

04-FEB | FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

First reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job wrestles with the problem of innocent suffering

Responsorial: Psalm 146:3

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

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul is prepared to be 'all things to everyone', to bring them the gospel

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Jesus needs a quiet place to pray, then he starts a new phase of his mission

Jesus died for you in public

So just don't live for Him in private

1. There is the combination of the public with the private. Jesus heals both in public, and in the private space of the house of Simon and Andrew. We hear of Jesus being in the public gaze of healing — 'after sunset' which we would express as 'doing overtime' — and then he is away in a private space in prayer and then back immediately to another public space to preach.
2. It is interesting that the first private healing is of someone with fever — fever brought a dread to people in the ancient world that we cannot grasp (Luke in his version of this story links fever with demonic possession), and so being able to cure fever, and do it quickly, is a sign of heavenly power. The theme of the speed of the healing is expressed by the fact that Peter's wife's mother was ill with fever one moment, and the next was able to be up and about serving them.
3. The outset of the ministry Mark wants to present Jesus as the one who brings healing and deliverance; now in this passage comes the additional task of preaching. But all the time, only the demons know his true identity, but he has such power over them that he can even keep them from speaking and spreading this news. Here we are getting our first glimpses of the Messianic Secret that is such a key theme in Mark's theology.

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SUNDAY, 04-Feb **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 6.30pm
4.00pm – Konkani Mass

MONDAY, 05-Feb **St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**
Mass: 9.30am

TUESDAY, 06-Feb **St Paul Miki and companions, Martyrs**
Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY, 07-Feb
Mass: 9.30am

THURSDAY, 08-Feb
Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

FRIDAY, 09-Feb
Mass: 12.00noon

SATURDAY, 10-Feb **St Scholastica, Virgin**
Mass: 9.30am
6.30pm – Sunday Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, 11-Feb **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 6.30pm

POPE'S INTENTION - FEBRUARY 2024

For The Terminally Ill – Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Theresa Rynn, Evans Milroy Travasso, Martin Mongan, Louis Gabriel and Catherine Stocks that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday 14th February marks the beginning of Lent when we call on the mercy of God and repent. It is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. The Mass times on that day are 9.30am, 12.00noon and 6.30pm

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE ORDER OF THE CARMELITES OF MARY IMMACULATE (CMI)

In accordance with the agreed practice of the Diocese of Westminster, a collection will be made next weekend, after all Sunday Masses, for the formation of Carmelites of Mary Immaculate Seminarians, some of whom may indeed be serving as future priests of our parish. Special blue envelopes are available after all Masses this weekend for your donation. Please be as generous as you are able.

YOUTH CONVENTION - 10TH FEBRUARY 2024

We are conducting a One Day Youth Convention "You Lead, We Follow" on Saturday, 10th February, starting at 11am and will be concluded with the Sunday Vigil Mass at 6.30pm. All youth aged between 18-35 are invited to participate and spend a day in prayer and play. Kindly see the poster on the notice board and scan the QR Code to register your name.

ADDRESS CHANGES

It is important that parishioners inform us of their address change if we are to maintain correct records. This can only be done by filling in the Registration form ticking the address change box. Forms can be printed online and must be handed in or dropped in the presbytery letter box.

PALM CROSSES

Please return your palm crosses of the last year by **Sunday, 11th February** for preparing ashes for distribution on Ash Wednesday.

PILGRIMAGES 2024

The parish is organising following trip to:

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| Medjugorje and Split | - 17th to 23rd June |
| Lisieux, Lourdes and Paris | - 29th July to 3rd August |
| Lourdes, Fatima and SD Compostela | - 12th to 22nd August |
| Krakow and Czestochowa | - 9th to 14th September 2024 |
| Rome and Assisi | - 14th to 19th October |

For further information, please see the notice board at the porch and contact the Group Organiser Julie Fernandes on 07400889899.

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

The DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminals available in the church porch are mainly for parishioners who DO NOT give their offerings using Planned Giving envelopes or Standing bank orders. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation by simply choosing the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. We also encourage you to opt-in for Gift Aid (and enter your full address) to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that the parish can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

GETTING MARRIED

- **In the Catholic Church in this Country:** You need to contact one of your priests at least 6 months **before** the proposed date of the marriage- and provide a recent copy of your Baptism Certificate (dated within 6 months of the proposed marriage), and a copy of your Confirmation Certificate.
- **In the Catholic Church Abroad:** In addition to the information requested above, you will also need a letter of freedom from this Diocese, which may be obtained through your Priest.