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Sunday 4th February 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 4th Feb	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Edward Kwaw
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Marie Duffy RIP
Mon 5th			St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr, memorial
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Aidan McGuinness RIP
Tues 6th			St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs, memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Tony Rhodes RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 7th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Noby Family
Thur 8th			St Josephine Bakhita, Religious, optional memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
Fri 9th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Bridie Killeen RIP
Sat 10th			St Scholastica, Religious, memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Joan, Tito Gomes RIP

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week II

Sun 11th Feb	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: William Dawson Asaam RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. 18th birthday Dawid Wrobel

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The verses from Job, heard as part of the readings, suggest a sense of isolation, of feeling that life offers no purpose, no meaning, and is overwhelming. Those are sentiments that could equally be expressed by people today. Mark's Gospel is very different. Even on a quiet Sabbath day, this world is teeming with people: Jesus and apostles, Simon's mother-in-law, the crowds who flock to Simon's house. Jesus is at the centre of a community. But it is Jesus who makes a difference, turning to each person who needs Him, one by one. Like those who follow Him in Mark's Gospel, we too can have our lives transformed by Jesus. Conversion requires trust, though, and like those who came to Simon's house at the end of the Sabbath day, trusting Jesus would cure them, so we must be ready to offer Him our trust if we are to undergo our own conversion. Conversion is a relationship, a mutual exchange between God and ourselves. God's love is there for us - but are we willing to reciprocate? Conversion brings us to God. But sustaining our conversion needs prayer, just as Jesus also needed prayer. And that prayer will also help us build our relationships with our communities. Converted to Jesus, ready to serve others, we will, unlike Job, be able to cast aside our melancholy and our eyes will indeed see joy.

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