

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

11 February 2024

## First Reading

**A reading from the book of Leviticus**

**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 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.

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

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

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Luke 7:16**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

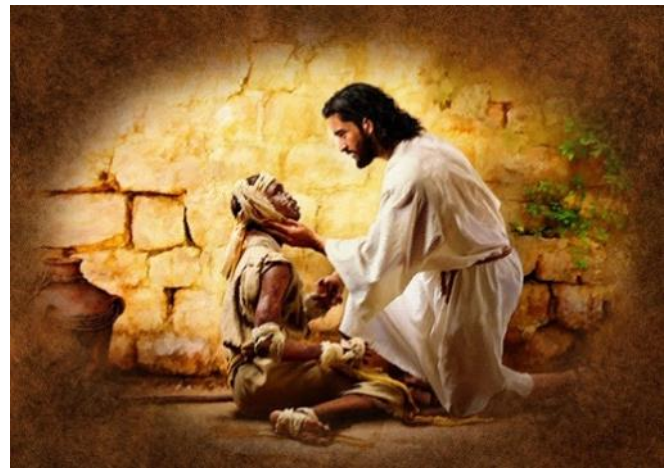
Alleluia!

## Gospel

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 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.**



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# ST PATRICK'S PARISH

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish acknowledges the Bunurong and Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners of this land, who have walked upon and cared for it for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

## CHURCH RENOVATION FUND-RAISING

Thank you for your kind support and generous donations. Fund Raising brochures are available in the church foyer.



As at 25/01/2024	Sponsored Already	Pledged	Money Paid
Pews	31	46,500.00	40,761.60
Stations of the cross	10	40,000.00	28,600.00
Bricks	54	13,750.00	14,152.40
Gold Sponsors	8	80,000.00	60,000.00
General Donation e.g, dinner, sausage sizzle, plants etc		112,255.54	112,255.54
Community Raffle		15,314.00	15,314.00
		<b>307,819.54</b>	<b>271,083.54</b>

## Mass Times

Monday	9.30 am (Liturgy of the Word & Communion)
Tuesday	6.00 pm
Wednesday	9.30am & 7.00pm
Thursday	9.30 am
Friday	9.30 am
Saturday	9.30 am (Mass followed by Reconciliation and Exposition) and 6.00 pm
Sunday	9.00 am & 10.30 & 5.00 pm

## OUR OFFERINGS TO OUR PARISH

Stewardship envelope (1st Collection) \$1075.00 and cash: \$1182.80 Presbytery (2nd collection+Baptism) \$990.70  
If you would like to donate online:

**St Patrick's Parish Pakenham – Donations**

**Bank: National Australia Bank, BSB: 083-879**

**Account Number: 75 577 0740**

*Your contributions are greatly appreciated.*

## Flower Arrangement Roster

This weekend: 10th/11th February Katrina Venn

## Children's Liturgy

Every 2nd and 4th weekend

Kathy S & Volunteer Sat 10th Feb 6.00pm

Donna and Nicky Sun 11th Feb 9.00am

## SPECIAL MINISTERS AND READERS ROSTER

10th/11th Feb	Special Ministers	Readers
6.00pm	Volunteer	Mia W Jeanette C
9.00am	Chrismeen, Prymani Susira F	Caitlin L Jilsa G
10.30am	Angela S Ian M Christine P	Jessey A Christina F
5.00pm	Prakash D	Therese R Matilda M
17th/18th Feb	Special Ministers	Readers
6.00pm	Marlene B	Kathy S Kathlyn J
9.00am	Jilsa G Cecilia M Pam M	Mick O Sue C
10.30am	Chiara R Marceline P Chantal M	Treshi K Lyn O
5.00pm	Matilda M	Rochelle P Lydia P

**SAFEGUARDING:** Our Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and adults at risk.

St. Patrick's Parish Centre Phone: 5941 7315

Presbytery: 5941 3874

# Parish News & Events

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Angelina Lazaris, Nimal Ponweera, Samantha Banks, Naureen Norico, Margaret Gudgeon, Christian Dela Cruz, and Evie Minnis.

