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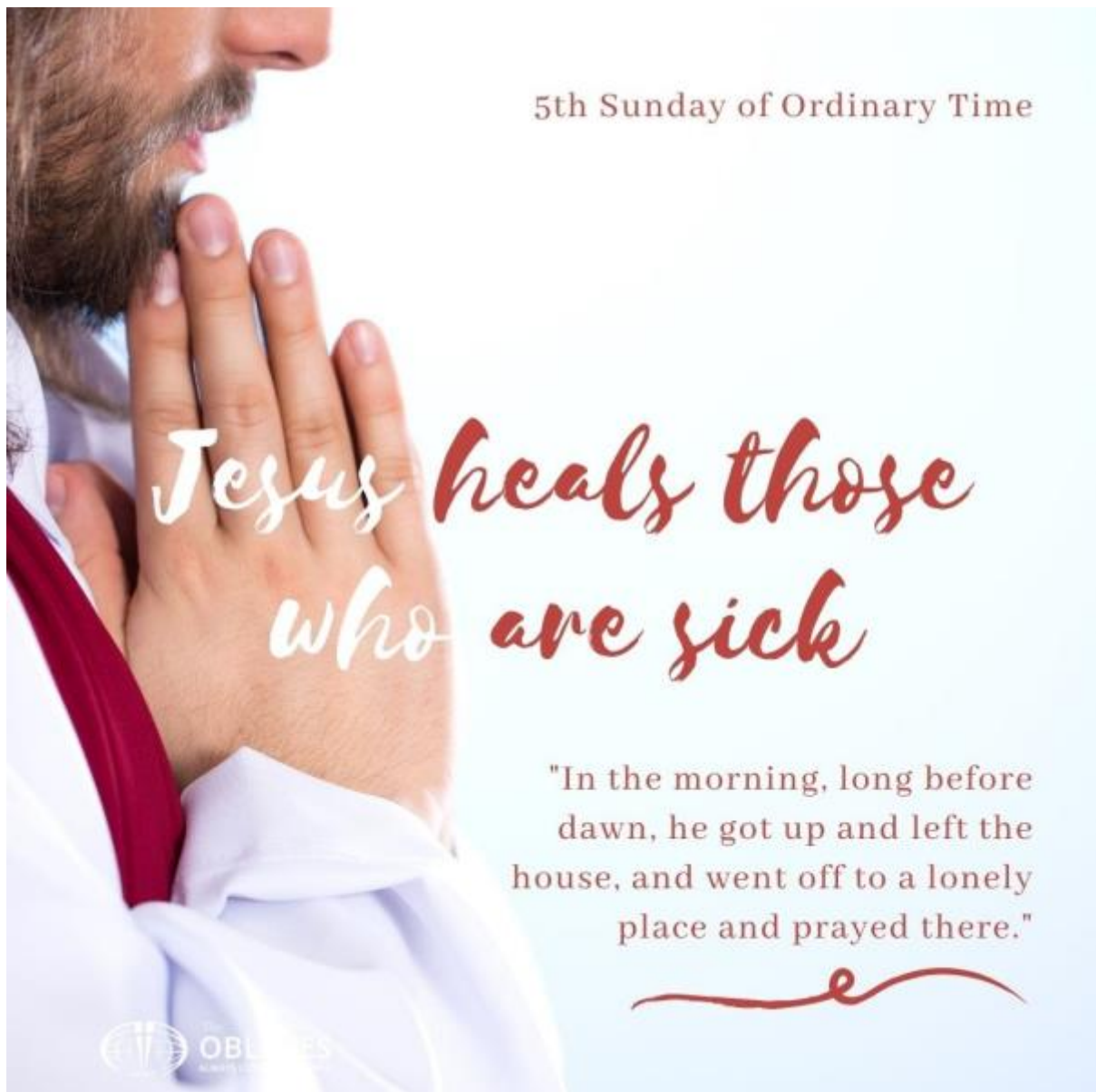
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Gospel Reflection. Sunday 7th February. 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time.




5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Jesus* heals those  
*who are sick*

"In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there."

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 OBLATES  
OF THE SACRED HEART

Today, even with the help of medical staff, chemists and modern medicine, we all still get sick and suffer from pain of one sort another. A small matter of a toothache can cause many a sleepless night! Things were very different and far worse at the time of Jesus. Those who were sick in any way, especially lepers as we will see next Sunday were seen as sinners who were being punished by God. They were ignored and dismissed by their families and communities. They were pushed to the

margins and excluded from all religious and social activities. But these are the very people to whom Jesus came with the Good News. He let them know that they were loved passionately, deeply and intimately by God. Jesus not only cured them; he healed and helped them at all levels. He restored and returned them to their families and communities. They were no longer excluded.


The first such healing in the gospel today is about a family. Peter's mother-in-law was sick with a fever. Her family told Jesus; *he went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up*. What Jesus did for this woman, he did for all those who were sick; he reached out, touched and healed them. Jesus broke and went beyond all religious, social, and legal restrictions. He touched them where they needed healing the most and made them whole again. Later that evening, perhaps after hearing how Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, *the whole town brought to him all who were sick* and he healed them. This cannot have been easy for Jesus. Imagine how many simply wanted to touch him and be healed of their pain, suffering and illness. It must have drained him and taken its toll on him. The next part of this gospel is crucial and significant both for Jesus and for us.

