

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

11th February 2024



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianna Bergant CSA



'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!'

magnanimous mercy. The psalmist's experience of personal contrition and divine clemency is offered as an example for others to follow.

Paul describes the delicate balance that existed between the freedom he enjoyed because of his faith in Christ and his need to accommodate himself to those to whom he was preaching. He feared that they would be repelled by something that was not intrinsic to the gospel. The gospel is demanding enough. People did not need to be burdened with obligations extraneous to its message. Conflict occurred whenever the attitudes that operated within one religious system were transferred to another. Paul insists that neither Jewish dietary laws nor the assertion of one's freedom should be the governing principle in the lives of Christians. The glory of God and sensitivity to the consciences of others should be the driving force.

The man in the gospel suffered from some kind of skin ailment. Though socially alienated and ritually unclean, he did not adhere to the laws of purity. Instead, he boldly approached Jesus and begged to be made clean, not to be cured. Social and religious acceptability seem to be more important to him than physical healing. Since impurity was considered contagious, to touch the man would make Jesus unclean. But it didn't. Instead, Jesus' touch healed the man and restored him to the state of ritual purity. Because the people were captivated by the wonders he could perform, Jesus chose the seclusion of solitary places rather than the press of the crowd and their misunderstanding of his mission.

Leprosy was a general term that covered a wide variety of chronic skin diseases. It caused skin to break thus exuding bodily fluids. The issue here is bodily boundaries, not hygiene. Since bodily fluids belonged within the body, emissions other than the normal functions of elimination were clearly out of place. Those with skin ailments were deemed unclean, were banished from the community, and were required to keep their distance from others, for anyone who had direct contact with someone or something unclean was considered unclean. Because social and religious alienation was so severe, it was believed that the condition was brought on by some kind of sin. Such thinking did not prevent Jesus from showing compassion.

The psalm is one of the Penitential Psalms. The double statement of blessedness introduces wisdom teaching about the benefits of God's merciful pardon, which is valued more highly than prosperity or reputation. Anyone so treated by God is truly blessed. This is not 'cheap grace'. Forgiveness is not given indiscriminately. Rather, it is given to those who have honestly sought forgiveness, who have admitted their sinfulness and have repented of it. The psalm ends with an exhortation to rejoice. If one is just, then rejoicing is not only encouraged, it is probably a spontaneous response to God's

SPX Safeguarding Officers

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

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ROSTER		Weekend of 10/11 Feb	Weekend of 17/18 Feb
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Janine Banks	Janine Banks
	Sun 7.30am	John Miles	John Miles
	Sun 9.00am	Sandra McIlheney	Sandra McIlheney
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Mary Overton	Carmen de Sousa
	Sun 7.30am	Jeevan Joseph	Jim Kelly
	Sun 9.00am	Tony Pitchford	Volunteer required
Counters		Janine Stanley, Nancy Permadi	D & B Molony

St Pius X Church Masses

Feb Tue 13	8.00am	Mass (Week 6 in Ordinary time 2) Church
Wed 14	8.00am	Mass (Ash Wednesday) Church
	9.00am	School Mass (Ash Wednesday) Church
	7.00pm	Mass (Ash Wednesday) Church
Thu 15	8.00am	Mass (Thursday after Ash Wednesday) Church
Fri 16	8.00am	Mass (Friday after Ash Wednesday) Church
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross - Church
Sat 17	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (First Sunday of Lent Year B) Church
Sun 18	7.30am	Sunday Mass (First Sunday of Lent Year B) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (1st Sunday of Lent Year B) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Chinese Mass (1st Sunday of Lent Year B) Church

Safeguarding Induction for all Church workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. **ALL** church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session.

This induction provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and the importance of Safeguarding within the parish

To register online please visit: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>
Or phone 9221 7762 to book



Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays
10am - 12noon \$6 per session
All proceeds go to the Parish
This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis and Hellen Tay
All are welcome; no age limits



Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays
Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm
All parishioners are most welcome
For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838



Divine Mercy Sunday

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3.00 pm.

Please join us next Sunday



Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February



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 support 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.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. 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.



Chinese Lunar New Year Year of the Dragon

The Archbishop will celebrate Mass with the Chinese Community this Sunday at the 11.00am Mass

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 14 February 2024

Masses
8.00am & 7.00pm (Parish Mass)

9.00am School Mass
(All are welcome)

First Reading

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.'

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. 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.)
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. (R.)

Second Reading

1 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel

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.

Next Sunday Readings

Weekend 17/18 February 2024
First Sunday of Lent - Year B

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

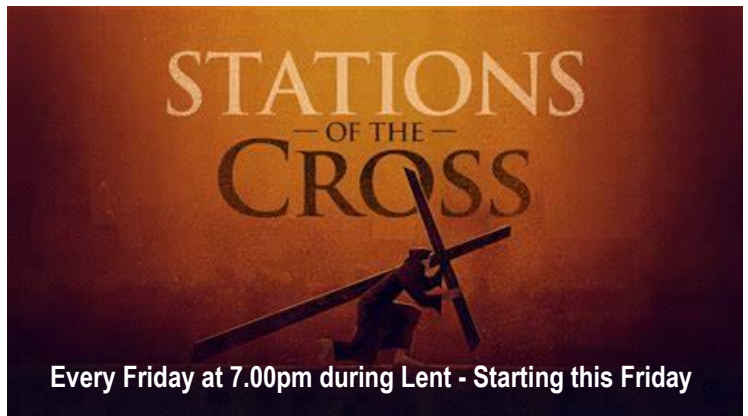
Reflection for Young People

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.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

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 _____.



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