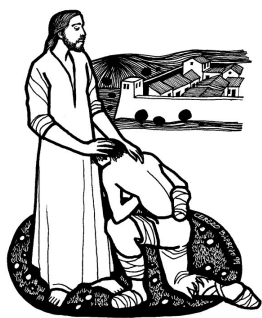


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Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary time
Year B
13th / 14th
February, 2021

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.

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.



The appeal of **Ash Wednesday** remains powerful. This is true in two senses. The first refers to the enduring popularity of Ash Wednesday. Though it has never been a day of obligation in Australia, people flock to church on this day in impressive numbers. Whatever else brings them, the signing with ashes appeals greatly to our imaginations.

In the second sense the powerful appeal of Ash Wednesday is that we "repent, and believe in the gospel". "Let your hearts be broken not your garments torn, turn to the Lord your God again", cries the prophet Joel. Paul adds his own urgent message, "... now is the favourable time; this is the day of salvation".

Jesus invokes the traditional triad of Jewish religious practice – prayer, fasting and almsgiving – and calls for them to be deeply rooted in our hearts. In Australia these profound spiritual attitudes find apt expression in support for Project Compassion.

Liturgy Brisbane, 2021

Ash Wednesday Mass at St Brigid's is at 9.30am

"Look to Jesus" (Brisbane) and "Go Make Disciples" (Sydney) Lenten reflection booklets are available in church foyer.

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!

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| Readers | | Ministers of Communion | |
| Saturday Vigil February | Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator) Sr Jan O'Neil & John Betros | Vigil 5pm February | Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) Michael Zador & others |
| Sunday 7.00 am February: | Peter Frost (Coordinator) George & Nicholas Attard | Sunday 7.00 am February | Peter Frost (Coordinator) Gary Keating |
| Sunday 9.30 am February 14th | Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Di Karas & Sharron Critchley | Sunday 9.30 am February: | Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty. |
| Sunday 6pm | Paula O'Connor (Coordinator) | Sunday 6pm | Andrew Poidevin Paula O'Connor. |
| Church Cleaners Paula O'Connor and other volunteers. | | Sacristy & Altar Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller | |
| Money Counters—Parish Office | | Altar Flowers Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros | |
| February 14th: Group 1 | February 21st: Group 2 | Piety Stall (5pm Vigil Mass) Carol Miller | |
| February 28th: Group 3 | March 7th Group 4 | | |

Mass Offerings: *Your prayers are requested for the following:*

Recently Deceased: **Myrim Jimenez** (*Venezuela*), **Genevieve Gilbert** (*Paris*), **Norman McKillip** (*Outer Hebrides, UK*), **Red O'Connor**, Ken Paterson, John Stirrat, Anna Zabourek.

Other Deceased: **Sr Dorothy Costigan CSB**, Ela Tarraton, Frank Bowman, Lyn Sweeney, Nell, Tom, Ken and Warren Lynch, Roy & Ella McDonald,

Anniversary: **Marie Cunningham, Paul Lum**, Mable Rodden, Peter Byrnes.

Sick: **Petra King** (New Zealand), **Michael Sweeney, Rowan Tierney, Alison Elliott**, Bernice Ralston, John Cavanagh, Janet Neenan, Hayley Connery (*Ireland*), Rob Williams, June Ferguson, Fay Wilcox, Chris Simpson, Alex Campbell, Paula Hudson, Anne Stirling, Neil Thornton, Marian Moreno, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Chris Schneider, Therese Warfield, Owen O'Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick, Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood, Joan Edwards, Judy Chock.

Baptisms This Weekend after 9.30am Family Mass

We welcome the following three children into our parish community:

Faith-Anne Mena, 8yrs old

Filip Tomezyk, son of Jakub and Katarzyna

Billy Hennebry, son of William and Donna



St Brigid's Parish Information

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| Mass Times | Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm |
| Morning Tea | Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass (NOT during Covid19) |
| Weekday Masses | Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9.30 am |
| Reconciliation | 20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass |
| Sacrament of Anointing | During 9.30am Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month |
| Baptisms | By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month, after 9.30am Family Mass. |
| Marriages | Saturdays , by appointment, arranged at least six months in advance. |
| Parish Office: | Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9am to 3pm. Phone 9315 7562. (For pastoral emergencies, contact Fr Phil 0420 329 731) |

St Brigid's This Week & Beyond

This Sunday 14th February—we welcome back for 2021 our children for Children's Liturgy during our 9.30am Family Mass.

We plan to have children's liturgy on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month.

*A **Kid's Bulletin** is available for your children at the back of the church each week.

This Wednesday 17th February—Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.30am

Volunteers urgently needed for Catechists for one hour on Wednesdays at Coogee Public School; and also others to assist at Children's Liturgy on 9.30am Sundays. Please contact Joanne <sacramentcoogee@yahoo.com> in our Office, or Fr Phil.

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Fr Phil

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In just a few days we will enter the **season of Lent**, a time of preparations, penance, and purification as we look toward our holiest days of the year when we celebrate in a particular way Jesus's passion, death, and resurrection. In today's gospel, a leper approaches Jesus and says, "If you wish, you can make me clean." It is interesting that the leper does not ask Jesus a question: "Can you make me clean?" Or implore him for a favour: "Will you make me clean?" Instead, he comes to Jesus with a statement of faith: "If you wish, you can make me clean."

Perhaps this man has heard of the healings Jesus performed in Capernaum, or maybe he has an intuitive sense of Jesus's closeness to God; in any case, the leper is emboldened to name Jesus as the one who possesses power over sickness.

In Jesus's time people with certain diseases were viewed as "unclean" in the eyes of the community. To protect others from infection, they were isolated from society. When Jesus responds to the man's statement by telling him, "I do will it," he is affirming his desire to bring health and wholeness to both individual and communities broken and separated by disease and fear.

As we prepare for the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, let us take a moment to consider the broken and sinful places in our own lives and in the life of our community. What affliction - whether of mind, body, or spirit - might God be calling us to turn over to him and his infinite mercy? Do we have the faith to say to Jesus, "If you wish, you can make me clean"?

Living Liturgy, 2021



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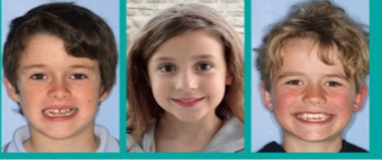
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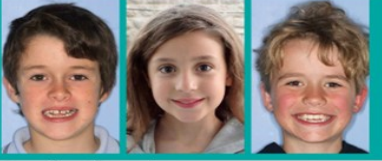
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St Brigid's Parish Coogee Safeguarding Officer is Sharon Waller.