

## **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

**8th February 2009**

### **THEME: Mark 1: 29-39**

Today we hear from Job, whose pain is so real to us, whose cries echo our own when we suffer or must witness the suffering of others. Jesus brings his healing and drives out the demons of despair for the healing of the world.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

### **FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

Tuesday 10th February

Scholastica, virgin

Saturday 14th February

Cyril, monk and Methodius, bishop

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

The “preferential love for the sick” shown by our Lord in his earthly ministry demonstrates not only the compassion of God but also the possibilities that even physical adversity can afford to the soul that converses with God on why suffering is permitted. Isn't that actually each of us?

As so often happens, the experience of illness does in fact prepare the way for a deeper understanding of people and events. This is not to minimise the enormity of sickness and suffering, for they are truly evils no matter how many advantages they might eventually yield. Blindness is misery even if it should be part of the story of, say, Helen Keller. But no matter how awful a sickness is in its pain or debilitating consequences, no illness is a match for the power of Christ that comes through his passion, a reality that intimately links those suffering with the Saviour.

The sacrament of the anointing of the sick is a liturgical and communal gift of the Holy Spirit. It unites the subject more closely to Christ's passion through the priestly ministry of the Church and prepares those who receive it for the final journey by completing “our conformity to the death and resurrection of Christ, just as baptism began it”. The anointing of the sick can truly be celebrated in any venue - a private home, church, hospital, highway crash scene and so on. The numerous avenues of life's journey become the countless venues of that grace which touches every path of human struggle and striving.

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Kath Robinson, Michelle Wallace (baby), Gary McLinden, Paul Trottman, Mary Hamilton, Lillian Roberts, Michael Rooney, Norm McLaurin, Kevin Hynes, Mihovil Katalinic, Vin Griffiths, Bruce Tate, Juanita Jervois, Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brennan, Nancy Gibson, John Hunt, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Joan Sullivan, Mary Cooper, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Melda McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Luke Heffernan, Rosel Free, Reece Valta,

Yela Jankovic, Karl Grlica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Charles Francis, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara, Ben Harper, Bess Harris, Gregory Cummins, Patricia Bourke, Nicholas Hetherington, Joseph Doran, Effie Ray, Sandra Varrasso, Bob Woods and Marie Cook.

Grant eternal life to:

Kathleen Brown, Don Holt, Angela Bowler (Qld), Sydney McCrone (New Zealand), Rubena (Ruby) Hanlon, Stan Sawaski, Dinny Wighton and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Christopher Hill, Anne-Maree Percy, Bruno Spinelli, Dorothy Keane, Bridget Slattery, Casimiro Vlacci and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Warren Rigby, Rita Boadle, Patricia Wilson, Philomena Callaghan, Bridie McCormack, Leo McCormack, Margaret McCormack, Lucia Vlacci, Lorraine Hill and all our dear ones deceased.

## **LORD HEAR US**

### **BAPTISMS**

Recently we welcomed into God's Church the following newly baptised:

### **ALLIRA TUCKER**

### **FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **NEW READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

This weekend the priests, at all Masses, will call for new helpers in these two sacred ministries. Application Sheets with full explanation will be available on the church seats. Please give this appeal your prayerful consideration.

### **ABORTION**

Lead by Television, radio and press, many Australians have lost their moral compass and replaced it with a sexual revolution causing massive widespread marriage breakdown. Never before has there been such abusive criticism directed towards those who believe God's teaching that life begins at conception. ProLife Holy Hour 5.30-6.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month in St Patrick's church. This is the battle of our time. Good versus evil.

### **YOUNG ADULTS GROUP, 18-35 YRS**

St Patrick's holds a weekly discussion group for 18-35 year olds on Wednesday nights at 7.00pm in the upper room of St Patrick's hall. For more information, contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 or email [mizmim@gmail.com](mailto:mizmim@gmail.com) John Burton 0400 574 958 or Marcus Shaw 0418 463 952.

### **YOUTH GROUP (12-17YRS)**

St Patrick's Youth Group will start again this Sunday, 1st February, after the 10.30am Mass and on the first Sunday of every month. If you like meeting new people, eating junk food and getting to know your faith better, then youth group is for you. Contact Fr Brendan Lee: 6041 2588 or Miriam: 0400 419 981.

## **ST PATRICK'S PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meeting of St Patrick's Parish Council will be held this Thursday 12th February at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

## **MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS' CENACLE**

The Cenacle is held each Saturday of the month at 10.30am in the old convent chapel, off St Patrick's Church yard in Albury. All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

## **CELEBRATE LOVE**

Committed, intimate, joyful and passionate!

Presented in a Catholic context, this course from PMRC, grounded in the Theology of the Body, is open to couples of any faith. Celebrate Love is for newly married and 'very' married couples and is to be held in Wagga Wagga on 21st and 22nd March. For more information call (02) 9662 7272 or visit [www.celebratelove.com.au](http://www.celebratelove.com.au)

## **SNIPPET**

Certainly, we Christians still have not reached the goal of full unity, but if we let ourselves be continually converted by the Lord Jesus, we will surely reach it. (Benedict XVI)