



St Mary's Parish

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

15 February 2015

First Reading Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

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.

- 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.)
- 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.)
- 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

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

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.

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 Mk 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.

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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This Weekend Ministers of Communion	
6 pm	B Kaaye, P & M Dunn (3 Req.)
10:30 am	V Lovell, T Daffey, P Stanhope, P Fitzgerald & 1 Volunteer.

Parish Collection


Weekend counters: R Corbett, B Shanahan & T Oliver
 Next w/end counters: P & D Soulsby, B & J Roache, G Howell
 F.Y.T.D's 60,888 Pledged total \$109,200
 Weekly Priest's Support \$712

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ST MARY'S ROSTER: Next W/end - 21st & 22nd Feb.		
	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
Welcome	John Schurmann	Irene Donne Alida Aylmer
Commentator	John Duyvestyn	Charlotte Stanhope
1st Reader	JoAnne Bond	Chelsea Storer
2nd Reader	Ted Oliver	Helen Tripovich
Offertory	Frances & Terry McMeel	C Storer Family
PowerPoint	Pauline Murphy	Wheaton Family
Ministers of Communion	Z Celewich, T & F McMeel	M Bell, B Storer, A Wheaton, G Goggin & T Irving.



Cuppa Roster
Saturday 14th
Helen & John
Watt

Sunday 15th
Kymhan W


ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER - 22nd Feb.	
Lector	Don Adamson
Leader	Margie Eales
Prayers	Catherine Loria
Special Minister	Helen Brown
Flowers 15/22	Helen Brown

St Mary's Church Cleaning
February
M Walter
I Underwood,
A Lampard

NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY MASS TIMES		
22nd February 1st Sunday of Lent		
Hamilton	Mass Mass	6:00pm 10:30am
Dunkeld	SAWC	9:00am
Glenthompson	Mass	9:00am
Macarthur	SAWC	9:00am
Penshurst	SAWC	9:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Hamilton
Fri After 10am Mass
Sat 5.30m before Mass
Other
Mass Centres
Sundays
Before Mass




New Parish Team Members

St Mary's Parish would like to welcome Colleen Johnson and Noreen McLeish to our parish team.

Colleen will be working as our Pastoral Care Facilitator. This will involve the calling, formation and guidance of those who feel they are able to offer a pastoral presence to those in need in our parish. Colleen has previously worked in pastoral care in our parish and is currently undertaking a Master of Arts (Spiritual Direction) at the Sentir Graduate College of Spiritual Formation in Kew. Colleen can be contacted at the parish office or via e-mail to pastoralcare@stmaryshamilton.org.au.

Noreen McLeish will be offering her experience in faith formation to our parish, particularly targeted towards our young families. Noreen has many years of experience as a school principal in a number of Catholic primary schools, as well as working in the Catholic Education Office. Noreen will be playing a large role in the parish sacramental program in coming months. Noreen can be contacted at the parish house or via e-mail to faith@stmaryshamilton.org.au.

 **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

DEATHS: Gabrielle Mason (Little), Michael McCarthy
ANNIVERSARIES: Beverly Edwards, Damien Willey, Elizabeth Finnegan, Patricia Duckmanton, Cath Madin, Zophia Zolnierczyk.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Connie McArthur, Bernie Ronchi, Jacinta Carson, Bill Warren, Bernadette Smith, Vu Cuong, Gay Lee, Kerryn McCluggage, David Ryan, Dorothy Harrison, Frank Vogels, Val Carter, Dawn Anson, Joan Birrell, Inez Waight, Percy Mills, Lousie Byrne.

St Vincent De Paul
Maryknoll Front Office, Clarendon St, Hamilton.
Welfare, Assistance, Support Centre
Open Monday to Friday 1-3pm

Lent 2015

Rich in Mercy



Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday on 18th February .




Ash Wednesday
Tuesday @ 7pm Vigil (Mass)
Wed @ 10am (Liturgy),
Wed @ 7pm (Mass)

Lenten groups- sign up sheets in gathering space.

Stations of the Cross each Thursday of Lent @ 7pm starting on 19th Feb.

 **Project Compassion** 

You are helping to empower the world's poorest people. Your donation will support programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need to establish sustainable food sources for life.



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of Lenten donation envelopes and give generously to the appeal this Lent.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Meditation— 7.30pm each Wednesday in the Parish House.

Parish Calendar

Tue. 17th Feb.	Penshurst Ecumenical Service 11am @ Hospital
Wed. 18th Feb.	Ash Wednesday
Thur. 19th Feb.	7- 8pm Parent's & Carers Sacramental meeting@ Dunworth Centre.
Thur. 19th Feb.	Anointing Mass Eventide

Bulletin Notice

- Sacramental Program 2015
Parents' & Carers' meeting Thur.19th @ 7-8pm
Dunworth Centre. Behind the church.
Commitment ceremony 10.30am Mass Sun. 22nd
Or 6pm Sat. 21st Feb.

rebuilt

Rebuilt Leadership Team

On Sunday, 1st March, following the 10:30am Mass, we will hold our first meeting for all those interested in the Rebuilt program. We would like to call on anyone who has read this book to come along to this gathering. On the day we will go through a discernment process to determine 4 or 5 people to form a Rebuilt Leadership Team. This team will meet together regularly, to offer formed direction for the implementation of some of the Rebuilt ideas. There are copies of this book available at the parish house now. Alternatively you can watch the keynote presentations from the Proclaim Conference on the internet at this address; <http://www.proclaimconference.com.au/resources#faqnoanchor>

Prayer

In Jesus you stretch out your hand, O God,
to touch the unclean,
to love the unlovely
and to draw even the most despised
and excluded
into the circle of your beloved disciples
and friends.
Embraced by such love,
make us eager to heal others,
glad to herald a Saviour whose kingdom
includes all.
**Through Christ Our Lord
Amen.**

Jesus has the power to heal



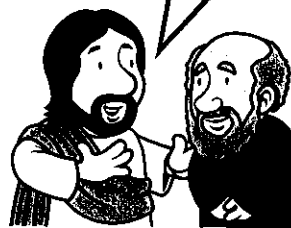
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How were people with leprosy treated in Jesus' time?

What are some things we can do for sick people today?

What did Jesus say to the man after he cured him of leprosy? Use the words below to find out!

Say _____ of this to anyone;
but go and _____ yourself to the
_____, then make an offering
at the _____ as Moses
_____, then all will know
you are _____.



temple **show**
commanded
healed **nothing**
priest

Jesus showed God's power by healing the leper. Draw a picture from one of the following stories where God's power is shown by what Jesus did.



Jesus heals two blind men <i>Matthew 9:27 - 9:31</i>	Jesus feeds five thousand men <i>Luke 9:10 - 9:17</i>
Jesus calms a storm <i>Mark 4:35 - 4:41</i>	Jesus walks on the water <i>Mark 6:45-52</i>
The wedding at Cana <i>John 2:1-12</i>	Jesus raises Lazarus <i>John 11:17 - 11:27</i>