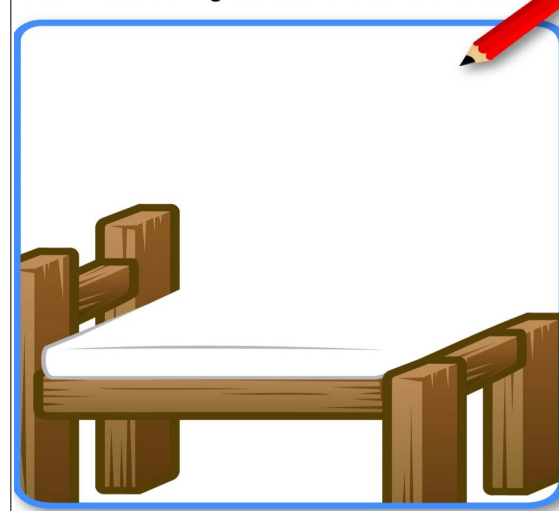
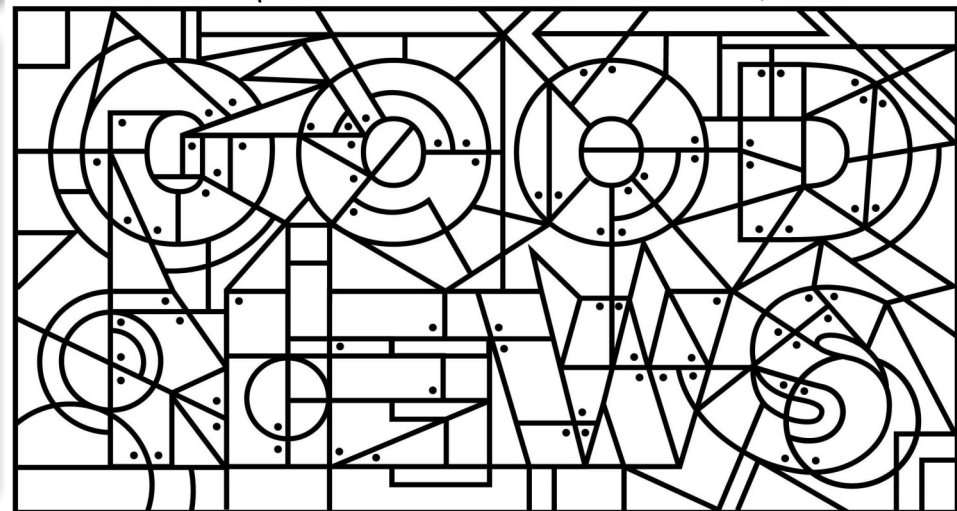


5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Draw Jesus healing Simon's sick mother-in-law



Color in all the shapes that contain dots to reveal what Jesus wants everyone to know.



Jesus went away to be alone and pray. Where are some places that you pray?



SAINT OF THE WEEK: SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, 8 FEBRUARY

For many years, Josephine Bakhita was a slave, but her spirit was always free and eventually that spirit prevailed.

Born in Olgossa in the Darfur region of southern Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped at the age of 7, sold into slavery and given the name Bakhita, which means fortunate. She was resold several times, finally in 1883 to Callisto Legnani, Italian consul in Khartoum, Sudan.

Two years later, he took Josephine to Italy and gave her to his friend Augusto Michieli. Bakhita became babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, whom she accompanied to Venice's Institute of the Catechumens, run by the Canossian Sisters. While Mimmina was being instructed, Josephine felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized and confirmed in 1890, taking the name Josephine. When the Michielis returned from Africa and wanted to take Mimmina and Josephine back with them, the future saint refused to go. During the ensuing court case, the Canossian Sisters and the patriarch of Venice intervened on Josephine's behalf. The judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she had actually been

free since 1885.

Josephine entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. In 1902, she was transferred to the city of Schio (northeast of Verona), where she assisted her religious community through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and welcoming visitors at the door. She soon became well loved by the children attending the sisters' school and the local citizens. She once said, "Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!"

The first steps toward her beatification began in 1959. She was beatified in 1992 and canonized eight years later.

Reflection

Josephine's body was mutilated by those who enslaved her, but they could not touch her spirit. Her Baptism set her on an eventual path toward asserting her civic freedom and then service to God's people as a Canossian Sister.

