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at a  
glance



#### Today's Readings

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46  
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1  
Mark 1:40-45

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.  
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.  
The leprosy left him and he was cured.



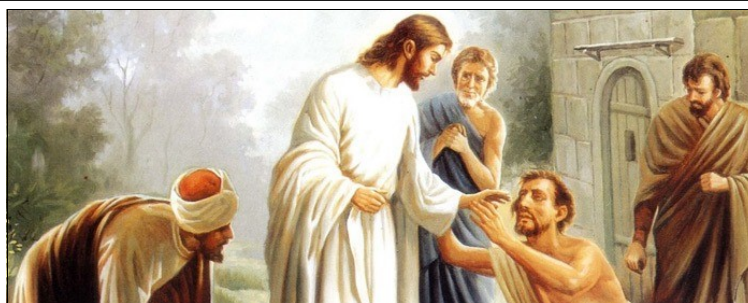
**Sixth Sunday of  
the Year B  
10/11 February  
2018**

#### In a nutshell

**A leper appeals to Jesus' compassion: 'If you want to...' Indeed, Jesus *does* want to cure him, and not only him, but everyone who asks.**

**In his joy, the man could not keep the cure to himself, but proclaimed the good news everywhere.**

**We too can proclaim the Kingdom of God by our joy and enthusiasm in being followers of Christ, because we also have been healed many times.**



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 welcomed back into worship, and back into everyday life.

So, we can ask ourselves this weekend: who is excluded ("outcast") now, that we still need to bring into our community / circle of friends ?

*Greg Sunter—Liturgy Help, 2018*

### Raise your voices

**Entrance antiphon:** Lord, be my rock of safety, the stronghold that saves me. For the honour of your name, lead me and guide me.

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

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

Readers		Ministers of the Eucharist	
Saturday Vigil February 10th February 17th	Janet Neenan (Coordinator) Sr Jan O’Neil Anne-Marie Snelling	Saturday Vigil February :	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator) Anne Wright, Sr Gabriel
Sunday 7.00 am February:	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost	Sunday 7.00 am February:	Charlie Robinson, Gary Keating, Peter Frost
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	Sunday 9.30 am February:	Paula Hudson (Coordinator) Paula Hudson, Adele Cornale, Phil Docherty
Sunday 6.00 pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)	Sunday 6.00 pm	Andrew Poidevin Coordinator)
Church Cleaners		February:	Paula O’Connor, Michael O’Sullivan, Therese Compton, Denise Haylen
February 9th:	Paula O’Connor	Gardeners	Susan & Kevin Bradley
Money Counters- Parish Office		Sacristy & Altar	Carol Miller and Pilar Ovelar
February 11th: Group 4	February 18th: Group 1	Altar Flowers	Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros
February 25th: Group 2	March 4th: Group 3	If rostered and unavailable PLEASE advise your coordinator	

Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass February 10th: Mary Streeting & Ann Wright	Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am Mass February 11th: Pam & John McCarthy
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Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	<b>Sandra Sutcliff</b> , Fr Peter Neville, Thomas Lanigan, Kevin Railz, Nola Harvey, Laura Ware( UK), Sean Gallagher (Ireland), Wendy Pryer.
Other Deceased:	Desmond & Alice Ryan, Nola Harvey, Ron Newman.
Anniversaries:	<b>William Knight, Essie Knight</b> , Sr Trish Davis, Jim Lynch (Ireland) Helen Freestone, Jessie Falvey, Frank Carr.
Sick:	<b>Cassie Andrews, Neil Thornton, Conor Cassidy (Ireland), Sr Kath Conlan, Tony Kelly</b> , Tony Cruikshank, Sandra Sutcliffe, Mary-Jane Saunders, Thelma Shepherd, Enid Hampshire, Amanda Mimfflin, Anne Hampshire, Barry du Bois, Alistair Ross, John Miller, Maureen O’Connor, Esteban Ovelar, Trish Chadwick, Patrick Herlihy, Alma Reid, Steve Elias, Win Wallace, Dillon Lynch, Fr John Rate msc, Fr Frank Perry msc, Fr Thoi Tran msc (Vietnam), Roslyn Hutton.

<b>Baptisms</b>	
<i>We congratulate the following children received into our Parish Community this weekend :</i>	
<i>Mia Grace Wyles Rigby, daughter of Mark &amp; Rebecca</i>	
<i>Sophie Brown , daughter of David &amp; Fiona</i>	
<i>Juliet Fahey , daughter of Matthew &amp; Monique</i>	
<i>Khaliif Sido , daughter of Sahal &amp; Tessa</i>	

St Brigid’s Parish Information	
Mass Times	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm
Morning Tea	Most Sundays after the 9.30 am Mass
Weekday Masses	<b>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday &amp; Friday 9.30 am</b>
Reconciliation	<b>20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass</b>
Sacrament of Anointing	<b>During 9.30 Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month</b>
Baptisms	By appointment usually on the first and third Sundays of the month
Marriages	By appointment arranged at least six months in advance
Parish Office	<b>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 am to 3 pm (9315 7562)</b>

***St Brigid's Parish this week and beyond***

**A big “thanks” to all our volunteers who helped in making St Brigid's Feast Day a very special and enjoyable community weekend !!!**

**This Weekend:** Special **Fundraising Appeal for the Little Sisters of the Poor** this Weekend, to aid them in their ministry at North Randwick.

**Sunday 11 February:** **Children's Liturgy** during 9.30am Family Mass + morning tea.

**Tuesday 13 February:** **Parent Meeting at 7pm in the Church for First Reconciliation.**

**Wednesday 14 February:** **Ash Wednesday 9.30am Mass** to mark the beginning of Lent.  
(also OLSH have a 6.30am early Mass for Ash Wednesday)

**Thursday 15 February:** Tonight we begin our normal **Lenten Reflection Program at 7pm in the Parish House chapel** @ 160 Coogee Bay Road. *All welcome.* After this week, it will revert to Tuesday evenings during Lent—same time and place.

**Saturday 17 February:** **Commitment Mass for First Reconciliation @ 5pm Vigil Mass.**

***Fr Phil***

***Year of Youth Launch with Fr Rob @ “Eastfest” - Friday 23rd Feb 2018 dinner at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.***

Keep the excitement of Australian Catholic Youth festival alive. Come and rock to Fr Rob - amazing singer and story teller.

Bishop Umbers will introduce the patron of the Year of Youth and a Meet and greet with Bishop Umbers and Fr Rob after the event.

Venue : The Hermitage Hall. Champagnat College, Pagewood. [35 Donovan Ave Pagewood](#)

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**Sacramental Program at St Brigid's in 2018**

***(Pastoral Associate & Sacramental Co-ordinator: Anne-Marie Snelling)***

**First Reconciliation (Year 3 children & older)**

**Tuesday 20th March 2018 @ 7pm at St Brigid's Church.**

**(Please note: Parent Meeting Tuesday 13th February 7pm in the Church, and Commitment Mass Saturday 17th February @ 5pm Vigil Mass)**

**Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6 children & older)**

**Sunday 17th June 2018 @ 12.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral.**

**First Communions (Year 3 children & older)**

**Saturday 15th September 2018 @ 5pm Vigil Mass at St Brigid's Church**

**Sunday 16th September 2018 @ 9.30am Family Mass at St Brigid's Church**





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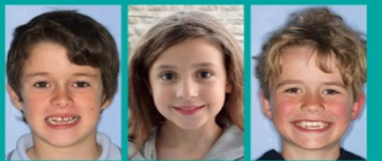
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