

### ST CECILIA'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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**3 February/4 February 2024 | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B**

READERS	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	COMMENTATOR
<i>Saturday 3 February</i>			Marilyn
<i>Sunday 4 February</i>	Anne D'Mello	Philip	Jody Tait

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 14th February is the beginning of Lent season, the time of our spiritual renewal. We will have Student Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:45am. You are all invited to start this time of grace together.

### READERS REQUIRED

For those who are available to assist with readings, please write your names on the notice board behind the Church for next weekend. Thank you in advance.

### SACRAMENT FOR THE SICK

If you know someone who is sick and would like to receive a Sacrament at home, please contact Father Octavian for a visit. He is also available to bless your house, office or car.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Every Friday at St Cecilia's Church between 6.00pm— 7.00pm. All are welcome.

### PROTECTING CHILDREN IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Safeguarding Officer is Lorena Moron.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY

The offerings last weekend:

**1st Collection:** Diocesan Clergy: \$160.30 | Direct Debit \$80.45

**2nd Collection:** Parish Maintenance: \$294.85 | Direct Debit \$214.95

**Baptisms:** \$150

If you would like to contribute to our collection via direct debit, banking details are:

Account name: Port Hedland Parish

Reference: Sunday Collection

BSB: 086 006

Account Number: 917 992 531



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# Readings

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## **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**

**Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. **R.**

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.**

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.