

# ST BONIFACE CATHOLIC PARISH, TOOTING



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## 7 FEBRUARY 2021– YEAR (B) FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there". (Mark 1:35)*

As he begins the story of the ministry of Jesus, Mark sets before us a typical day's ministry of Jesus in Capernaum. It begins with the healing of the sick man in the synagogue, which we read last week. There are many others who also need Jesus' help. Jesus is still accompanied by the four disciples, the first ones to be called. The evangelist tells us how he heals the mother-in-law of Simon Peter. While our translation says that he 'helped her up', the Greek original is, literally, 'he raised her up'. This is the term used for the resurrection of Jesus. The miracles of Jesus are signs of the kingdom, and point to the resurrection. He has come to raise up to new life those who welcome his help. At sunset, once the sabbath has ended, the townspeople begin to bring their sick to Jesus. Mark stresses the impact of Jesus' healing work by speaking of the gathering of the 'whole town'. There is another reference to those who are possessed, those who in the contemporary view were victims of Satan. Jesus commands them not to make him known. He is constantly concerned to avoid any misunderstanding of his mission and purpose. The evangelist brings the day to a conclusion by speaking of Jesus at prayer before the night ends. How do I experience the new life and healing Jesus brings? Do I allow time for quiet prayer in my daily life? Let us pray for those who struggle with debilitating sickness of body or spirit. Let us pray for those who care for sick and elderly family members.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

## THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

**A reading from the book of Job 7:1-4,6-7**



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.  
*R. Thanks be to God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 146(147):1-6**

**R. 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**

*A Reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23*

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. 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.  
**R. Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life.**  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:29-39*

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.*

*R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

### THE NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (*all bow*) was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.**

*May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.*

**SANCTUS:** *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

### **THE MYSTERY OF FAITH**

*We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection,  
until you come again.*

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.*

## **PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION**

**FAREWELL/ THANKSGIVING MASS FOR FR PETER AUDU:** You all are invited to join the parish family on next **Sunday, 14th February at 12:00** for a thanksgiving Mass for the service of Fr Peter to St Boniface family.

**GIFT TO FR PETER:** If you wish to give a gift to Fr Peter, please take an envelop from the Porch and drop the envelope with your gift in the box provided in the Church. Many thanks.

**SACRAMENTS DURING LOCKDOWN:** Masses as usual: **9.30am & 6.30pm Monday to Saturday. Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 12:00, 1pm and 6.30pm.**

We are allowed to have funerals, baptisms and Wedding. Please contact the parish office to find out more about these sacraments.



**NHS COVID-19 VACCINATION:** Vaccination at the hall has been started. Anyone who are 70plus and not yet received the vaccine, can take the vaccine even you haven't received a letter from NHS. Vaccination is only by appointment, you can book an appointment by online or phone Pearl Chemist at 020 8672 2157 or on this Sunday, you can book at our parish hall.

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS:** **Please drop your envelops/offering in the offering boxes which can be found at the entrance and exits or use the card machines at the back of the Church.**

**CONTACTLESS OFFERINGS & GIFT AID:** We have two card terminals to make your offering. **YOU CAN FIND THE TERMINALS ON EITHER SIDE IN THE PORCH AS YOU ENTER THOUGH THE FRONT DOORS.** You can Gift Aid all the offering you make by card. If you wish to use your card for your offering/ donation, please follow the instructions at the terminals. Thanks for using the facility.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 17th February.

- It is a day of prayer, fasting and abstinence
- Ashes will be distributed at all masses.

**PARISH OPEN HOUSE:** No Parish Open House during lockdown. For urgent matters, please contact the parish office.

**NOVENA & MASS OF ST JOSEPH:** In this year of St Joseph, we shall pray to St Joseph for the world, our parish and family through a *Mass of St Joseph & Novena on Wednesdays*. Novena will be prayed after both morning & evening Masses.

**BAPTISM PROGRAMME:** Since we are in lockdown, there will not be any baptism programme in January. The next programme is on Monday 22nd February. Those who wish to have their child baptised, please contact the parish office.

**CONFESSIONS:** *Saturdays 10.30am to 11.30am*

**LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:** 9.30am Mon– Sat and Sun 12:00.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Programme will start on Saturday 24th April at 9.50am in the Parish Hall. All the parents (ONLY) are requested to attend a meeting on Saturday 20th March at 9.50am in the Parish Hall.

