

First Reading Lv 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.'

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.

Second Reading

1 Cor 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 Lk 7:16

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

Gospel Mk 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.



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13th & 14th February 2020 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Dear Friends,

The Gospel today is about God's loving presence among us. It is God who heals all our sicknesses. God is always ready to listen and to heal those who pray to Him with faith.

In today's Gospel story, Jesus heals a leper. He allows the leper to approach Him. He listens to his prayer, takes pity on him and stretches out his hand and cures him with a word. Jesus says, to the leper, "Of course I want to! Be cured!"

The point of the story is that Jesus is not just a miracle worker who can heal us of any sickness. Jesus is above all the Suffering Servant of God who suffered and died on the cross in obedience to God the Father's will. The miracles Jesus works only make sense if we accept Jesus as our crucified Saviour.

The leper represents humanity separated from God because of sin. It is Jesus who comes close to us, has pity on us, touches us, heals us and saves us so that we may live in peace with one another and with God. By healing us and taking away our sins, Jesus takes on Himself our sins and diseases on the Cross. He heals us by the blood of the Cross and by His resurrection saves us from sin and death. Indeed God does wonders for His faithful people. God grants those who believe in Him eternal life through His Son Jesus.

An American priest, Fr George Mckenna, tells the story of a marine fighter pilot who was shot down by a ground to air missile in the Vietnam War. "As this pilot threw himself down on the frozen dirt floor, darkness and despair filled his heart. As a (Christian), he knew he couldn't survive the cold, the heat, the poor food, the frequent torture sessions, without God's help. What could he do to bring God's presence into his cell in some visible way? What would (the reader) I do in this situation? After some thought the pilot took off his military shoe and, with the leather heal, scraped a cross on the cement wall. Through the months and years ahead, he made this his place of prayer, with his thoughts usually centred on the Cross of Christ. "Christ came to show me how to live," this man of faith kept saying to himself. "In the garden of Gethsemane, the Lord accepted His cup of suffering from the Father when He said, "Not my will but yours be done."

Each day, the American pilot, accepted the hardships of prison life and offered his pain-filled hours to the Father in union with the passion of Christ on the Cross. A few years later he left the prison, strong in spirit and deeply in love with life.

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of God and St Joseph, Her virginal spouse, pray to Jesus for all people.

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Japanese Wisdom: if it's not yours, don't take it. If it is not true, don't say it. If it's not right, don't do it. If you don't know, shut up.

Coming up

16th Feb Parish Finance Committee - 4:00pm
 16th Feb Shrove Tuesday & Burning of Ashes-7:00pm
 17th Feb Ash Wednesday - 9:00am & 7:00pm Masses
 19th Feb Stations of the Cross - 7:00pm
 23rd Feb Lenten Talk: Why does God allow us to be tempted? by Dr Drasko Dizdar - 7:00pm
 9th Mar Lenten Talk: Laudato Si: Caring for our Common Home by Dr Trish Hindmarsh - 7:00pm
 24th Mar Lenten Talk: One Man's Way of the Cross by Ed Sianski - 7:00pm

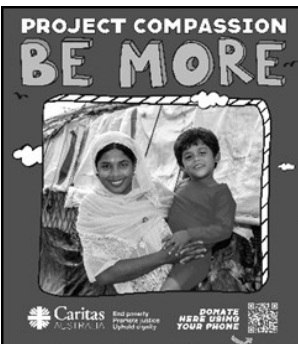
Lenten Talk: February 23rd, 2021

Dr Drasko Dizdar, currently working with the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office will speak on The Desert of and Temptation - Why God allows us to be tempted? 7:00pm-8:30pm. Please make a special effort to come to this talk. All Welcome (Fr Guy)

St John's Parish 50/50's Club

Please help the parish raise funds for those necessary emergency repairs and maintenance for example we bought a new ride on mower and damaged window. Cost per member - \$50. On the 27th June 2021 we will have a raffle of the names of the members and draw 3 prizes: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100 & 3rd \$50. All welcome to join.

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Be More". As Saint Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." Through your generosity and by aspiring to "Be More", you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. Thank you for being more! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes available at the table in the foyer.



Becoming Motivated Disciples: The Verbum Domini Institute is focusing on how to live out the Gospel more fully through motivated Christian Discipleship. Join this four session short course to hear and discuss the meaning of Christian discipleship with the aim of developing a renewed commitment to Jesus Christ in preparation for Easter. When: Tuesdays 23rd Feb., 9th & 23rd Mar, and 6th Apr. The final session will be in the Easter season so we can focus on the fruits of Easter in our spiritual lives. Time: 7-8.30pm. Cost: Free. Where: online via Zoom. Register: Christine Wood 0408-321-002.

The latest issue of the Standard

Highlights include:
 •Historic year for St Virgil's as Kinder begins
 •Global pilgrimage in face of global pandemic - The Way to St James Cygnet
 •Healing & heaven at Immaculata Mission School
 •Year of St Joseph announced
 •Call for nominations for inaugural Guilford Young Medal
 •From wanting to be a homeschool mum, to embracing religious life: Sr Celine Marie's journey to first vows
 •From missionary doctor to doctor of souls: Sr Thérèse-Marie én makes her solemn profession
 •Fr Chris Hope farewelled by Kingston-Channel community

Footy Points Margin

Footy Points Margin raiser is on again! Tickets are \$2 per week for a chance to win \$100 every week and you don't need to know anything about footy. The first nominated game is Collingwood v. Western Bulldogs on Friday 19 March. Tickets on sale from 6 March. Sign up on the yellow sheets in the foyer. Jo Elliott 0419 510 014.

Our Sick - Please remember in your prayers

Maila Beekmeijer, Lani Baron, Alida Beric, Eileen Sherrin, Don Ambler, Doreen Street, Fr Bob Curmi, Frances Direen, Tom Carty, Robert Campbell, Mary Dowd, Monique Matzner, Amy Matzner, Patricia Leamey, Gerard Carty, June Webb, Vince Mele and Barbara Campbell

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially:
 Mary Nichols, Jennifer Barnard, Bill Oakley, Joseph Nguyen Van Thuong, Raelene Di Martino
Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

St John the Baptist Catholic Parish: Glenorchy/Chigwell Covid-19 Safety Action Plan

The parish Covid-19 Action Plan is in place to meet government regulations. A copy of this plan is available on the churches' noticeboards.

WEEKEND MASSES St John's, Glenorchy

- 6.00pm Saturday
- 10.00am Sunday

St. Monica's, Chigwell

- 8.30am Sunday
- 9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
- 12.00pm Thursday

ROSARY

- 8.30am every Wednesday
- 8.40am every Saturday

RECONCILIATION

- 9.30am-10.00am & 5.15pm-5.45pm Saturday

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- 8.00am - 8.50am Wednesday
- 9:00am - 11.50pm Thursday

LEGION OF MARY

- 6.45 pm Every Tuesday

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP

- 1st Wednesday of the month at 9.30am

COUNTERS' ROSTERS

This Week:	15 Feb 21
Roberta Puckett's Team	
Next Week :	22 Feb 21
Bob Mochrie's Team	

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$722.65
Loose Plate:	\$1,216.60
Direct Deposit:	\$634.00
TOTAL:	\$2,573.25
Weekly Budget:	\$ 2,500.00
Difference:	\$73.25