

GOSPEL

Mk 1: 29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

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.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

4 FEBRUARY 2024

CELEBRATING THE WORD OF GOD

Today the Church in Australia celebrates 'Word of God Sunday'. In establishing this day, Pope Francis invited us "to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred scriptures" (*Aperuit Illis*, 30 Sep 2019). This celebration brings our attention to how we engage with the Word in the liturgy, and how we take the Word with us and proclaim it in our daily lives. Today let's focus on the Gospel.

Mark portrays Jesus discerning his ministry. We accompany Jesus on his journey: having left the synagogue, where he had been teaching and healing, he enters the house of Simon and Andrew, along with James and John, where he finds and heals Simon's mother-in-law. By evening as the sun is setting, the word is already out, and people are bringing the sick and possessed to him. Indeed, "the whole city was gathered at the door" (v. 33), and Jesus ministers to them. In the morning, while it is still dark, Jesus goes to pray. Simon leads a search, and when they find him, Jesus declares, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is why I came" (v. 38). What we see in this Gospel passage is the word and deed in action in Jesus, and his discernment through prayer to take his mission out further. Nourished by the Word of God let us pray and discern our mission in our daily lives sharing the Good News beyond our doors.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

A reading from the book of Job.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted. *or 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

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

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 blessing.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 8: 17

Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (4th Feb 2024)
St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Matteo Cho OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa & I-Lynn Lee
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)
- ▶ Juliet Oei (Business & Facilities Manager: Tues - Fri)
- ▶ Bernadette Dennis (St Joseph's Outreach Services)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, by appointment or before/after Weekday Mass

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 4th February 2024

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 3rd February 2024	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 4th February 5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 5th February St. Agatha		
Tuesday 6th February St Paul Miki and Companions	10.00am Mass (Anointing Mass)	12.45am Mass
Wednesday 7th February Bl Anselm Polanco OSA	10.00am Mass	12.45am Mass
Thursday 8th February 5 th Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass	12.45am Mass
Friday 9th February 5 th Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass	12.45am Mass
Saturday 10th February St. Scholastica	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14th (Wednesday week) and we will celebrate three masses in the parish at 10am and 7pm at St Joseph's and 12.45pm at St Thomas Aquinas.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ **Anointing/Healing Mass:** Tues 6 Feb 10am SJ
- ▶ **Baptism Preparation:** Tues 6 Feb 7pm
- ▶ **Liturgy Committee:** Thurs 15 Feb 6.30pm:
- ▶ **RCIA Meeting** Thursday 8th February 7pm.

AUGUSTINE 'THE ROAD TO LIFE'



"The Lord teaches that there are two roads lying before us—one narrow, the other wide; one leading to life, the other to death. So, my dearly beloved brothers, if you don't want to perish eternally, flee

the road to death and choose the road to life so that you may live eternally. The road to life is hidden in faith and in belief, for, in order to discover the road to life, we must believe faithfully, according to the dictum "Unless you believe, you will not understand." If you want to seek and discover the one right path, you must love and faithfully safeguard the virtues which constitute the road to life. For he who follows this route will enter into eternal light and possess the life which never ends. Amen." (Sermon 4)

CHANGE OF PARISH MANAGER

With regret we bid farewell to our parish manager **Amy Lau** who leaves us for other employment. We thank her for her contribution and time among us. At the same time, we welcome our newly appointed manager **Juliet Oei** who has now taken up the role.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS from Friday

16th February in St Joseph's church 10.30am on Fridays during Lent.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Brian Young, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Margaret Lochtenberg, Ronald Seaman, Mitos Gloudemans, Anne Rigg, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Inge Halim, Paul Chong, Patricia Galloway, Margaret Shepherd, Monica Beckenham, Larissa Popowski, Ryan McCarthy, Mary Ireland, Caroline O'Neil, Isabella Chong, Tony Duarte, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Veronica Dura, Regina Caluya, Lynn Montilla Garcia, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Judith Duncan, Stephen Soh, Joseph Alcantara.

IN LOVING MEMORY



Anniversaries

- * Agatha Tong
- * Margaret England
- * Kevin Quealy
- * Jozefa Szymczycha
- * Giovanna Malice
- * Sr. Rosaleen McCaffrey PBVM.
- * John Morley
- * Leslie McMaster
- * Anacleto Duran
- * Rudolf Szymczycha
- * Julita Lim

BECOMING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN



Our RCIA program has begun and we ask your prayers for the candidates who are seeking to join our Catholic community. If you know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic faith please contact the Parish office as soon as possible. 98269677

TAP POINT TERMINALS



In our churches we have eftpos style terminals for your contributions to the parish. You can choose a pre-set amount or nominate your own donation. We hope the additional terminals will speed up proceedings on Sundays.

HEALING / ANOINTING MASS 10AM FEB 6th

In this week of the Day of Prayer for the Sick our monthly Anointing Mass is scheduled for 10am Tuesday 6th February at St. Joseph's.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

We invite families with infants to be presented for baptism to an online Zoom preparation meeting on Tues 6th February at 7pm. Contact the parish office for further details.

MASS COLLECTIONS 28/01/2024

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.	\$ 740.45
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 654.20
Envelopes	\$ 150.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards	\$ 350.00
Tap Point Terminals	\$ 495.00

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