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**Recently Deceased:** Edward Hildrew

**Death Anniversaries:** Derek Clarke, Mary O'Brien, Philip Fedele, E J George, Rebecca Thomas, George Charabie, Annamma Alapatt, Cecilia Carmody, Mr Francis, John Almeida Richard and Arlene Pereira, Ivka Filipovic and Gerard Uerhaegh.

## BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Matilda Bowen & Jiyana Ryle Delvo and parents James and Felicity Bowen & Ralph Delvo & Jhasmine Adres.



Parents who would like to have their children baptised are required to attend baptism preparation. The next one is on **Thursday 7th March, 2024 in the church at 6.00 pm.** Please enrol through the parish website/contact Andrea at 5941 7315 in the parish office.

## PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

**PADDY'S KITCHEN:** Serves dinner and dessert as take away every Sunday between 4-4.45pm. Contact Tresa Andrews or email on [stpatrickspaddys@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickspaddys@gmail.com)

**MARTHA AND MARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP:** Rosary at 10.00 am on Tuesdays followed by cuppa in the Hall.

**LEGION OF MARY :** All are welcome to join every Friday at 10.15 am. Contact Jilsa at 0450 070 262 or Winnie at 0422 179 999.

**SERVANT COMMUNITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** Every Thursdays at 7.00 pm—Praise, Worship and Healing Mass on first Thursdays of the month. For details: Jean-Claude at 0410 126 415.

**D'VINE KIDS: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM:** Year 3-6 kids from 7—8.30 pm **Feb 9, Mar 8, Apr 12, & May 10.**

**THE VINE YOUTH GROUP :** Years 7-12 from 7-8.45 pm — **Feb 16, Mar 15, Apr 19, May 17, Jun 21, Jul 19, Aug 16, & Sep 20**

**HEARTS ON FIRE- YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:** Ages 18-40. For details contact the parish office on 5941 7315 or email [heartsonfire@stpatrickspakenham.com.au](mailto:heartsonfire@stpatrickspakenham.com.au)

**SERAPHS OF ST PAT'S MENS GROUP:** Every Sunday at 6:00 p.m., we gather for music, fellowship, talks, and more. Additionally, our choir performs on the **first and third Sunday** of every month during the 5:00 p.m. mass. For further details, contact Dominic Thomas at 0425 742 254

**ST PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP:** Meets for lunch every first Wednesday of the month. Contact Kathy at 0418 679 616.

**ST PATRICK'S GIFT SHOP:** Open before and after weekend Masses or by appointment through the parish office.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Meets every 2nd Tuesday at 1.30pm in the Parish—Help Line is 1300 305 330.

**SEWING GROUP:** Meets every Thursday at 10.00am Contact Cheryl through Parish office.

**MARY'S INTERCESSORY MINISTRY:** Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy before the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday morning at 10am interceding for families, our church, priests and the world. Contact Rochelle 0401 017 752

## CONTACT DETAILS OF VARIOUS SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY

**NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** Call 1800 Respect / 1800 737 732,

**SAFE STEPS:** 1800 015 188

**NO TO VIOLENCE: MEN'S REFERRAL SERVICE:** 1 800 766 491 Mon-Fri: 8am-9pm; Sat-Sun: 9am-6pm

**MULTI-CULTURAL CENTRE AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE:** 1800 755 988

**WAYS EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION:** 9703 0044, **Lifeline** 13 11 14, **BEYOND BLUE** 1300 22 4636

**KIDS HELPLINE:** 1800 55 1800 or [kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au) (Concerned adults can call for advice)

**CATHOLIC CARE:** Counselling services 1800 522 076, Or visit 1 Rogers Street, Pakenham.



## Living the Gospel – Who is your leper?

By Greg Sunter

There is a story of Francis of Assisi in which he encountered a horribly disfigured leper. Initially, Francis was repulsed by the man but remembered that this man too was a child of God and made in the image and likeness of God. Overcoming his fears, Francis ran forward and embraced the man. Rather than seeing the disease, Francis saw the person. We can ask the question, Who is your leper? Who is the person in your life that you need to embrace rather than reject? Who would benefit from you viewing them with different eyes? Soft eyes! Eyes of compassion!