She who worked under many "masters" was finally happy to address God as "master" and carry out everything that she believed to be God's will for her.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>

OLOL PARISH MINISTRIES & COORDINATORS

<p>Liturgy: Y. Fenech & S. Sta. Maria Baptism Prep: R. Vail & M. Mardy Sacramental Prep: M. Alphonso, M. Mardy, A. Tilley Children Liturgy: M. Alphonso Eucharistic Ministers: E. Kinnear Prayer & Friendship Group: Y. Fenech (Wed) Safeguarding: M. Anderson Care & Support Group: A. Tilley</p>	<p>Home Visits & Holy Com.: A. Tilley Liturgy Rosters: D. Lim Our Lady of Fatima Visit: V. Measki Narthex Coord. & Altar Linen: B. Pascoe Counting & Banking: B. Dempsey Parish Choirs: M. Dennis /Fons; S. Fernandes; Praveen; Galangs Craft Grp: B. Pascoe & M. McKiterick (Thurs) SVDP Society: For Help Call 1300 305 330</p>	<p>Altar Servers: S. Rajan Piety Stall: M. Lisle Library: A. Tilley Cuppa: B. Pascoe & M. McKiterick Art, Garden & Environment: V. Measki Event Management: W. Singh Parish Website & PowerPoint: D. Lim & A. Sujeev Maintenance: Mowing Roster:</p>
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OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Bayswater

HOLY MASS

Weekend

- Saturday: 9am Morning Mass; 6pm Vigil Mass
- Sunday: 8am, 10am & 5pm

Weekday

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am
(Benediction & Adoration on First Friday at 8:30am)
 - Tuesday: 7:30pm
(Adoration, Divine Mercy Novena & Benediction at 6:30pm)
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary:** 30 minutes before weekday Masses

SACRAMENTS

- **Baptism** 2nd Sunday of every month, 11:15am (2 months advance notice)
- **Baptism Preparation** 2nd Thursday of every month, 7:30pm.
- **Reconciliation** Tuesday: 6:30pm & Saturday: 9:30am and 5:30pm
- **Marriage** Minimum 6 months advance notice is required
- **Sacramental Preparation:** Call the Parish Office

PRESBYTERY

- Parish Priest: **Fr. Sabu Thomas Adimakiyil VC**
- Secretary: **Millicent Cabisidan (Peachy)**
- Bookkeeper: **Emalyn Rivera**

OFFICE HOURS

- Wednesday & Thursday 9am - 3pm
- Friday 9am - 12pm

OLOL PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Principal: Ross Williams Tel: (03) 9729 3411

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Chair: Michael Di Paola

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Chair: Michael Dennis

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VISION

Our parish be a faith-filled, caring and sharing community that will actively embrace multiculturalism and team building reaching out to joyfully demonstrate God's love to the wider society.

MISSION

That our parish hold spiritual and social programmes to cater to all levels and interests of parishioners, drawing in toddlers, youth, elderly, and new families into the orbit of the parish.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.'



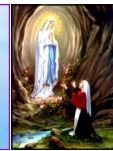


FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 FEBRUARY 2024

'We aim a Safe and Inclusive Parish'

YEAR B/2



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

RESPONSE

Praise the Lord who
heals the broken-hearted.

ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!
He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.
ALLELUIA!

HE HEALS THE BROKEN HEARTED; HE BINDS UP ALL THEIR WOUNDS

This Sunday, the readings invite us to look more deeply into the experience of human suffering. It is only through Christ that our pain and despair can and will be transformed. Just like the suffering people in today's Gospel, we all long for Christ. It is through prayer that our yearning will be fulfilled.

In the First Reading Job expresses total despair at the great losses that he has experienced; he seems overwhelmed by the frailty of life. The suffering in our world today perhaps makes it easy to relate to his sentiments.

In the Second Reading, Paul writes of how his own experience of Christ and the Gospel impels him to share the Good News with others. He feels that he is like a slave to the Gospel, and is happy to accept this role. Today's Gospel portrays the early days of Jesus's healing ministry in Galilee. After praying with the community in the synagogue, Jesus responds with compassion to all the sick and suffering people who are brought to him. He begins his days in prayerful solitude and is drawn by a desire to bring his Good News to as many people as possible.

Source: Excerpted from the Scripture reflection courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK available at www.australiancatholics.com.au. Image from <https://newlifennarrabri.wordpress.com/>



LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

FIRST READING: JOB 7:1-9, 6-7

A reading from the book of Job.

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

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 CORINTHIANS 9:16-19, 22-23

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

GOSPEL: MARK 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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.



ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI ON HOW TO ENTER INTO THE YEAR OF PRAYER

The theme of the 2025 Jubilee Year is 'Pilgrims of hope'- a theme that according to Pope Francis reflects the life of every Christian: 'The Christian, like Mary, is a pilgrim of hope.' To prepare for the jubilee, the Holy Father has called for a Year of Prayer, a time of 'rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world'.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, who was recently in Rome, recorded a special message for the local church of Melbourne, in which he suggests three simple prayers to help us enter into this time of preparation: 'Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be ... three simple prayers that can open up our lives. Just to say those three prayers each day would be a lovely thing.'

He encourages viewers to turn to the Bible and spend time reading the gospels and exploring the psalms, which he says 'share the life of faith through all of the human emotions' of needs, joys and hopes. Archbishop Comensoli also challenges the community to pray for those within our own neighbourhoods.

Full report at www.melbournecatholic.org



CATHOLICS RECOGNISED IN AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS LIST

Many Catholics were recognised for their outstanding service to the community in the annual Australia Day Honours List announced on Friday.

St Vincent de Paul Society's NSW Vice President for Special Works, Beverley Kerr, has been made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for her service to the community. Other awardees include the late Fr Bob Maguire, Gregory O'Mullane, former director of Catholic Education Northern Territory, Dr Margaret O'Donnell also received an OAM for service to education, Michael McMahon, a sailing manager at Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club and local parishioner at St Kieran's in Manly Vale received a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).

View the complete Australia Day Honours List on the Governor-General's website.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES 11 FEBRUARY 2024

- PROCESSION AND ROSARY AT 4PM
- THANKSGIVING MASS AT 5PM
- AWARDING OF GOLDEN JUBILEE AS OLOL PARISHIONER
- AWARDING OF MARRIAGE JUBILEE FOR 25TH, 30TH, 40TH, 50TH AND UP

Light supper will follow. Please bring a plate to share.

9-DAY NOVENA: 2-10 FEBRUARY
AFTER THE 9AM MASS

ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

14 February at 9:00am and 7:30pm

STATION OF THE CROSS

Every Sunday of Lent after the 5pm Mass
beginning on 18 February

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES:

- **ANNIVERSARY:** Kevin Northwood, Albert Tellis, Mickey (Merville) Loveday, Janet Cooper, Helen Elizabeth Maya, Roger Ratcliffe, Gabrielle Turk, Mrs Gaughwin.
- **SICK:** Peter Lisle, Wendy Markby, Fiona Scudds, Elisa Iacovitti, Evelyn McDougall.



POPE INVITES ALL PRAY FOR TERMINALLY ILL AND THEIR FAMILIES

Pope Francis has released his prayer intention for February, inviting people to pray for the terminally ill and their families. This month's video comes during the month in which the Church observes the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick, both on February 11.

In the video, Pope Francis explains that "when some people talk about terminal illnesses, there are two words they often confuse: incurable and un-'carable'. But they are not the same."

He cites his predecessor St John Paul II, in saying, "Cure if it is possible; always take care".

Pope Francis explains clearly that even when little chance for a cure exists, "every sick person has the right to medical, psychological, spiritual and human assistance".

"Healing," he acknowledges, "is not always possible, but we can always care for the sick person, caress them."

The Pope also reaffirms that such care "guarantees the patient not only medical attention," but also "human assistance and closeness". Full text at www.cathnews.com



SEEKING THE 'DIVINE ADVOCATE': THE RED MASS

Every year at St Patrick's Cathedral, a tradition dating back to the late Middle Ages comes to life again to mark the beginning of the legal year. This tradition is the Red Mass, named so because, being a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, the red robes of the clergy symbolise the tongues of fire that fell on the apostles at Pentecost.

This year the Mass was celebrated on 29 January by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli where several members of parliament and other government representatives are in attendance. It has been celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral for some time, providing an opportunity for those who work in the law to seek the assistance of the Holy Spirit in the serious responsibilities falling to them. It is also a reminder of the deep history that the Church and Western legal traditions share, each one shaping the other in lasting ways. Full text at www.melbournecatholic.org

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- 5 February - Saint Agatha
- 6 February - Saints Paul Miki and Companions
- 8 February - Saint Jerome Emiliani
Saint Josephine Bakhita
- 10 February - Saint Scholastica

Mother and Children Mass and Morning Tea
Every First Monday of the Month
All are Welcome!

TOY REPAIR

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

- PSALM 147:3 NIV