

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B 13th - 14th February 2021

First Reading: Leviticus 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.'

The Word of the Lord

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.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 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 Jews 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.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 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.

The Gospel of the Lord

**When I was in my sins, it seemed a thing too bitter to look at lepers,
and the Lord himself led me among them and I showed them mercy.
And when I left them, what had seemed bitter to me
was changed into sweetness of mind and body.**

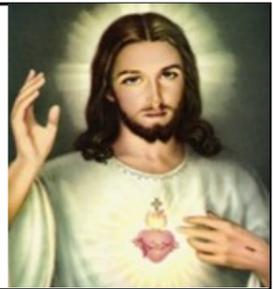
St Francis of Assisi



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Parish Mass Schedule

No Masses
until
further notice

Please see
Online Mass
Schedule
on the Page 3 of
the bulletin

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The Healing Touch of Jesus

'If you want to,' a leper pleaded to Jesus 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' He replied. 'Be cured!' Jesus' miraculous touch brought healing to the leper and gave him a second chance to enjoy a normal life. Throughout the centuries, this gospel story has inspired many disciples of Jesus. Many became the 'extension' of Jesus' hand to bring his healing touch to others.

Take Saint Francis of Assisi for instance. At one time in his life, he had a terrible fear of lepers. Then one day when he was out for a ride, he heard the warning bell that lepers were required to ring in the Middle Ages. When a leper emerged from a clump of trees, St. Francis saw that he was horribly disfigured. Half of his nose had been eaten away; his hands were stubs without fingers and his lips were oozing white pus. Instead of giving in to his fears, Francis slid down from his horse, ran forward, embraced the leper, and kissed him.

Another example is Pope Francis. It is probably still vivid in our memories, an incident involving Pope Francis, when he embraced a leper. I believe the gesture of embracing and kissing shown by Saint Francis of Assisi and Pope Francis brought healing to the lepers. They sent an important message to the lepers, that they were no longer isolated, abandoned, forgotten or worthless people. Both Saint Francis and Pope Francis had successfully restored the dignity of the lepers as respected and lovable people, and, of course, as the image of God. After these incidents, I believe, both Saint Francis and Pope Francis experienced life in a new different way. Both found a new relationship with God, a new sensitivity to others and a new energy for his ministry.

Like Saint Francis of Assisi and Pope Francis, we too are called to be the hands of Jesus that bring healing touch to the downtrodden, brokenhearted, abandoned, the sick, victims of human trafficking, and so on. In order to be an effective hand of Jesus to bring his healing, we too need to be healed. Why? If we are honest to ourselves, we too are lepers suffering from leprosy of sin. We do need the miraculous touch of Jesus to heal and restore us to a normal relationship with God and others.



Fr Aloysius on Sick Leave

Dear Parishioners, please be informed that as of Tuesday 16th February, Fr Aloysius will be on sick leave for approximately 6 to 8 weeks. During his absence, Fr Gilbert Carlo Joseph, SVD will be the acting Parish Priest.

We pray for Fr Aloysius and hope that he makes a speedy recovery!

Welcome!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome

**Xander Harley Bartolo,
Alister Tevita Gwyn Fonua,
Sebastian Elezovic and
Thomas Lawrence Garoffolo**

into our Parish family



Dates to Remember

Wednesday 17th February: Ash Wednesday

Masses at 9.10am & 7.30pm

Sunday 28th February: Confirmation - 3pm

All Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross - 7pm

Last Week's Collection: 07/02/21

1st Collection for our Church: \$1679.00

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$620

Thank you for your kind generosity!



A FRIENDLY REMINDER!

Please do not put envelopes containing money or important messages into the 322 Bell Street mailbox. A number of times mail has been stolen. Recently the padlock on the box was cut and the mail taken.

Please place any mail in the letter slot on the side of the Presbytery front door.

Also, a friendly reminder to try not to leave handbags unattended at any time whilst at Mass, due to the theft of a woman's purse at St. Paul's Coburg a few weeks ago.



