Office: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9am to 3pm.

Phone 9315 7562.

(For pastoral emergencies, contact Fr Phil 0420 329 731)

St Brigid's This Week & Beyond

Wedding Celebrations - Congratulations to Hollie Wilkes & Luke Colbron, who celebrated their wedding on this Saturday afternoon, we wish them a lifetime of love and happiness.

Baptisms - This Sunday we welcome two children into our parish community: Hunter Picone son of Elizabeth and Oliver, and Luella Oudshoorn, daughter of Erin and David.

Monday 8th February - Meeting of PPC at 7pm in the school library

Thursday 11th February - Sacrament of Anointing at 9.30am Mass followed by morning tea.

Sunday 14th February - Children's liturgy at 9.30am Mass.

*A **Kid's Bulletin** is available for your children at the back of the church each week.

Wednesday 17th February - Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.30am

Volunteers urgently needed for Catechists for one hour on Wednesdays at Coogee Public School; and also others to assist at Children's Liturgy on 9.30am Sundays. Please contact Joanne <sacramentcoogee@yahoo.com> in our Office, or Fr Phil.

Fr Phil

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Dear Jesus,
Help us to find quiet time each day to spend with you in prayer.
Bless all those we love and give them good health and happiness.
Amen.



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A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sex Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest, who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

St Brigid's Parish Coogee Safeguarding Officer is Sharon Waller.