



Gospel Mk 1:40-45

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.

Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.

In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.

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The Living Word

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

11 February 2024

First Reading Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)

2. By now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R.)
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jew or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!



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MASS TIMES (English):
 Vigil Mass 5:00pm (Saturday)
 Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am
 Weekdays:
 Mon. Tue. Thu. Fri. Sat. 9:00am
 Wednesday 6:00pm

VIETNAMESE MASS
 Vigil Mass 6.30 pm (Saturday)
 Sunday 5.30pm

RECONCILIATION
 Saturday 4.30pm-4.55pm
 or anytime on request

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 Wednesday 5.00pm—6.00pm
 Friday after Mass 9am-10.30am

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK
 Offered to those in need on
 1st Tuesday at 9.00am Mass

Baptisms: Sunday 11.00am
 Bookings are necessary

Parish Pastoral Council:
 Michael Anderson, Veronica Denning, Elaine Nehme, Zenna Azar, Paul Abdul Ahad, Natalie Goetz, Monica Palmer, Linh Bui, Jannette Samawi, Grace Mokdassi

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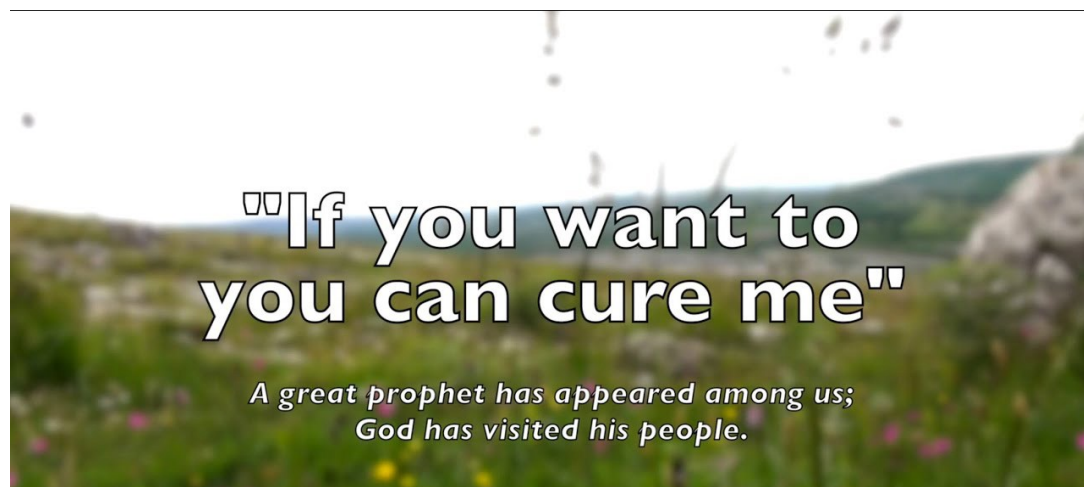
Special Religious Education (SRE) Catechist Coordinator:
 Zenna Azar

Music Ministry: Vivienne Mosely

Youth Ministry: Grace Mokdassi

Childrens Liturgy: Nancy Khalil

Childrens' Choir:
 Natalie Showah, Jicy Kasparian



COVID-19 is still around, please use sanitiser when you enter the church.

ADDITIONAL NOTICES If you are interested in any diocesan events, please collect a copy of the additional bulletin at the back of the church.

SEASON OF LENT begins with Ash Wednesday this week. There is a penitential discipline connected with the season of Lent. Please collect a copy of 'Lenten Penance' from the back of the church.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES
 14th February 9.00am (with school children) and 6.00pm, followed by 7.00pm Vietnamese Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Each Friday during Lent at 7.30pm

LENTEN COMPANION 2024 as the beautiful Season of Lent approaches, let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to reflect on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, using the Lenten companion **Repent and Believe**. This free booklet contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent until Easter Sunday, and spiritual reflections on the Gospels. Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online. Please collect your copy from the back of the church or download electronic copy from www.gomakedisciples.org.au.

LENTEN PRAYER GROUP If you'd like to be a member of a small group or consider hosting a small group to meet once a week, please let our Parish Office know and we'll endeavour to co-ordinate those who are interested.

PROJECT COMPASSION Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. you can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
 Training for children who wish to become Altar Servers is scheduled for the following dates:
Thursday 15th February at 3.15pm
and Monday 19th February at 4.30pm.
 Training will be held in the church and will run for approx. 1 hour. Children are

required to have had their First Holy Communion. Please contact Bernie Freeburn or the Parish Office via email to complete the registration form. All children from the Parish are welcome to join.

