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Safeguarding - Our Parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk.

Our Safeguarding Officers are Lorel Donnelly and Bill Smolenaars who can be contacted via psale@cdsale.org.au.



*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
13 - 14 February 2021*

Cure of the Leper

The fate of lepers in biblical times was harsh. They were treated as religious and social outcasts. Because of the contagious nature of leprosy, they were banished from the community. Considered ritually unclean, they were excluded from the religious life of the people. Illness was seen as a consequence of sin. Lepers were regarded as sinners. It was assumed that God too had rejected them. Rejection hurts beyond any other state or emotion. Acceptance is the answer to rejection.

Jesus didn't regard the leper as unclean. He saw him simply as a human being in need. He allowed him to come to him – he talked to him, then to the amazement of all he reached out and touched him. And all at once the leprosy left him. By touching the leper, Jesus was breaking the law, and in doing so, became ritually unclean himself. Why did he do this ?

Because that's the kind of person he was. In this small gesture we see Jesus' compassion for the outcasts. Jesus never cured just an illness, he cured the person. Healing the body is good but not enough if the spirit is bruised and broken. He saw that the person needed healing in body and in spirit. With a body horribly wounded by leprosy and his spirit deeply wounded by rejection. Touching the leper Jesus healed his wounded spirit, and restored his lost dignity as a human being and a child of God.

Jesus touched the leper to show us that external uncleanness does not defile the clean of heart. He touched the leper to teach us to despise no one, or to regard them as pitiable, because of some bodily affliction.

This story was written by Mark, forty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. You might ask what was it meant to convey to the Christians of that time, and what is it meant to convey to us now? Four things! All of them had experienced the healing power of Jesus. How? Leprosy symbolises sin. They had been cleansed of sin through the waters of baptism. The same applies to us now.

Just as the leper went away and told everyone, everywhere, what Jesus had done for him, so Christians ought to spread the 'good news' of salvation.

Just as Jesus broke through the religious and social taboos, and reached out to the leper, so the Christian community should reach out to people society rejects.

There is a lesson for us in the way Jesus treated the leper. We marvel at the kindness and respect he showed him. For someone in the leper's condition to be touched with respect would in itself have been a tremendously healing thing.

We can learn from this in our dealings with the sick and the wounded. We are humbled by the generosity of Jesus, because he shows up the poverty of our hearts. Yet in a strange sort of way we are also elevated, because he stretches our capacity for compassion and challenges us to reach out and touch, to reach out to the wounded and the excluded within our very parish, our very homes, our schools, our workplace, our community.

May we all experience the healing touch of Jesus who loves us, and may we share Jesus' healing touch with all those we serve and care for.

God bless and love you all, always.

Dean Peter

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Ash Wednesday - 17 February
Stations of the Cross Fridays Feb: 19, 26
Fridays March: 5, 12, 19 & 26
Palm Sunday: March 28,
Mass of the Holy Oils: Tuesday March 30
Holy Thursday: April 1, Good Friday: April
2, Holy Saturday: April 3, Easter Sunday:
April 4.

MASS REQUIREMENTS: Mass can now be held for up to 140 people in the Cathedral. All standard Covid-19 directives to be strictly followed. Use the QR code to register your attendance or use the sign in sheet to mark your attendance. Please social distance and use the hand sanitisers' provided. **Masks are required to be worn. Bookings are no longer required to attend Mass.**

ALTAR SERVERS – Fr Jithin, with your help, desires to build a very efficient team to serve at the Altar – please encourage your children in a generous response to assist. Contact Fr Jithin anytime on 5144 4100.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting will be held at 7.00pm in the Presbytery (come via the front door on the Highway side) on **Wednesday 17 February**. If you have ideas or initiatives you would like discussed please approach any member of the PPC who are listed in the banner of this bulletin.

RECONCILIATION: During Lent – a perfect season to really make a special effort to renew our journey with the Lord, in the Sacrament of Confession. Fr Jithin and I will be available immediately following each daily Mass for up to half an hour – at the end of daily Mass we will simply move to the confessional.

