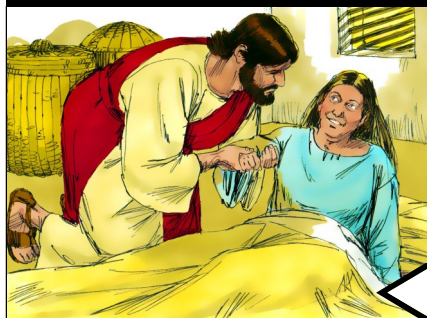


**7<sup>th</sup> February 2021: Fifth Sunday (B)**



**LOOKING FOR CHRIST**

Jesus Christ gives meaning to our lives. Without him life can seem no better than hired drudgery, but with his Spirit is us, all our service of others is done for love. This is a service that brings perfect freedom. The world needs Christ, and it is our calling to bring him to everyone.

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

**MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS**

Sat 06	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	<b>Cancio Fernandes RIP (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)</b>
Sun 07	✠ <i>FIFTH SUNDAY</i>
09.30	<b>Johanna Watts RIP</b>
11.00	<b>Faithful Departed at Christmas</b>
Mon 08	
09.30	<b>Michael Lynch RIP</b>
Tue 09	
09.30	<b>Rose Duah RIP</b>
Wed 10	Saint Scholastica
09.30	<b>Intention of the Walsh family</b>
Thu 11	
09.30	<b>Alice Knott RIP</b>
Fri 12	
09.30	<b>Judd Graham RIP</b>
Sat 13	
09.30	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	<b>John &amp; Francis Hunt RIP</b>
Sun 14	✠ <i>SIXTH SUNDAY</i>
09.30	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs O'Connor RIP</b>
11.00	<b>Andrew Healy RIP</b>

**Spiritual thought**

**“Then the fever left her,  
and she began to serve them.”**

There is a moment of truth in the cure of Simon's mother –in-law. When we are cured from a sickness by whatever means, it is tempting to sit back and accept people's good wishes and congratulations. This sick woman felt her temperature drop, and energy return to her limbs and 'she began to serve them.'

Lord thank you for my health, not something to luxuriate in, but the means by which I can serve others.

**From My Quarantine**

I have just come back from my holidays in Zimbabwe. I did not encounter any problems on my trip to and from Zimbabwe. I had to take the Covid test before flying out. And in the same way I had to take a Covid test before coming back. In both tests my results were negative and so I was allowed to travel.

It is a requirement that anybody coming into the country from outside the UK must self-isolate for ten days. I am self-isolating in the presbytery.

I invite you to join me in thanking the Lord for saving my life. As I was driving to the airport in Zimbabwe, the car exploded and was very quickly engulfed in fire. I was able to get out and also to remove all my belongings. The car which belonged to my niece was burnt to ashes. I could see the hand of God present in saving me from this terrible accident.

**SECOND COLLECTION - This Week: Pew Kneelers**

**MASS COUNT LAST WEEK**

Saturday: 18:30 (0), Sunday: 09.30 (0), 11.00 (0) - Church not open for Mass - priests self-isolating due to COVID warning.

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**Parish Secretary**

Please note that whilst we are within this current lockdown the parish secretary will only be available in the parish office on Friday mornings between 9am and 12 noon.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

## 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.

## FIRST READING – 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 146

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

## SECOND READING – 1 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. 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.

**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 – 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

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

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 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.