



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 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.

PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

KEILOR EAST

11 February 2024

6th Sunday in Ordinary time – Year B

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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 leprosy: 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

Eileen Britt

RECENTLY DECEASED

Luigi Rizzo, Carmel Attard (in Malta)

ANNIVERSARIES

Stella Suwaris, Camillus Perera, John Chalabi
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Nguyen Lieu, Pascal & Lola Attard,
MaryRose Cassar, Modesta Refalo, Joseph
Khanh Pham, Joseph Pham Van Khanh,
Lucia Nguyen Thi Thuyen, Giuseppe Sgro,
Pasquale Cuppari

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12 noon – Sunday, 18th February 2024

*Chiara Lo Giudice
Maze Guglielmino
Meadow Nardella
Kyuss Nardella*

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) For further information, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH SUPPORT Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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ST PETER'S PARISH 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED'

We need more volunteers to serve as Readers, Greeters, Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound, Mass Helpers, Altar Servers, Musicians & Singers. Please fill in a Liturgical Ministers Contact & Preference Form, which can be found on the display stands in the narthex, and email it to Helena at the Parish Office: keiloreast@cam.org.au or drop it into the Parish Office. Training will be provided.

PARISH NEWS

LENT 2024

Lent begins on Wednesday 14th February, Ash Wednesday. Day of Fast and Abstinence.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass times for **Ash Wednesday – 14th February**

9.15am Mass (with School)

7.00pm Mass

- Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.
- Ash Wednesday is a day of special prayer and penance. Mass is an excellent way to begin Lent.
- We can reach out to the needy through charitable activities during Lent in special ways such as Project Compassion.

Obligations:

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.
- Fasting – means being moderate in what we eat and applies to those over 18 and not yet 60.
- The sick and those with special dietary needs are not obligated.

*See full list of obligations on the glass in the narthex.
Extra copies available to take home.*



STATIONS OF THE CROSS & LENTEN REFLECTION Each Friday during Lent from 7.00pm, followed by Lenten Reflection.

YEAR 6 STUDENTS' CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASSES are being held this weekend at our 6.00pm Saturday Vigil and 10.30am Sunday Masses. Please pray for these children as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, 19th April.

COMMISSIONING MASS & 'SAUSAGE SIZZLE' THANK YOU Many thanks to all who attended last Sunday's Commissioning Mass, along with School Staff, Parish Committee members & Group Leaders. Special thanks to all volunteers who prepared and cooked for the "Sausage Sizzle", those who brought along some food to share & all who helped in any way. Your generous efforts were very much appreciated.

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 10/11 FEBRUARY 2024 Please take home a Project Compassion box or a 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 help vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. 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.

MINISTERS' ROSTER – 1/3/24-30/6/24 Requesting all Parish volunteers who perform Special Ministry including Readers, Greeters, Ext. Ministers of Communion, Ext. Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound, Sacristans & Musicians, Altar Servers, to please update your availability to the Parish Office, for the period 1/3/24-30/6/24, no later than **Tuesday, 13th February**. This Roster includes Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday Masses on 30/31st March.

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP

Remembers for 2024 on Monday, 19th February at 10.00am in the Church. For further information, please speak with Tina Scollo. Everyone welcome.

LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical, and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

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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, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 6 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – COMMITMENT MASSES

Saturday 10th February at 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 11th February at 10.30am Mass

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