

LIVING THE WORD

- ❖ The Book of Job is very rarely seen in the Sunday Lectionary. Job is successful, with a large family, significant wealth, health, a good name and reputation. Then suffering strikes. Significantly, in the midst of his suffering Job refuses to believe that suffering is God's punishment for sin. He is innocent. Today's passage is Job's cry from the depths of his personal suffering. Only through courage, perseverance and openness to God does Job recognise God is always looking after him. God is not manipulated by Good or Evil. Suffering is a profound mystery of being human. What sentence of Job can you identify with personally? What experience of 'suffering' has taught you most?
- ❖ Paul had decided not to accept money for his preaching from people in the town of Corinth. Some later preachers came after Paul and claimed this showed Paul did not believe in his own authority as a messenger of God. Paul responds that he wished to highlight the difference between the message of Jesus and other 'wandering preachers and healers' (who demanded money for their services). It is not 'Paul's message' but 'Christ's message' and he is under obligation to do this for free! Paul was careful how the message of Jesus would be received. Are you able to adapt your witness and example to ensure Jesus is 'received'? Can you think of an example today?
- ❖ Mark continues to show the Kingdom (Reign) of God is truly coming into the world through Jesus' words and actions overcoming evil. This is symbolised through healing those who were sick, and casting out evil spirits. People who were sick or tormented were regarded as 'unclean' and 'sinful'. They were not permitted into the Temple to worship. Jesus 'touches' them and cures them. Now they are free to be with family, and in the Temple. They can now participate fully in the life of the community. Does your life heal or harm? Include or exclude? What happens when someone in need is brought to you?
- ❖ Jesus' disciples find Jesus in prayer. They seek to make him return home to carry on the healing. His reputation (and their own reputation) is growing because of his success. Many people and their needs cause Jesus to find silence and pray to God for direction. From prayer Jesus clarifies his 'purpose'. Consider how busy Jesus became. How busy are you? What burdens and expectations do people pressure you to meet? Have you lost your 'purpose'? Spend time in prayer in a deserted place and ask direction from God.
- ❖ Disciples of Jesus continue the ministry of Jesus. Jesus heals many lives. Healing is 'making whole', comforting, welcoming back into community, lifting burdens. Do your life, words and actions 'drive out demons'? Establish peace, forgiveness, hospitality, justice? Do you see and fight evil?

We continue with the Pope's recent, annual address to the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Vatican.

Equally troubling is the increase in persecution and discrimination against Christians, especially over the last ten years. Altogether, more than 360 million Christians around the world are experiencing a high level of discrimination and persecution because of their faith, with more and more of them being forced to flee their homelands.

The path to peace passes through education, which is the principal means of investing in the future and in young people. I have vivid memories of the celebration of World Youth Day in Portugal last August. I continue to treasure that encounter with more than a million young people from all over the world, brimming with enthusiasm and zest for life. Their presence was a great hymn to peace and a testimony to the fact that "*unity is greater than conflict*" and that "*it is possible to build communion amid disagreement*".

It is essential that technological development takes place in an ethical and responsible way, respecting the centrality of the human person. "*The inherent dignity of each human being and the fraternity that binds us together as members of the one human family must undergird the development of new technologies*". Consequently, careful reflection is required at every level – national and international, political and social – to ensure that the development of artificial intelligence remains at the service of men and women, fostering and not obstructing interpersonal relations, a healthy spirit of fraternity, critical thinking and a capacity for discernment.

This year the Church is preparing for the Holy Year that will begin next Christmas. Today perhaps more than ever, we need a Holy Year. Amid many causes of suffering that lead to a sense of hopelessness, not only in those directly affected but throughout our societies; amid the difficulties experienced by our young people, who instead of dreaming of a better future often feel helpless and frustrated; and amid the gloom of this world that seems to be spreading rather than receding, the Jubilee is a proclamation that God never abandons his people and constantly keeps open the doors to His Kingdom. In the Judeo-Christian tradition, the Jubilee is a season of grace that enables us to experience God's mercy and the gift of his peace. It is also a season of righteousness, in which sins are forgiven, reconciliation prevails over injustice, and the earth can be at rest. For everyone – Christians and non-Christians alike – the Jubilee can be a time when swords are beaten into ploughshares, a time when one nation will no longer lift up sword against another, nor learn war any more (cf. Is 2:4).



CALENDAR

MONDAY

February 5
*St. Agatha, Virgin
and Martyr*
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13
Mk 6:53-56

TUESDAY

February 6
*St. Paul Miki
and Companions,
Martyrs*
1 Kgs 8:22-23,
27-30
Mk 7:1-13

WeDNESDAY

February 7
Weekday
1 Kgs 10:1-10
Mk 7:14-23

THURSDAY

February 8
Weekday
1 Kgs 11:4-13
Mk 7:24-30

FRIDAY

February 9
Weekday
1 Kgs 11:29-32;
12:19
Mk 7:31-37

SATURDAY

February 10
*St. Scholastica,
Virgin*
1 Kgs 12:26-32;
13:33-34
Mk 8:1-10

SUNDAY

February 11
*Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Cor 10:31-11:1
Mk 1:40-45

COMMUNION

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by
mass
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.
English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.
English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am
mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).
English before 10:00 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite
the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat, Sun : Closed
& public holidays

Dear Padre

February 4, 2024

***In the Our Father, we pray, "thy kingdom
come." Will God's kingdom come only at
the end of the world?***

God's kingdom will come in its fullness only at
Jesus' Second Coming, but the kingdom came
into the world with Jesus' first coming as a man.
That means we are in God's kingdom right now,
but not in its fullness.

In the Scriptures, we read that John sends his
disciples to ask Jesus if he is the messiah or if
they need to wait for another. Jesus responds,
"The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lep-
ers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are
raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed
to them" (Luke 7:22). These are all signs of the
kingdom of God.

In the meantime, we don't have to just wait for
God's kingdom to come in its fullness. We can
make God's kingdom more of a reality on earth
by visiting the sick, caring for the poor, and being
kind to others. Loving your spouse is a sign of the
kingdom of God. God's kingdom is among us,
not completely but partially, and we can make it
more of a reality in the good that we do for each
other.

Jesus' Second Coming will be at the end of
time, an event Jesus himself did not know the
time of: "But of that day or hour, no one knows,
neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but
only the Father" (Mark 13:32). ●

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

DOXOLOGY **PLEASE STAND**

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN

Amen. Amen. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. **PLEASE KNEEL**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION: WE REMEMBER (No. 681)

FINAL HYMN: LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS (No. 663) **PLEASE STAND**

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday, 4 February 2024

ENTRANCE: HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME (No. 615) **PLEASE STAND**

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

KYRIE, ELEISON / LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kýrie, eléison, (2); Christe, eléison, (2); Kýrie, eléison, (2).

GLORY TO GOD

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

1. 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.
2. 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, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
3. 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. (R)

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

A reading from the Book of Job:

Job spoke, saying: Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hireling who waits for his wages. So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?"

then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 147: PRAISE THE LORD, WHO HEALS THE BROKENHEARTED



1. Praise the LORD, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; it is fitting to praise him.
The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; the dispersed of Israel he gathers. (R)
2. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
He tells the number of the stars; he calls each by name. (R)
3. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit.
The LORD sustains the lowly; the wicked he casts to the ground. (R)

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:

Brothers and sisters: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases.

GOSPEL: Mk 1:29-39

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to Mark.

All: And with your spirit.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND

Priest: I believe in God,

All: 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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

“God of life, hear our prayer.”

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: LORD JESUS CHRIST (No. 589)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**