

Sunday 7 February 2027
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First Reading - *Isaiah 40.27-31*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Do not say

 that the Lord
 does not know
 of your troubles,
or that God
 is neglecting
 the injustice
 that you suffer.

For the Lord,
 the everlasting God,
 the creator of all the earth,
 has insight
 beyond
 our understanding.

The Lord does not
 faint
 or grow weary
and will give strength
 to the suffering
 and the weak.

Even the young
 may grow weary,
 and stumble, and fall.

But those who trust in the Lord
 will find their strength renewed.

They will rise up
 on wings
 like eagles.

They will run,
 and they will
 endure.

This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - *1 Corinthians 10.32-11.1*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Let everything you do,
 and every choice you make,
 be for the glory of God.

Give no offence
 to others,
whether Hebrews,
 or Greeks,
 or the church of God itself.

For we are following
 the example of Christ
 when we work
 not for our own good,
 but for the good of others,
 and for their salvation.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - *Mark 1.29-39*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Mark.

Jesus went

 with James and John
to the home of Simon and Andrew, where
 Simon's mother-in-law
 was in bed
 with a fever.

Jesus went to her,
 and took her hand.

She awoke,
 and immediately, the fever left her;
 and she was able to welcome them,
 and even attend to them.

That evening,
 around sunset,
the whole city came out,
 gathering around the door,
 bringing to Jesus
 all who were sick
 or oppressed by demons.

Jesus cured many who were sick
 with various diseases,
 and drove out many demons.

And Jesus
 would not allow
 the demons
 to speak,
because
 they knew who Jesus was.

Early the next morning,
 while it was still fully dark,
Jesus went out
 into the wilderness, alone,
 to pray.

Simon, and some of the other disciples,
 went searching for him.

When they found him,
 they said to him, 'Everyone is looking for you.'
Jesus said, 'Let us go on
 to the neighbouring towns,
 so that I may preach there also;
 for that is what I came to do.'

And Jesus travelled
 throughout
 the region of Galilee,
teaching in the synagogues,
 and driving out demons.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.