### Questions for Adolescents

Q. Why was it such a brave move for someone with leprosy to approach Jesus?

Q. Why was Jesus so moved by the man?

Q. Why did Jesus order him to say nothing to anyone?

# Parish News & Events

**THE MARK OF THE CROSS ON ASH WEDNESDAY :** The tradition of marking the forehead with ash on Ash Wednesday can be traced back to the ancient Jewish action of dusting oneself with ash as a sign of repentance and mourning for wrongful actions. It was a public declaration of the acknowledgement of the wrong and the commitment to turn one's life around and try not to make the same mistake again. It still remains a public declaration that during the period of Lent those who wear the cross of ash are going to attempt to turn around their lives and re-focus themselves more fully on God.



**WHAT IS LENT?** Lent is a period of 40 days of fasting, prayer, and penance observed by Catholics and some other Christian denominations. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday. Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter, which commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. During Lent, Catholics often engage in spiritual disciplines such as fasting, abstaining from certain foods, and increased prayer and almsgiving. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, are typically made by burning palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration.

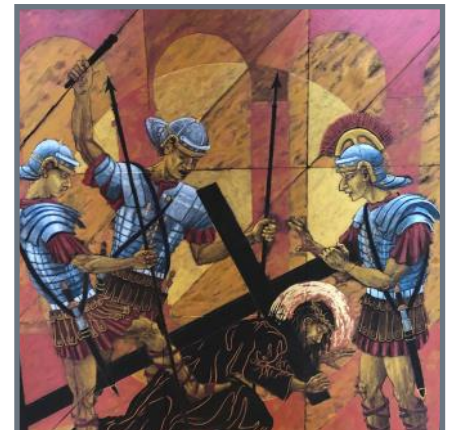
These ashes are then blessed and applied to the foreheads of worshippers in the sign of the cross as a reminder of human mortality and the need for repentance. Lent is a solemn and reflective season in the Catholic Church, focusing on repentance, spiritual renewal, and preparation for the celebration of Easter.

**ASH WEDNESDAY (14 FEBRUARY 2024):** Mass at 9.30am and 7.00pm will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday to begin the Holy Season of Lent.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on Fridays during lent at 7.00pm in the church.

**LENTEN REFLECTION:** Every Tuesday during Lent in the Welcome room after the Tuesday 6.00 pm evening Mass. **If any groups in the parish would like to convene a Lenten reflection programme any other time, we are happy to provide the resources.** Please contact the Parish Office.

**THE VINE FORMATION PROGRAMME** starts back this Friday 16th February 2024 for Years 7– 12. Join us for some food and fun at St Patrick's School Gym. Parents are asked to sign children in for a 7.00pm start finishing at 8.45pm. A registration fee of \$10 will be charged on the night.



**THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION:** The Sacrament of First Reconciliation for the year 2024 is celebrated at 7.00pm on **Tuesday, 5th**

**March and Wednesday, 6th March 2024.** Baptised children in year 3 or above and who are attending non-parish-based schools other than St Clare's Primary School and St Patrick's Primary School will be prepared through the Parish Sacramental program. Please enrol your children through the parish website or contact the parish office at 5941 7315. If you are unable to do so, a sign up sheet will be left in the foyer for enrolling your child for First Reconciliation. Use this QR code to enrol.

**Preparation Sessions for First Reconciliation will be as follows:**

**Session 1: 4.30pm - 5.30pm on Wednesday 14th Feb 24**

**Session 2: 4.30pm - 5.30pm on Wednesday 21st Feb 24**

**Session 3: 4.30pm - 5.30pm on Wednesday 28th Feb 24**

**Parent Workshop: 7.00pm on Thursday 29th Feb 24 (parents/guardians only).**



**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 here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.