KINDERGARTEN WELCOME MASS Next Sunday we will WELCOME Kindergarten children, their families and teachers to 10.00am Mass. Our parish welcomes the opportunity to celebrate Mass with these children and their families and we pray for God's blessing on the children as they commence their schooling at St Mary's Primary School. Parents and Parishioners are invited to bring a plate of food to share so that after Mass, hospitality can be served and everyone is welcome to stay after Mass.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR The newly formed St Mary's Childrens' Choir will lead the 10:00am Mass on the last Sunday of each month, beginning 25th February 2024. All children from the Parish are invited to join the choir. Please contact Natalie 0431 102 408 or Jicy 0414 187 081.

CHOIR PRACTICE There will be choir practice at 7.00pm on Thursday 15 February 2024 to prepare for the 5.00pm Mass on Saturday 17 February 2024. New members are always welcome. Please ring Pat Falvy on 0425 219 660.

CATECHIST NEWS This month, we remember and pray for the Catechists who teach the children in our Public Schools. It is a privilege to help the parents pass on their faith to their children and help them grow in God's love. Catechists find that this rewarding work helps us grow in our own faith. Our Parish SRE Catechists are: Lorraine Corkeron, Lorna Basha, Anna Sestito, Brian Kurrle and myself, Zenna Azar. Please keep us in your prayers and we begin the new school year.

BIBLE STUDY The next session will be Wednesday 21 February 2024. If you have any questions or for more

information, please contact Grace on 0450 757 377.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024 KEY DATES
RECONCILIATION: (for children in Year 3 & above)
 Wednesday, 3rd April 2024
 Thursday, 4th April 2024
 Friday, 5th April 2024

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: (for children in Year 3 & above)
 Saturday, 14th September 2024 (3 Blue & surrounding)
 Saturday, 21st September 2024 (3 White & surrounding)

CONFIRMATION: (for children in Year 6 & above)
 Saturday, 1st June 2024

INFORMATION/REGISTRATION EVENINGS for parents/guardians will be held in the School hall at 6:30pm on the following evenings:
 Reconciliation: Thursday, 15th Feb 2024
 First Holy Communion: Wednesday, 31st July 2024
 Confirmation: Wednesday, 1st May 2024

For any enquiries please contact the Sacramental Coordinator: nehme.elaine@yahoo.com.au

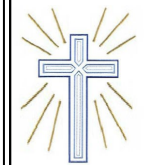
SAFEGUARDING OUR PARISH - Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 02 9390 5810 or Email: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. **Our parish** has a folder with Safeguarding information in the church for parishioners to view. Check out the latest safeguarding newsletter. A link to the Archdiocese's Child Safeguarding Policy is available from the homepage of our parish website and on display in the folder. Enquiries: Veronica via email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com
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Date/Mass	Greeters	Commentator	Proclaimers	Extraordinary Ministers	Acolytes	Altar Servers	Altar Servers
February 10/11 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B							
5.00 pm Sat	Chris Lockart	Yvette Nehme	Gina Wheeler	Pauline Tonkli Zenna Azar	Chaben Azar	Gabriel Azar	Anthony Torbay
8.00 am Sun		Goetz Family	Jenny Freeburn	Veronica Denning Karen Worley	Bernie Freeburn	Lucas Ross Harry Ross	Nicholas Coorey Gabriel Serratore
10.00 am Sun		Ghanem Family	Maurice Gili	Gill Cramp Alex Driessen	Andrew Driessen	James Ghanem	William Amicucci
February 17/18 - 1st Sunday in Lent, Year B							
5.00 pm Sat	Lorraine Impala	Brian Kurrle	Irene Zenere	Barbara Kains Annette Simpson	Laurie Simpson	Gabriel Azar	Anthony Torbay
8.00 am Sun		Danuta Maka	Carmen Heredia	Goetz Family	Mike Anderson	Lucas Ross Harry Ross	Nicholas Coorey Gabriel Serratore
10.00 am Sun		Rosemary Lim	Ghanem Family	Maurice Gili Gill Cramp		James Ghanem	William Amicucci



Please Remember In Your Prayers Our Sick

Diane Small, Jayden Turk, Joseph Akkary, Paul Tonkli, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Azelia Donati, Eileen Ellery, Paul Evans, Kerry Gibbons, Christine Hughes, Sue James, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Robert Sanders, John Smallwood, Tony Strambio, Cornelius Van Baardwyk



Rest In Peace

Let us Pray For All Those Who Have Died

Nabill + Bahia + Elias + Eilie Maroun, Norma Younane, Raemanos + Wadia Nehme, Youssef + Martha + Chalitta + Issetteye Tannous, Marina Safer, Halina Donarska, Ennio Fattore, Elizabeth Gieseman, Ryan Lynch, The Pientka fml., Kathleen Gibson, Claudia & Nora Tabares, Giuseppina, Bombara, Bernard & Ivy Hurworth, Jennifer Falvy, David Anthony Sanders, Attilio Colussi, Eddy & Tom Counihan, Sr. Rita Yammine, Barry Sligar

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*