2021 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM Commitment Masses for First Reconciliation are **this weekend 13-14 February**. Parent/Child workshop for First Reconciliation is on **Tuesday 23 February at 4pm or 6pm** in the Assembly area of the Cathedral. Enrolments closed on **Tuesday 9 February 2021**. If you missed the deadline and still wish to enrol your child please call Jennifer Fitzgerald, Sacramental Coordinator on 5144 4100 to discuss enrolment.

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100.
ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 1130am—12.00noon **First Friday of the Month** 11.30am-4.00pm At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am–10.30am **RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday** 11.30am after Mass, **Saturday** After the 9.30am Mass—10.30am **Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening:** Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the priest. **MARRIAGES:** Not less than six months notice please.

BRISBANE LENTEN PROGRAMS are currently available for \$5.00. They are designed for individual reflection or for Lenten groups. The books are in the parish office - see or call Clare on 5144 4100 if you would like a copy. If you would like to join a group: join Jennifer Fitzgerald & Veronica Barnes in the small room at the Chapter House **after Mass each Thursday** - call 5144 4100 or call Marg Goss on 5144 2154.

LENT begins this **Wednesday February 17** – we welcome this special season of fast and abstinence: Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way with the whole church we prepare for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year, until the beginning of their 60th year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th year.

PROJECT COMPASSION is being run once again by Caritas Australia. The 2021 theme is 'Be More'. Find Project Compassion resources and films at lent.caritas.org.au. Posters, giving boxes and envelopes will be available in every parish Church. Once you have completed the Lenten season boxes or envelopes can be left on the collection plates at the front of each Church. Receipts will be available on request. You can also donate by calling **1800 024 413** or **online at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion**.

THE MARRIAGE KIT Online Seminar. Join us for a six-week workshop series for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship. This initiative is in partnership with the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton. Start Date: Monday evening 15 February. Course cost: Find out more: www.smartloving.org/rockhampton.

EMMAUS SPIRITUALTY MINISTRY Online **Lenten Series - Its all about Hope**. Facilitators: Theresa Denny & Geraldine Naismith Bookings: 0477 474 848 Monday during Lent 1pm - 3.30pm 22 Feb + 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March. \$25 per session. All are welcome, don't let cost prevent you from participating, please call. You are also invited to pay for others to participate who may be in financial need.

PARISH PRAYER.

*God our loving Father, we give you thanks
and praise for our Cathedral Parish of Sale,
for your people and your Creation.
Nourish us by your daily
Word and Eucharist.
Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.
Strengthen us with the spirit
of your mercy and grace.
Make us grateful for your gifts as we
journey through our lives together.
May we be a welcoming and
serving community,
always discerning and doing your will for
one another.
We make this prayer through
Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA:

Job Vacancies - Are you looking for flexible ongoing part time work? Will you share the stories of suffering Christians? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Australia. For more details visit www.aidtochurch.org/work

VIRTUAL LENT SERIES we are delighted to announce a series of Lent talks by four Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity. Each week this group of accomplished guides will work together to explore the readings for the week. Event Details: When: Tuesdays – February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 at 7.00pm – 8.00pm Where: Via Zoom Meeting. COST: Free For more information call Garrett Publishing on 1300 650 878 for details of how to register.

31 CLUB REMINDER for 15 - 21 February. Please pray for vocations.

RITE OF ELECTION for Catechumens and the Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates will be celebrated this year on **Sunday 21 February** (1st Sunday of Lent) at **3.00 pm** at St. Mary's Cathedral Sale.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue 16 Feb 9.30am: Kevin & Mollie Hickey (A's)
Thu 18 Feb 9.30am: Joe DiMarco (A)

