

# The Living Word

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

4 February 2024

## First Reading Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

*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.

## Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) *Praise the Lord who heals the  
broken-hearted.*

or

(R.) *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

*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 blessings.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 8:17

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

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

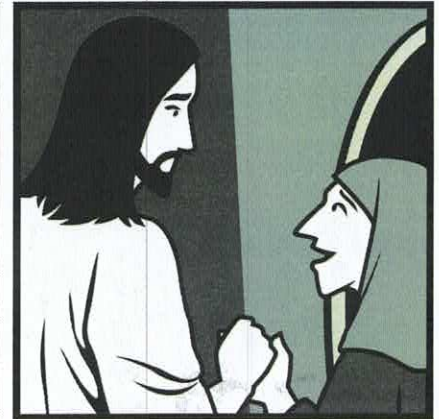
## Gospel Mk 1:29-39

*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.



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The mother-in-law of Simon (Peter)  
was sick in bed with a raging fever.  
When Jesus learned about her  
distressed state, he 'took her by  
the hand and helped her up'. He  
broke the taboo about physical  
contact with a woman not his  
relative because he wanted to  
holistically heal her dis-ease.

Simon's mother-in-law didn't need  
an aspirin and a cup of tea. She  
felt quarantined, isolated, and  
needed a hand reassuring her of  
sociable relationships. Jesus  
overcame her fever and her dis-  
ease with the world.

At every Mass we exchange a  
physical gesture at the greeting of  
Peace. This quite often overcomes  
being ill-at-ease with a family  
member or just with the neighbour  
in the pew. We need to take that  
symbolic action into the world. For  
somebody, it may be the most  
touching thing we ever do.

We could pause for a moment to  
identify that person who needs us  
to reach out, to take their hand  
and help them up.

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**Entrance Antiphon** Psalm 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**Communion Antiphon:** Matthew 5:5-6

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.

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Ministry Volunteers are needed within the whole Parish. If you would like to Volunteer, please contact the parish office on 0403 631 797 or email us at [goulburn@cg.org.au](mailto:goulburn@cg.org.au). We would love to hear from you. Below are some of our existing ministries.

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| *Acolyte                          | *Altar servers   |
| *Bereavement team                 | *Baptism Team    |
| *Children's Liturgy               | *Cemetery mowing |
| *Cleaning                         | *Collection      |
| *Counters                         |                  |
| *Communion for the housebound     |                  |
| *Extraordinary Eucharist ministry |                  |
| *Flowers                          | *Gardening       |
| *Hospitality                      | *Music           |
| *Prayers of the Faithful          | *Readers         |
| *Sacramental Team                 | *Tours           |

**Baptism:** We wish to invite those school students, as yet unbaptised, but interested in Catholic sacramental program to an information evening Wednesday: **February 7<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm, 36 Verner St.** Please rsvp to the office at [goulburn@cg.org.au](mailto:goulburn@cg.org.au).

**LENTEN program**

Prayer group will begin at 36 Verner Street on **22 February at 6.30 pm**

**Vigil Mass Times**

The special survey is on for Taralga and Goulburn Parishes. Please return the survey slip **before Friday 15 February** to contribute to the decision.

**Recently Deceased:** Gloria Orton, Joan Percy, Stanley Edington, Alf Yeardon, Kevin Neville, Betty Lindner, Beryl Reid, Raymon Finnegan, Kevin King, Rose Liardet, Anthony Smith, Leslie Reko.

**Anniversaries:** Ignacio Juaniza, Gordon Boyd, Noel Elliott, Marlene Elliott, Russell Croker, Mary Maloney, Ian Maloney, Lesley Croker, Pat Thistleton, Gerard Thistleton, Dan Corry, Jack McGann, John McDonald, Elsie McLaughlin, Rudolf Froncek, Robert Taylor Phillip Anable, Theresia Craciun, Deceased members of the Coffey, Anable and Cracium families, Sandra Collins, Pat Miller, Pat Larcombe, Ellen Writer, Lorna Lyons, Nita Price, Ruby Thorn, Jean Crawford, John Yeadon,

**Prayers:** Wilma Hewitt, Bruce and Lyn Pincott, Gerard Conroy, Paul Hollands, Ruth Kirsten Read, Sr. Marie Kearns, A.Taylor Jr, Ojwang Family,

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Feb 4: Children's liturgy and Morning tea.

FEB 7: Wednesday **7.30pm** Student Baptism Info eveFEB 10: Men's Breakfast **7.30-9am** TattsFEB 12: Crookwell Morning Tea **10.30 am**

FEB 11: Sr Rosemary Farewell - Crookwell.

FEB 14: Crookwell sacramental program enrolment

FEB 15 Goulburn sacramental program enrolment

FEB 23: Steel City Strings **6.30pm** Cello quartet SPPFEB 29: Chamber Philharmonia Cologne **7pm** in SPP

MAR 1: World Day Of Prayer

MAR 16: ST Joseph's Motor pilgrimage **4pm -6pm****MISSION NOTICES****SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENT DATES 2024****Reconciliation and First Holy Communion**

Crookwell enrolment: 14th February, 6pm

Goulburn enrolment: OLOF 15th February, 6pm

**Crookwell Morning Tea**

The Crookwell Morning Tea returns this year at a fresh new time. 10.30 am on the **2<sup>nd</sup> MONDAY** of the month, starting February the 12<sup>th</sup>, at St Mary's Presbytery, Crookwell. All welcome!

**Congratulations!**

Sr Marie Kearns celebrated 60 years in her Religious Profession, the Diamond Jubilee on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January

**ST JOSEPH MOTOR PILGRIMAGE**

Save the date for this special Men's only pilgrimage, from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of March. Ready your ride for a spiritual journey to the heart. QR codes available on your church bulletin boards, or from the office.

**CROOKWELL AND TARALGA**

Dear Parishioners,

The request for more volunteers for various ministries has been on the bulletin for a few weeks. In this **Year of the Holy Spirit** and the **Year of Prayer** I encourage you to support the various parish ministries, to make our parish more active and sustainable.

For those parishioners who are interested in in Parish pastoral Council or Parish Finance committee, please contact me by 12 February: [joshy.kurien@cg.org.au](mailto:joshy.kurien@cg.org.au) **Fr Joshy**