We are told that *in the morning, long before dawn, he (Jesus) got up, left the house, and went to a lonely place and prayed there*. Even Jesus can't be busy and active all the time. Jesus can't preach, teach, heal and forgive all by himself. He too needs to rest and be restored. He does this through prayer. He sustains and maintains his relationship with God through regular prayer and quiet time. In another gospel the people were amazed and wondered where Jesus got his authority. Like his power to heal, it comes from God. Jesus does not heal on his own or through his own powers. His preaching, teaching and healing make real the power and presence of God. After his quiet prayer time a search party arrived and said to him, *'Everybody is looking for you.'* Having rested in silent prayer, Jesus continued his ministry of proclaiming God's Kingdom to those who needed to hear this Good News the most.

## Last Week

Our Year 6 children continue to engage so well with their live Mrs C lessons and produce some fantastic and imaginative pieces of writing. Year 3 also took part in what looks like a very tasty and fun afternoon bake off!





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Chairs,

I was shocked when I saw the video that you left us this afternoon and feel terribly saddened that you have decided to leave. I would like to take this opportunity to apologise on behalf of myself and the whole class for how we have mistreated you all. Everyone in the class and I, would like it if you could come back to our classroom as we promise you that things will now be very different from now on because we have decided that we will be treating you all fairly and kindly from now on.

Firstly, I am sorry for the time that we covered you all in mud. We all rushed in from break time and were too quick to sit down for our lesson and completely forgot to wipe our feet! Mrs. Blackiston's lessons are so exciting that we couldn't wait to get started and this led to us being inconsiderate to you all, but it was not intentional.

This afternoon we had a meeting and have decided to take extra care of all the Chairs, we have put up a sign on our door which says 'Remember to wipe your feet, as muddy feet stay out on the street!' and every morning we say out loud 'Take care of your Chairs because we all care.'

We understand why you are all displeased at being pushed, prodded and pulled and have been exploring ways in which we can be more considerate to you all. The class have made an agreement that when the chairs are moved, they should be moved silently and gently as this will ensure that you are all looked after.

Finally, we realise that you have been completely neglected and disrespected and we would like to offer our sincere apologies. We promise to take extremely good care of you all from now on and guarantee that we will be courteous and kind hearted to all the chairs.

Yours Sincerely,

Ryan 

### 1 - Ryan Year 6

We have acknowledged why you are displeased with the underusage of poor, poignant, Persian Pink who is rarely ever used. Moreover, we have grasped the more innovative, more inventive, more inspirational side of life when we were told we can reach the stars if we had an open mind; a clear mind. You are absolutely correct, a blood-sucking bat wouldn't be that petrifying if it was coloured in a cherry blossom pink and a travelling train might seem more visible if coloured in candy Floss pink.

### 2 - Sarah. A Year 6



3 - Szymon Year 3



4 - Lucja Year 3

Word of the week



'Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.'

[Isaiah 41:10](#)

## Messages and Reminders



### **#feedbackFriday**

We would love to hear your feedback! It is so nice to talk to you on the gate and hear positive feedback about the online learning. Please email:

**catchup@stanthonys.slough.sch.uk**

With feedback and messages for our school, children, learning and community and it will be shared via Twitter on feedback Friday!

### **School Closure:**

- School is only open to children of those who are classed as Critical Key workers and vulnerable children. Guidance about this can be found on the below website:

[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

- In order to keep our children and staff safe we will be constantly reviewing children's places and the situations of our families.
- Online learning will take place daily for all children. Details of all lessons and resources can be found on the website and via ParentPay.

### **Cleaner needed**

We are looking for a new cleaner to join our team fixed term.

The hours needed are: 3.45-5.45 on a Monday to Friday. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

### **Its good to talk!**

Times are hard for lots of us at the moment and there is no harm in admitting that and asking for help. Talking Therapies is a free NHS service here to support the residents of Berkshire aged 17+ who may be struggling with difficulties including: low mood, anxiety and stress at this unprecedented time.



If you are in need of support you can call the Talking Therapies admin team on 0300 365 2000, alternatively you can [Sign Up](#) via their website referral form.

### **Christmas Jumpers**

If you have any Christmas jumpers that no longer fit your children, please donate them to school.  
Thank you

### **Star of the week**

**Reception: Milosz.C**

**Year 1: Ella.R, Naziah.D**

**Year 2: Julia.Z,**

**Year 3: Olivier.B, Sybilla.W, Liyan.B**

**Eden: Angelica**

**Year 4: Sophie.N**

**Year 5: Amreet.S,**

**Year 6: Wiktor.W, Jake.W, Natalie**

## **Free Courses and Online Help**

**C3746134 - Introduction to autism**

22/02/2021 - 29/03/2021

Mon 11:30am-1:00pm

FREE

<https://bit.ly/3pcaXiO>

**C3746036 - Supporting your child's reading & writing**

23/02/2021 - 16/03/2021

Tue 09:30am-11:30am

FREE

<https://bit.ly/35iPuwR>

**C3746094 - Managing stress and anxiety in children**

24/02/2021 - 31/03/2021

Wed 09:30am-11:00am

FREE

<https://bit.ly/36BH2lc>

**C3746327 - Support your child with Maths KS2**

26/02/2021 - 12/03/2021

Fri 09:30am-11:00am

FREE

<http://bit.ly/2WcT4Dd>

## Lunch Boxes

At Saint Anthony's we promote a healthy living and eating life style for all our children. The children learn all about what foods to eat in order to get the best out of our bodies and brains and become the best learners we can be. We would really appreciate the support from home in also promoting this message. Please do not put chocolate and high sugar/salt products in your childrens lunch box. For some ideas and guidance please see the website and posters below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>



<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/fake-news-and-misinformation-advice-hub/find-the-fake/>

## Prayer for the week



### **Prayer to Saint Joseph**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.

Amen.

## Contact Us

We always welcome your feedback and hope we can answer any questions you may have. Although the office is currently closed, we will still answer emails and phone calls.

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