

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!



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 Greg Sunter

It is hard to imagine a person in 1st Century Palestine who would be more of an outcast from society than the leper. Unfortunately, any form of skin disease was categorised as leprosy (known as Hansen's disease today). It was regarded as one of the greatest forms of uncleanness and seen as a physical manifestation of God's punishment on the person.

For a person like this to even approach Jesus is a huge risk and an enormous act of faith. He trusts that Jesus will not reject him like everybody else in his life has done. His request to Jesus is almost a demand; it is certainly filled with an utter conviction of Jesus' ability and good will: 'if you want to, you can cure me'. Jesus' reaction is one of equally strong emotion – he is so moved by this man's plight that he reaches out his hand and touches the man. To touch a person with leprosy was to break every rule of the clean/unclean social structure that dominated Jewish society. In this one action, Jesus challenges the entire basis on which Jewish society is constructed – the purity code. For Jesus to touch this man, according to the purity code, is to become unclean himself. But Jesus ignores these social rules and responds out of love and heals the man with word and action. However, Jesus knows that if the man is to be accepted back into society he needs to conform to the rules that dominate his world. He must present himself to the local priest who is the only one with the authority to declare someone cured of their disease and thus able to become ritually clean and welcome back into worship and back into everyday life.

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Holy Family	Our Lady Star of the Sea	Holy Trinity
101 Hitchcock Av	68 John Dory Drive	34 Stevens St
Barwon Heads	Ocean Grove	Queenscliff

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Fr Darien J Sticklen
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Safeguarding & Admin Support: Ms Jennie Ryan
Parish Mission Ambassador: Ms Josephine Barnes
Pastoral Care Coordinator: Sr Nola Morrissy RSM

For all parish ministries, including Holy Communion to the Sick, RCIA, Baptism & Sacramental Program, Men Alive, Faith Development & Spirituality Group, St Vincent de Paul local Conference, Trinity Aid for Refugees, etc., please visit:

www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au

PARISH OFFICE & PRESBYTERY
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OFFICE HOURS
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PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS
St. Aloysius, Queenscliff
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Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
Principal: Ms. Kerryn Sells, Tel: 5255 4308

WEEKEND MASS TIMES
BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
is available prior to each weekend Mass,
and before or after weekday Masses if needed.

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Please visit our website for all information:
<https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program-2/>

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

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Recently Deceased: Maurice Butterworth, Maria Foster, and Irene Parke.

Anniversaries 11th February to 17th February: Michael Sheehan, James Considine, Vin Torpy, Isabel Fitzgerald, Lorna Higginbotham, Sylvia Snooks, Laurance Hodgkinson, Rita Coleman, Terry O'Shea, Mary Ross, Eileen Fitzsimmons, Paul Shanahan, John Arther, Lawrie Wheelan, Max Dickeson and Peter Robb.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Elly Anwyl, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Brian Cotter, Jack Davin, Pat Dickeson, Michael Dowling, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Gloria Forbes, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Margaret Gladstone, Martin & Mary Grundy, Justin Hanan, Stephen Hanan, Susan Hardy, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koertjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Patrick Magennis, Brendan Merriman, Stephen Merriman, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Frank Nelson, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Jeannett Stevens, Mary Sullivan, Pam Sullivan, Kevin Teasdale, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Cathy Williams, Michelle Williams, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

ROSTERS

If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day,
please arrange a substitute. Thank you!

COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM),
WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)

OCEAN GROVE: 18th February at 9:00am:

(C) Frank Rice (L) Liz Frazer (SM) Carmel Rice, Dan O'Meara
(W) Jenny Cole, Bev O'Meara.

QUEENSCLIFF: 18th February at 11:00am:

(C) Adrian Scott (L) Diana Scott (SM) Adrian Scott (W) Helper Needed.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 13th February at 10:00am:

Sam Sammut and Emanuel Baglieri.

** NEWS & EVENTS **

If you need Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

For all Safeguarding updates, please visit the parish website:

www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

PROJECT COMPASSION begins this week: materials (boxes and envelopes) will be available at each Church from this weekend.

Message from the Parish Mission Ambassador, Josephine: This Lent, your generosity can help Caritas Australia to continue lifting vulnerable people out of poverty and also help in crisis situations in the world. This Lent, you could decide to give up something you enjoy per week to give to Caritas. All in the name of compassion in action. For example, if you are in a group who takes coffee together and usually have extras like cake, maybe this Lent, you just have the coffee and put the extra value into your Project Compassion box. It is important to remain in the group, so you may have other ideas amongst yourselves to contribute. Your Lenten action is not costing you money, just transferring the small pleasures into a donation for the 40 days of Lent. We did this as children, now is the time to do it as adults. Encourage your children and grandchildren to think what they could do for Lent and put in their own box. The schools do a fabulous job for the Missions. We can teach them too by our example. Caritas is called upon in times of crisis to act for the sake of all in need.