**PLEASE TAKE
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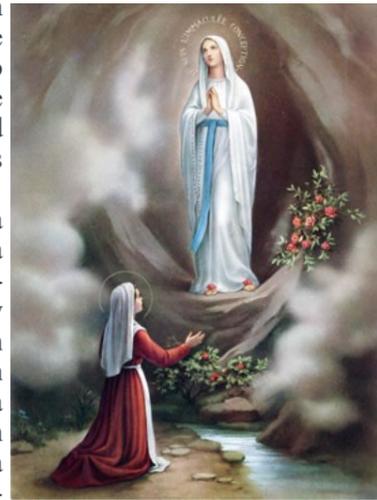


Our Lady of Lourdes

On February 11th, the Catholic Church marks the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, in commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary who in 1858 appeared multiple times to the 14-year old girl Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes, France.

Bernadette was from a poor family and from a young age suffered ill-health. On 11 February 1858, Bernadette was with her sister and friend when she saw a vision of a young woman dressed in white with a blue sash in a grotto. Her hands trembling, Bernadette stayed where she was and reached into her pocket and together with the lady, began to pray the Rosary.

Bernadette continued to visit the grotto and pray with the Blessed Virgin Mary, who asked her to convey the message of repentance and prayer. The Blessed Virgin Mary continued to appear to Bernadette and said to her, 'I am the Immaculate Conception.' The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes was officially included in the Church's liturgical calendar in 1907. Over the years, there have been thousands of reports of healing from the spring water at Lourdes, but less than 100 have been recognised by the Church as miraculous.



World Day of the Sick

On the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, we also mark the World Day of the Sick, an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with care and assistance. In his [message for this year's World Day of the Sick](#), Pope Francis highlighted the stark inequality that exists in healthcare systems around the world, made worse during the worldwide coronavirus pandemic.

#27 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

Due to recent activity and emergency measures required, further changes to restrictions take effect from 11.59pm Friday 12th February 2021 for a period of five days, ending 11.59pm Wednesday 17th February 2021 unless otherwise notified.

More guidelines can be found at <https://bit.ly/37chaUx>



Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



Don Bosco Lenten Retreats 2021

1. 21st - 26th February

Week Lent Easter Retreat with

Fr Peter Varengo

2. Saturday 13 March

Family Retreat Day

3. Saturday 20 March

Youth and Young Adult Reflection Day

4. Friday 26 March

Seniors Retreat Day

Further information and flyers visit:

donboscoretreats.org.au

Online registrations essential as Covid number limits apply

Good News for Married Couples



A good marriage doesn't happen by accident - it happens by INTENTION.

Successful couples have made a conscious decision to PRIORITISE their relationship. The Diocese of Rockhampton, in partnership with SmartLoving, is hosting a six-week Online Marriage Seminar for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship.

START DATE: Monday evening - 15th February, 2021

COURSE COST: \$25

For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/2Nbr01Q>

Roster for weekend of 20th - 21st February 2021

	Readers
Saturday 6.00pm	Celia Lemos Terry Murphy
Sunday 9.00am (Italian)	Volunteers
Sunday 10.30am	Ophelia Swai Catherine Zanatta
Sunday 6.00pm	Marijana Jurjevic Robert Dullard

WE PRAY FOR:
 The elderly and the sick
**Anthony, Peter Bourke,
 John Plum, Pasquale Curcio,
 Anthony Joseph, Ray Mc Veigh
 and Bronislawa Slobodzian**

Those who have died recently
Luigi Mancini and Giselle Vergou (France)

We Commemorate
Ted Murphy

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.



Online Masses

St. Patrick's Cathedral - Live Streaming at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Monday- Friday: 1pm, Sunday: 11am

TV Masses

Channel 44 (31)

Live telecast from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday at 11am

Channel 10: Mass for you at home, Sunday 6am.

RAI: Italian Mass from the Vatican, Sunday 8:30am

Weekly Catholic Radio Reflection:



Visit <https://bit.ly/3a91Lq1> where you can listen anytime!

The need is acute!

Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to enquire now at:



<https://palms.org.au/assignments-abroad/>

Find out more

Ross House, Mezzanine-Sue Healy Room
247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE
Saturday 20th February @ 10:00am
www.palms.org.au



Cleaning Roster: Saturday 20th February 2021

Dale and Pauline
Thank you for your help!

