

**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.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Lepers were social outcasts forced to live outside the villages and towns. Jesus heals the leper, allowing him to return to communal living, but, in touching him, Jesus put himself on the outer. The Gospel says that Jesus 'had to stay outside where nobody lived'. Jesus willingly changed places with the leper!

This incident prefigures the deepest mystery and scandal of the Gospel. Because of our deliberate wrongdoing, we are 'on the outside' with God. Our Lord and Saviour willingly experienced that alienation on Calvary, *outside* the walls of Jerusalem, in a desolate place where no-body lived. He suffered the dis-locating consequences of sin in his body and mind: 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?'

He took our place outside the human awareness of the loving presence of His Heavenly Father so that we might be located in the right place, *insiders* with God.

We might pause for a moment to lovingly thank our Saviour for leading us into 'the One in Whom we live and move and have our being'.

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Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year B**14 February 2021****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!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Fred Schembri

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A Prayer to St Joseph

St Joseph,

You were receptive to God working in your life.

Help us by your prayers at this time of trial. You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service:

May we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, *Thy will be done.*
Amen.

PARISH NEWS

CHURCH CLOSED

The Church will be closed from 11.59pm Friday, 12th February for 5 days. Re-opening on Thursday, 18th February will depend on government restrictions being lifted. Livestreaming of the weekend Mass will be available from 6.00pm Saturday, 13 February.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE JOURNEY WITH ST JOSEPH AT ST PETER'S PARISH, KEILOR EAST

Due to the Stage 4 lockdown, commencing date will now be Tuesday, 23 February until Tuesday, 30 March from 7.00pm in the Parish Centre. Live the "Year of St Joseph" during the Lenten Season through a 33-day consecration. This weekly program consists of prayers, discussion and reflection on the role of St Joseph in the story of salvation. Led by Jonathan Hili. Please see clipboard in narthex for expressions of interest for attendance, or call or email the Parish Office.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD – Commencing 10am Friday, 19th February 2021

Depending on restrictions easing in time, we will commence 24 Hours for the Lord Eucharistic Adoration on **Friday, 19th February** after the 9.15am Morning Mass and conclude at the 9.15am Mass on **Saturday, 20th March**. Come for 30 minutes, an hour or longer if you wish, it's up to you. Bring your family and friends. All are welcome. (at least 2 people are required each hour). **There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex (once the Church has reopened) to add your name and the time you will be attending (or email the Parish Office).** Tea & coffee will be available.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 17TH FEBRUARY

Current restrictions will be in place on Ash Wednesday. Further instructions will be forthcoming from the Diocese and we will let parishioners know as soon as possible.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent from 7.00pm.

SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY MORNING MASS

Morning Mass will commence at 8.30am, not 9.15am, on Saturday, 27th February due to the 1st Eucharist Mass commencing at 10.00am.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION 2021 BE MORE "Aspire not to have more but to be more" – *Saint Oscar Romero* Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes from the basket in the narthex.

REGISTERING FOR A WEEKEND MASS

Weekend Mass bookings are required. All online bookings for weekend Masses 20/21 February open Monday morning, 15th February at 9.30am and close Saturday 20 February at 3.00pm. The link to book is: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOTCB>

If you do not have a computer to book in online, please contact the Parish Office by 11.00am Friday and we can book you in.

Please wear your mask inside the Church, unless you have a medical reason not to or child under the age of 12. Please remember to keep a physical distance of at least 1.5 metres. Please do not come to Mass if you are feeling unwell.

DOOR HELPERS AT WEEKEND MASSES NEEDED

Attendance Recorders and Greeters are required for all Masses. If you are available to assist, please contact the Parish Office on 9337 4141. A current Working With Children Check is required for all Parish volunteers.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

7.00pm Wednesday (followed by Benediction & Devotion to two hearts)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday

5.30pm Saturday

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SCHOOL NEWS

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASSES

Postponed until 20/21 February.

YEAR 5 - 1ST EUCHARIST MASSES

27 February at 10.00am – 5JG

27 February at 12noon – 5JM

28 February at 12noon – 5ES

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.