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$1,785.00
Presbytery:	\$482.60
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With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
13 - 14 February 2021**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<i>Weekend Masses</i>		
Saturday 13 February	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 14 February	9.30am	Rosedale
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
<i>Weekday Masses</i>		
Tues 16 February	9.30am	Cathedral
<u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u>		
Wed 17 Feb	See	below
Thurs 18 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Fri 19 February	11.00am	Cathedral
	11.30am	Cathedral
<i>Reconciliation & Exposition</i>		
<i>Weekend Masses</i>		
Saturday 20 February	9.30am	Cathedral
<i>Use the QR Reader or the sign in sheets to record your attendance please.</i>	<i>Use hand Sanitiser</i>	<i>Please social distance</i>

ASH WEDNESDAY - 17 February 2021

- 9.30am** St Mary's Cathedral - (*Parishioners in the body of Cathedral Primary School in Assembly Area*)
- 10.30am** Ashleigh House - Liturgy of the Word (*Residents only*)
- 12.00noon** Cathedral - Parishioners (*up to 140*)
- 6.00pm** Cathedral - Parishioners (*up to 140*)

Arrangements for the 9.30am Cathedral Mass - Ash Wednesday Feb 17 - Parishioners are asked to enter the Cathedral via the front doors and take up their seats in the body of the Cathedral and to exit the Cathedral via their entry door (front door of the Cathedral).

St Mary's Primary School students and teachers are to be seated in the Assembly gathering area entering via the single glass door entry door (kitchen end) and to leave via the same entry point. Children 12 and under are not required to wear masks. **All over 12 are required to wear masks.**

Use the QR Reader or the sign in sheets to record your attendance please.

YEAR of ST JOSEPH

Prayer to St Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*



By Pope Francis

VISITING THE SICK:

Ofentimes during this Covid period, the priests have been denied entry to visit the sick as the Covid requirements allow just one or two visitors, which means we may have to go at another time, arranged with the person concerned and/or their family. Would you be kind to ring for Fr Jithin or Fr Peter, who will in turn upon arrival give the persons name at the front desk. The person at the desk will ring the ward and get affirmation of the request and after confirmation will allow the visit to happen. (Complicated days are with us I'm afraid.) We would appreciate your cooperation in this special regard.

CONTACTING YOUR PRIESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Fr Jithin and Fr Peter are available at any time for a call requesting prayer for any concerns for family members who are ill, for mental illness for times of loved ones who have died. **Prayer is healing**, brings peace and consolation. Let us never lose sight of the power of prayer. Let us pray for those whose family member has died of mental illness, this is a most trying time for families and friends who suffer such a loss. Please phone for prayer and make contact to invite discussion through these your trying and stressful times. **LET US PRAY FOR EACH OTHER.** (Dean Peter)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Bruno Gubala, Barbara Collins, Gregry Breen, Riley Pearce (Fr Peter's Grand-Nephew)** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **David Rebbechi, Joe DiMarco, Kevin and Mollie Hickey, Bishop Arthur Fox, Fr Manny Spiteri, Fr Les Lisik.** We pray for those who are sick **Noreen Waud, Diliana Toonen, Mary Bailey, Barbara Webster, Miguel Stehr, Bernard Clancy, Sue Barr, Barry Lyon, Daryl Leggett, Kim Yacoub, Celie Smith, Robert Hopkinson, Fr Brian O'Connor, Joan Whitford, Bill Harkin, Angela Jones, Cynthia Freshwater, Fr Bernard Buckley and Maureen O'Kane.** **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

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.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

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.)

But 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.)

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:40-45

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though you have already come,
I embrace You and Unite myself entirely to You:
never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday from 11.30am—12.00pm

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral

Every Friday from 11.30am –12.00pm

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: **Genesis 9:8-15**

Second Reading: **1 St Peter 3:18-22**

Gospel: **Mark 1:12-15**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE

Mary's Soup Kitchen is held each Thursday
& serves 'Soup and Sandwiches' from Noon -1.30pm
Tea and Coffee provided.
At the Chapter House. All welcome.



WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: Cathedral - 9.30am

Sunday: Rosedale - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

Sunday Stratford - 9.30am (1st & 5th Sunday of the Month)

Sunday. Briagolong - 9.30am (3rd Sunday of the Month)

Sunday: Cathedral - 5.30pm