

## Entrance Antiphon

**Ps 94: 6-7**

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

## 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.

## Responsorial Psalm

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

*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 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.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Matthew 8:17**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering.

**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.

## Communion Antiphon

**Cf. Ps 106: 8-9**

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.

## **FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

**Monday 5th of February**

**\*St Agatha – Memorial**

1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13, Ps  
131(132):6-10, Mark 6:53-56

**Tuesday 6th of February**

**\*Saints Paul Miki and his  
Companions - Memorial**

1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30, Ps  
83(84):3-5,10-11, Mark 7:1-13

**Wednesday 7th of February**

1 Kings 10:1-10, Ps 36(37):5-  
6,30-31,39-40, Mark 7:14-23

**Thursday 8th of February**

1 Kings 11:4-13, Ps 105(106):3-  
4,35-37,40, Mark 7:24-30

**Friday 9th of February**

1 Kings 11:29-32,12:19, Ps  
80(81):10-15, Mark 7:31-37

**Saturday 10th of February**

**\*Saint Scholastica – Memorial**

1 Kings 12:26-32,13:33-34, Ps  
105(106):6-7,19-22, Mark 8:1-10

**Sunday 11th of February**

**\*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46, Psalm  
31(32):1-2,5,11, 1 Corinthians  
10:31-11:1, Mark 1:40-45