



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC PARISH WAUCHOPE

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, BEECHWOOD & ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, LONG FLAT

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Parish Office Hours: 9:00am to 2:00pm, Tuesday to Friday

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

3rd & 4th February 2024

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

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

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

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

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 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.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

No	From	Intention
1	Anonymous	Souls in Purgatory

2		Sick members of Parish Community
3	Goodwin Family	Kathleen Goodwin – Recently Deceased
4	Anne Thornton	Peter Wall - Anniversary
5	Des & Clare Daley	John Daley – Recently Deceased

Announcements

1. **Parish Photo** - To all OLOL parishioners. Since we have a rare opportunity while Fr Felix is away to be together, we will aim to take a parish photograph on Saturday 3rd of February after the Vigil Mass. This would be wonderful to have for our parish newsletter, our parish website and a gift to Fr Felix! We hope you can make it.
2. **Ash Wednesday Masses** – There will be only 1 Mass at OLOL at 9.30am.
The Mass times for Church’s in the area are –
St Agnes Church: 7:00am and 12.05pm
St Mary Star of the Sea, Lake Cathie: 6:00pm
St Bernard’s Telegraph Point: 6:00pm
3. **St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal** - Thank you to everyone who donated to our Christmas Appeal for 2023, which raised \$1,038. Each contribution helped someone in our community have a better Christmas. Thanks also to St Joseph’s Mini Vinnies and the school for their invaluable collections and fund raising. Your support is greatly appreciated.
4. **Fr Felix will be on holidays** - Please contact St Agnes Parish on 6583-1024 for emergencies.

Parish Events		
FEBRUARY		
Wed 14 th Feb	Ash Wednesday	9:30am

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date	Feast Day	Readings	Colour
Mon 5 th Feb	St Agatha, virgin, martyr	1 Kg 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56	Red
Tues 6 th Feb	St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs	1 Kg 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13	Red
Wed 7 th Feb		1 Kg 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23	Green
Thurs 8 th Feb		1 Kg 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30	Green
Fri 9 th Feb		1 Kg 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37	Green
Sat 10 th Feb	St Scholastica, virgin	1 Kg 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10	White

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

LITURGY ROSTER

10TH & 11TH FEBRUARY 2024

SATURDAY VIGIL 6.00PM

Reader:	Peta Rourke
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SUNDAY 7.30AM

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17TH & 18TH FEBRUARY 2024

SATURDAY VIGIL 6.00PM

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24TH & 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

SATURDAY VIGIL 6.00PM

Reader:	Children's Mass
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SUNDAY 7.30AM

Reader:	
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CHURCH CLEANING

Marie Marchment

27th Jan to 9th February 2024

CHURCH LINEN

Nola Fabris (Feb)

PARISH LITURGIES OUR LADY OF LOURDES, WAUCHOPE

Saturday	
Reconciliation	5:30pm
Vigil Mass	6:00pm
Sunday	
Mass 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th	7:30am
5 th Sunday	9:00am
Baptisms 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th	11.15am
Sundays. (Please contact the Parish office for bookings.)	
Tuesday	
Mass	10:30am
Rosary(Weekly)	11:00am
Wednesday	
Mass	8:00am
Thursday	
Mass	8:00am
Friday	
Adoration	11:15am
Mass	12:00noon

ST PATRICK'S, BEECHWOOD

Mass	1 st & 3 rd Sunday	9:30am
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ST PETER'S, LONG FLAT

Mass	2 nd & 4 th Sunday	9:30am
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BUNDALEER MASS

4th Friday of the month at 11:00am

DIOCESAN INVESTMENT FUND

Pays 4.15%. Effective 1 Nov 2023.
The Port Macquarie office of the DIF
is open Monday to Friday 9.00am -
1.00pm.

Phone Veronica or Mary for any
enquiries on 6583 7439.

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