**CONFIRMATION:** Due to lockdown and Covid-19 situation, Confirmation programme will not start on Saturday 6th February. *The new start date for the programme is now Saturday 24th April at 11.15am.*

**PARENTS MEETING OF THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** *is on Saturday 20th March at 11am in the parish hall.*

**CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS:** *Will meet this Saturday 6th Feb at 11am.*

**RCIA:** No session during lockdown. The next session is Monday 22nd February at 7.15pm

**CONFESSIONS:** On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am. Unfortunately, regulation won't allow us to have confessions in the confessional. So the confessions will be at the Our Lady Chapel area. **Please note the time change.**

**SHALOM ONLINE RETREAT:** Shalom Europe is having an online retreat on February 27 & 28 at 2pm-4.30pm. You have to book, if you wish to join the retreat. For registration and more information can be found at : [shalommedia.org/retreat](http://shalommedia.org/retreat)

**RECENTLY DIED:** We offer our prayers for Elsie Scully, Deborah Peberdy, Brendan Kelly, Lawrence (Dessy) Hanney, Herminia Okeke, Vimalda Sebamalaimuthu, Joyce D'Silva, Martha Pinto and Ellen Bolger who died recently. May they rest in peace!

**Funerals of:** *Dessy on Wednesday 10th Feb at 10.30am, Herminia on Wednesday 10th Feb at 11:45, Ellen on Wednesday 17 Feb at 11:45, Vemalda on Monday 15th Feb at 11:30, Elsie on Friday 19th Feb at 1.15pm, Deborah on Thursday 25th Feb at 10.15am, Brendan on Tuesday 2nd March at 12:30 & Joyce on Mon 8th March at 12:30.*

**NEED TO SEE A PRIEST:** If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come for a parish open house which is every Friday 4pm-6pm.

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** A Catholic Priest is available for patients, staff & Visitors to St. George's Hospital, Fr. Mark Higgins, on 0208 725 3069. Messages can be left. In emergencies phone the switchboard on 020 8672 1255 to page the Catholic Priest, who can be reached 24/7.

*For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.*



**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

**Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.**

**The Sick:** Helena O'Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Beverley King, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastasia Ogbonna, Nilojan Mariyathas, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Janet Adams, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly & Eli Lee Roberts.

**Death Anniversaries:** Fr Patrick Fitzsimons, Luke Kelly, Thomas Page, Mary Kickey, Kevin Kenneally, Anne Moran, Spencer Osborn, Bridget Crosbie, Thomas Gavigan, Mary Reeves, Hugh Mills, Donald Aveling, Pearl Johnson, Mary Walsh, Alexander Coull, Carol Gonzales, Terence McLoughlin, Judith Amito, Cleveland Daley, Mary McCauley and Anthony Escrader.  
**May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	6th & 7th February	12th & 13th February
	<b>LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)</b>	
Sat 18.30	Ethna Power	Jim Russell
09.00	Stefanie Flaherty	Angus Xavier
10.30	Anita Bennett	Francis Ikpoh
12.00	Sharon Wrightman	Mikhelaela Dayaday
13:00	Callum Fernandez	Ian Johnson
18.30	Padraig Cronin	Ivon Kandiah
<b>Cleaning Rota:</b>	<b>Wk2: Mon 8th February @ 7pm</b>	<b>Wk2: Mon 8th February @ 7pm</b>

<b><u>Sunday 7th February</u></b> <b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B</b>	09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 18:30	Robin Family Thanksgiving David Coddington, RIP Theresa Schembri Martha Pinto, RIP Fr Shaju Ints
Monday 8th February <b>St Josephine Bakita</b> <b>Day for Victims of Trafficking</b>	09:30 18:30	Philomena McCauley & family Ellen Bolger, RIP
Tuesday 9th February <b>VOTIVE OF ST ANTHONY</b>	09:30 18:30	Hugo Roarty, RIP Jacob Anthony, RIP Ayanna O'Dath
Wednesday 10th February <b>VOTIVE OF ST JOSEPH</b>	09:30 10:30 11:45 18:30	For the People of the Parish <b>Funeral: Lawrence Hanney (Desi)</b> <b>Funeral: Hermenia Okeke</b> Int The Floyd family
Thursday 11th February <b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b> <b>World Day for the Sick</b>	09:30 18:30	Fiona & Noel Manly November Altar List
Friday 12th February <b>Feria</b>	09:30 18:30	Ann & Jonnie Cresswell William Benzynie, RIP
Saturday 13th February <b>The Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	09:30 15:00 18:30	Charles Audu, RIP <b>Baptism</b> Thanksgiving – Elen Elza Joy
<b><u>Sunday 14th February</u></b> <b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B</b>	09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 18:30	Dave Duncan Rose Cunnane, RIP Mungul Union Con Clerkin Jean Short, RIP

**All the Group meeting & Prayer Groups are closed until further notice.**  
**Parish Open House Closed**  
**Tamil Mass: 7.15pm on Thursday 11th February.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Sat: 10.30am – 11.30pm

**Holy Hour**  
First Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm

**Adoration & Morning Prayer**  
Monday - Saturday: 9am  
Holy Hour on First Friday  
5.15pm – 6.15 pm

**Novena to St Anthony**  
Tuesday: 10am & 7pm  
**Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
Friday: 10am

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**  
Saturday: 10am