Ocean Grove Ministry Roster: A new Ministry Roster for Ocean Grove is scheduled to issue soon. It would be helpful if Ministry Volunteers would inform Monica on email (meaghermonica@gmail.com) as to any Sundays you will not be available during roster cycle March - May inclusive. Thank you.

With Grateful Hearts – GOOD NEWS STORY from Our Lady Star of the Sea School: the Year 4 students would like to express their sincere gratitude to the Ocean Grove parishioners who responded to their Christmas letters and cards. The students were overjoyed. We are looking forward to continuing and growing our school and parish links.

Each Church in our Parish has a **TAP & GO** device. These have helped increase financial support for our Parish. Easy to use – please avail yourself of this way to support us. Thank you.

LENT 2024 RESOURCES & REFLECTION GROUP MEETINGS

This Lent, the Faith Development and Spirituality Group is sourcing the booklet: 'A Resurrected LIFE,' from the Diocese of Brisbane. The daily reflections invites the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day. **Cost of the booklets is \$8.00 each.** We hope to run two reflection groups from 13th February. Tuesday morning group in Barwon Heads at the home of Kerin and Bill Fox during the day and an evening group at the home of Sandra Gould in Ocean Grove. If you are interested in obtaining a book for personal reflection and/or would like to join a reflection group, please contact either:

Sandra Gould: sandra@salmandra.com | 0418 537 941, or,
Kerin & Bill Fox: foxeskb@gmail.com | 0407 519 585.

Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR): is collecting non-perishable groceries & cash donations in each Church throughout January/February. Many refugee families in Geelong are still waiting for permanent Visa approval. They struggle to make ends meet & to retain hope. Your contributions will help the volunteers at the Wesley Welcome Place to give these refugees food & friendly support. To donate directly to Wesley Church Welcome Place: BSB 633 000, Account 160 305 066. Website: www.queenscliffar.org.

The SWAG Magazine: The Faith Development and Spirituality Group sponsors a quarterly magazine called "The Swag". Primarily intended for the Catholic Clergy, it contains many interesting stories and articles about the Australian Church, its trends and its challenges. A subscription of \$15 covers 4 issues in our bulk order. If you would like to join, please contact any member of our team, details on the Parish website, or Kerin Fox 0407 519 585 or foxeskb@gmail.com.

Taizé Pray | Peace Gathering: people in the Bellarine Peninsula and beyond are invited to gather to pray and worship at Santa Casa (33 Flinders Street, Queenscliff) on **Saturday 17th February at 2:30pm** followed by afternoon tea at 3:30pm. Please RSVP to Sr Lizzie Finnerty RSM on 0418 194 261 or santacasa@ismapng.org.au for catering/seating purposes. All welcome.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 12th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 6

Tuesday 13th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 6
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 14th February – ASH WEDNESDAY (Fast and abstinence)
9:15am Mass with imposition of Ashes at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff, with St Aloysius students attending
11:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Arcare, Point Lonsdale
12:00pm Mass with imposition of Ashes at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove, with Star of the Sea students attending

Thursday 15th February – Thursday after Ash Wednesday
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 16th February – Friday after Ash Wednesday
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 17th February – Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Sunday 18th February – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Nazareth Parish is currently looking for a Liturgical & Sacramental Coordinator encompassing Grovedale, Torquay and Anglesea. Applications by 26th Feb. <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/liturgical-sacramental-coordinator-nazareth-parish-2>.

St Vincent de Paul Society Regional Council is seeking a skilled IT person to help record the important information pertaining to the various good works that we are engaged in. There is a template that is being designed to ensure that information is correctly inputted. For further information please contact Martin P Butler, GRC President on 04185 72 967 or mpbutler@bigpond.com.

Thought for the Week:

Why not go out on a limb?
Isn't that where the fruit is?

- Frank Scully.

2024 NEWS FROM PPC – by Susan Weston

We are already more than 1 month done for 2024, school has returned for the new academic year, and this coming week sees us start our Lenten journey. Many Parish activities have also recommenced including our Sacramental programs for Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, the Lenten Study Groups are underway, along with practices for Easter musicians and choir, Pastoral Care visits are taking place to those in need of support etc, OH&S reviews of our Mass Centres and work on our Safeguarding action plans and policy initiatives have continued. As a 3 Church Parish we are a busy and vibrant Catholic community. In addition, with the guidance of Fr Darien, the PPC has decided to focus on 3 key areas in 2024:

4. Pastoral Care and Ministry under the leadership of Sr Nola
5. Strengthening relationships: Our Schools & our 3 Church Parish
6. Communicating and information sharing with the Parish community & beyond

You can be part of the **GOOD NEWS** in our Parish - we need helpers; so be involved, meet others & have some fun. Please the Parish Office and a PPC member will return your call.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office:
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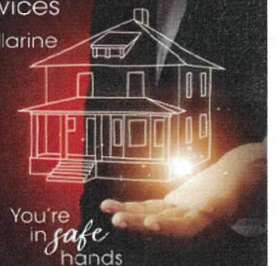


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