

Dear brothers and sisters,

Our First Reading this week from Leviticus 13 tells us of the horror in which the ancient world held leprosy. This disease was probably not Hansen's Disease, the modern leprosy but whatever disfiguring disease it was, it was thought to exclude the sufferer from the community. They were unclean and untouchable and so cast out from their families or from taking part in prayer or religious rituals. This wasn't about hygiene but holiness as the illness was considered a punishment for sin. The sufferer was condemned socially and physically to a living death.

The leper in today's Gospel (Mk 1: 40-45) breaks these rules of separation when he comes to Jesus and speaks to him. He expresses a strong faith in Jesus' ability to heal: 'If you want to you can make me clean'. Jesus is unafraid and moved to the depths of his being with compassion stretches out his hand and touches him. Jesus stretches across the social, religious, and physical barriers to cure the man and give him back his life. In Jesus, the divine compassion reaches out to all suffering humanity. Uncleanness is not something caught but is a spiritual and moral illness healed when we come close to God in daring faith.

In our own fear of contamination there is a temptation to categorise people who have contagious diseases or who we think are immoral or who have different theological or political perspectives from ourselves. In the Spirit of Jesus we are called not to exclude or be separate from but to be agents of the Lord's healing, love and inclusion.

LENT

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and we begin our preparation for Easter by a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In Australia we link our almsgiving to Project Compassion. The boxes and envelopes are available today for you to use at home so we can do our bit to aid the poor and suffering of our world.

—*Blessings, Greg*



Vatican modifies distribution of Ash Wednesday

Ahead of the beginning of Lent, on Wednesday 17 Feb, the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship released an instruction on the procedures for the priests around the world to follow for the distribution of ashes in the midst of the COVID 19 health crisis. After blessing the ashes and sprinkling them with holy water in silence, the priest addresses those present "Repent, and believe in the Gospel". The priest then "cleanses his hands, puts on a facemask and sprinkles the ashes on each persons head without saying anything". A COVID-Safe practice for Ash Wednesday.



Project Compassion Sunday
14th February

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, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PREP)

PREP classes start this Wednesday 17th Feb at 4.15pm in the Parish Centre

Any new families who wish to enrol their children for religious instruction and also to prepare the children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, please contact parish office on 9276 8500 or email Sue Goodwin at prep@infantjesusparish.org



STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT

Stations of the Cross begin, in place of the Perpetual Novena, from Wednesday 24th February and continue through Lent. The service will start at 7pm and conclude at 7.30pm.



PLEASE NOTE: The Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Mt Carmel will not be held during Lent. It will be replaced by Stations of the Cross.

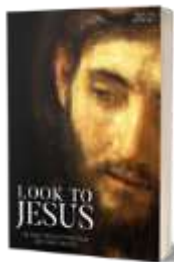
Also on Friday afternoon during Lent, "The Way of the Cross" will be held in our Church from 2pm-3pm.

Look to Jesus

52 Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter

Look to Jesus will nourish and nurture your prayer each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter. The daily reflections will invite you to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day. This reflection will be followed by a quote from Pope Francis and a simple prayer.

The daily reflections will only require a few minutes to read, reflect and pray. This Lenten practice will lead you into a deeper reflection on your daily life. As we 'look to Jesus' – in our families, workplaces and the community – we will walk as 'missionary disciples' on the path to Easter, and beyond. Get your copy now from Church piety stall or parish office for \$4.50 per copy.



Online Carmelite Retreat—Lent with St. Teresa of Avila

Experience this Lent by the beautiful writings of St Teresa of Avila, Discalced Carmelite and Doctor of the Church, the great teacher of the spiritual life—guided in particular by her book the "Interior Castle". It is a 7 weeks of Lent and Easter program, a text and video for each week to help you to reflect and meditate. This online retreat is free of charge. You can register or unsubscribe at any time. For more info, please go to retreat-online@karmel.at



INFANT JESUS PLAYGROUP

Infant Jesus Playgroup started last Thursday in the Parish Hall. This is a fantastic opportunity for your little ones to develop their social skills, emotional confidence, physical activity, imagination and creativity at their own pace. It is also a time for parents to not only play and interact with their child, but to develop their own friendship and social network.

Children aged 0-4 years are welcome on Thursdays from 9.30-11am. All children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian. Please bring your own children's Morning Tea. If able, we always love a gold coin donation to help with the costs of water, electricity, tea and coffee. For further details, feel free to contact Lucy on 0411 362 080. See you there!!



LINE DANCING has resumed after Christmas break. Please join us on Mondays at 9.30am in the parish hall.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Have you considered serving as a proclaimer (reader) at Mass???

We are in urgent need of proclaimers to build our team. All you need is a desire to serve and a commitment to preparation. You will be well supported through training, practice, mentoring and ongoing support. Your availability is built into the roster. If you wish to know more, please speak to Marina MacLean on 9276 8500.



Expression of interest

Anyone interested in purchasing one of the bible which Fr Greg mentioned in the bulletin last week; the NRSV Catholic Prayer Bible or the Christian Community Bible. Please contact parish office on 9276 8500 to express your interest, we hope to get the best price through a bulk order. Thank you.

In Our Church

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat and Public Holidays: 8.30am
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian), 6pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5pm - 5.30pm
Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Wednesday 6.30pm
(Suspended during Lent)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am
Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm
Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.—Ph: 9276 8500

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Garden FUNraiser – Mother's Day fair

Keep up to date with everything that is happening by liking our FB page "Garden FUNraiser"



Thank you to everyone who has contributed by donating all sorts of items, it is so much appreciated.

We are still collecting: fabric, any kind, but especially floral/garden themed; natural hessian pieces (clean) or jute string; larger pots; ceramic or décor pots, soaps, old metal buckets, basins, wheelbarrows etc; hand creams, bath products etc, to include in Mother's Day gift packs, Milo or coffee tin lids.

Cuttings cut off date: It is now too late to plant any more cuttings – **there won't be time for them to establish strong roots** before the day. However, we still appreciate your help in potting established plants or some flower seedlings so that we have some lovely potted colour on the day. It is time to plant ageratum, alyssum, cineraria, cyclamen, forget-me-not, French marigold, Iceland poppy, lobelia, lupin, pansy, phlox, primula, stock and wallflower, chives, oregano, marjoram, parsley, coriander.



Thank you so much to all our happy potters who have been keeping us informed about their progress – it truly is wonderful that so many are happily helping at home.



PILGRIM STATUE

This week in the home of
Mr & Mrs D Nathanielsz ;
18 Cardwell Ave, Noranda. Ph: 9276 5048

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently deceased: Betty Klohs and Margarita Sampson;

Deceased: Allen Pereira, Sarah and Christopher Windsor;

Anniversaries: Catherine and Nicholas Grout, Damiana and Alain Martinet, Emilio and Mariangela Tassone;

The Sick of the Parish: Michael Dear, Darcy and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

*"Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love."*

NEXT WEEKEND — 21st February 2021—1st Sunday of Lent

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	Chris Wray	Eamon Delaney	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Elysha; Carmen and Alexis	Madeleine and Frank	Andrei; Jules and Manuel	Tim; Dan and Ruben
Proclaimers	Marie and Mellisa	Sjen and Nikita	PAS	Marion and Margaret
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Tracy and John T	Noeline and Bryan	Aileen and Joan	Marie and Maureen
Hospitality	Rose and Milly	Barb and Veronica	Marion and Patrick	Rita and Marina
Church Cleaning	Team A— Saturday, 20 February @ 9.30am			

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.

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